

DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE

THE ARMIDALE DIOCESE'S MINISTRY TRAINING FUND ORDINANCE No. 3 of 2024

WHEREAS Holy Scripture is our rule and authority in all matters, and whereas Holy Scripture highlights the importance of training in Christian ministry (e.g. 1 Timothy), so this Ordinance relates to the establishment of a ministry training fund for the Anglican Diocese of Armidale.

Long Title

An Ordinance to establish The Armidale Diocese's Ministry Training Fund.

Preamble

- A. The funds administered by the Corporate Trustees described in the Schedule are church trust property held for the general purposes of the Diocese.
- B. Pursuant to section 24 of the *Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1979* (NSW), and by the delegation powers in clause 11 of the Church Property Procedure Ordinance 1935 it is appropriate to pass an ordinance to maintain a fund of the Diocese:
 - (i) to receive any gifts or distributions made to the Diocese that requires that distribution of any funds be for the training of Christian workers; and
 - (ii) to provide for distributions from such fund with the joint approval of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council.
- C. On 19 December 2023, the Corporate Trustees became trustee of the existing funds pursuant to section 19 of the *Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917* (NSW).

Ordinance

Now the Synod of the Diocese of Armidale in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it ordains, rules and directs as follows.

1 Title

This Ordinance may be cited as *The Armidale Diocese's Ministry Training Fund Ordinance 2024*.

2 Definitions and interpretation

In this Ordinance, including the Preamble, unless a contrary intention appears:

- (a) "Bishop" means the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Armidale.

- (b) “Church trust property” has the same meaning as in the *Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917* (NSW).
- (c) “Corporate Trustees” means the Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Armidale.
- (d) “Diocesan Council” means the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Armidale.
- (e) “Diocese” means the Anglican Diocese of Armidale.
- (f) “Existing Funds” means the funds described in Schedule 1.
- (g) “Fund” means –
 - (i) the Existing Funds; and
 - (ii) any funds received or acquired from time to time for the Purpose of the Fund and which are received or acquired as an addition to the fund.
- (h) “Ministry Training” means, for the purposes of this ordinance, both clergy training and lay training as per Schedule 2”.
- (i) “Purpose of the Fund” means the purpose of the fund described in Schedule 2.
- (j) “Synod” means the annual synod of the Diocese of Armidale.

3 Name of the fund

A fund is hereby established to be known as The Armidale Diocese’s Ministry Training Fund.

4 Capital and income of the Fund

The Bishop and Diocesan Council, acting together, may approve the application of the capital or income of the Fund and may only do so if that expenditure supports Ministry Training in or for the Diocese in accordance with the Purpose of the Fund.

5 Reporting

A financial report for the Fund must be provided each year to the Synod.

6 Commencement

This Ordinance commences on the date of assent to this Ordinance.

Schedule 1

The amount of \$100,000.00 deposited into the general funds held by the Corporate Trustee for the purposes of the Diocese on 19 December 2023 which was accompanied by brief note that the funds were to be applied for “training clergy etc”.

Schedule 2

The Purpose of the Fund

Clergy Training:

Clergy training, including but not limited to:

- (a) Supporting suitable candidates to do theological training
- (b) Support for the development of rural theological training options for clergy
- (c) Support to parishes for the placement of curates
- (d) Funding of clergy conferences with quality guest speakers
- (e) Funding for the purchase of resources for the professional development and ongoing encouragement of clergy
- (f) Support of training & development for women deacons who are part of the diocesan team

Lay training:

Lay training, including but not limited to:

- (a) Funding of Diocesan conferences to equip and train lay people. While the following list is not exhaustive, examples of such conferences are:
 - i) New Life (for women)
 - ii) Men@Glen (for men)
 - iii) Future Focussed (for 18-30 year olds looking to explore ministry options)
 - iv) Next Phase (for 50+ year old people looking to explore lay ministry options)
 - v) Stand and Deliver Day (for Annual Lay preacher training)
 - vi) Indigenous Ministry Day (to encourage & equip people for Indigenous ministry)
- (b) Support for the development of rural theological training options for lay people
- (c) Support for lay training pathways to enable people to train for lay locum work
- (d) Support of training & development for women engaged in lay ministry within an Anglican context in the Armidale Diocese

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I certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

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Chair of Committees

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by Diocesan Council on 14 May 2024.

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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.

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Bishop of Armidale

I certify that this page and the preceding pages constitute a true copy of the Ordinance of which they purport to be a copy.

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Bishop of Armidale

Dated at Armidale on 2024.