

DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE

PARISH MISSIONARY TARGET ORDINANCE 1997 – 1999

WHEREAS it is desired by the Diocese to encourage each Parish or Special District to participate in the outreach of the Gospel of Jesus Christ outside such Parish or Special District

AND WHEREAS in the promotion of such participation the Diocese would encourage each Parish or Special District to support financially such missionary organizations and aid agencies as the Diocese may accept as promoting the outreach of the Gospel on the terms of this Ordinance

1. In this Ordinance, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires –
 - i) ‘Diocese’ shall mean the Diocese of Armidale
 - ii) ‘Parish’ shall mean a Parish or Special District in the Diocese of Armidale
 - iii) ‘Diocesan Council’ shall mean the Diocesan Council for the Diocese of Armidale and during the recess of Synod shall extend to and include ‘Synod’
 - iv) ‘Synod’ shall mean the Synod of the Diocese of Armidale
 - v) ‘Financial Year’ shall mean a period of twelve (12) months commencing 1st July
 - vi) ‘Registrar’ shall the Registrar for the time being of the Diocese of Armidale
 - vii) ‘Missionary Target’ shall be the amount in each Financial Year advised and confirmed to each Parish by the Diocesan Council as the Target for Missionary giving by that Parish for the thence ensuing Financial Year
 - viii) ‘Missions’ shall mean:
 - a) Those organisations whether missionary organisations active in the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ or other Christian Aid Agencies as may from time to time be nominated by the Council for Evangelism and Mission and as acceptable missionary organisations for the purpose of this Ordinance. The list of such missionary organizations and aid agencies shall be advised to each Parish; and
 - b) Other organisations or causes to which payments from time to time be made by the Parish towards Christian outreach (over and above the Parish’s responsibility) and which, on the Parish’s application, the Diocesan Council confirms is an acceptable missionary expenditure
2.
 - i) In each year the Diocesan Council shall advise each Parish of such amount as the Diocesan Council may determine in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance as should be expended through the Parish on giving towards Missions during the next ensuing Financial Year
 - ii) The payment by the Parish of such amount shall be voluntary and nothing under this Ordinance shall be deemed to make such payment compulsory
3. In calculating the Missionary Target for each Parish for the ensuing Financial Year the Diocesan Council shall calculate the amount by setting a figure for each Parish which is a

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percentage figure of that parish's quota for the previous year, the percentage figure to be the same for each parish

4. All payments made by the Parish towards its Missionary Target shall be disbursed by the Parish direct to the Missions
5. The Parish shall advise in writing to the Registrar the amounts so disbursed for crediting to its Missionary Target.

This Ordinance shall be known as the 'Parish Missionary Target Ordinance 1997 -1999'.