

**GRAFTON DIOCESAN GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE 2008  
AMENDING ORDINANCE (SYNOD MEMBERSHIP) 2015  
Ordinance No. 10 of 2015**

An Ordinance to amend the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 with regard to the membership of synod.

**PREAMBLE**

**Whereas** the provisions for membership of the synod of the Diocese of Grafton are contained within Chapter 7 of the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008; and

**Whereas** it is desirable to have the Ordinance amended;

**Therefore**, the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton, assembled as the Synod, decree and enact as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

1. Clause 43.2 of the subject Ordinance shall be replaced by the following.

The Synod is composed of:

- (a) the Bishop (who shall not vote in Synod)
- (b) the ex officio members (with full participation and voting rights):
  - (i) the Archdeacons;
  - (ii) the Dean;
  - (iii) the Chancellor;
  - (iv) the Registrar;
  - (v) the Diocesan Advocate;
  - (vi) the Diocesan Treasurer;
  - (vii) the Corporate Trustees: and
- (c) all incumbents and full-time stipended clergy;
- (d) all full-time stipended Lay Ministers;
- (e) representatives of the Household of Deacons chosen in accordance with subclause 43.4;
- (f) two lay Synod Representatives from each Parish;
- (g) an additional lay Parish Synod Representative for each full-time stipended clergyperson (additional to the Incumbent) upon appointment of the clergy person to that ministry unit;
- (h) the principals of Diocesan schools;
- (i) one Chaplain from each Diocesan school nominated by the Bishop if not already appointed under subclause (c) or (d) above;
- (j) one lay person, who is a communicant member of the Anglican Church, from each Diocesan school, appointed from and by the Council thereof;
- (k) one lay person from Anglicare North Coast who is a communicant member of the Anglican Church, appointed from and by the Board thereof;
- (l) Up to six additional members, either clergy or lay persons, appointed by the Bishop on an annual basis at the Bishop's discretion;
- (m) such other persons determined by Synod or Bishop-in-Council to be members of Synod or have a seat at Synod from time to time, and who shall be subject to any restrictions placed upon them by Synod or Bishop-in-Council.

2. Clause 43.3 of the subject Ordinance shall be amended by replacing the words "subclauses (g) of clause 43.2" with "subclause 43.2 (h)".
3. Clause 43.4 of the subject Ordinance shall be amended by replacing the words "There shall be called to Synod not more than twenty five percent of the active and licensed non-stipendiary Vocational Deacons of the Diocese" with "In accordance with 43.2 (e), there shall be called to Synod up to 25 percent (then rounded up to the next whole number) of the active and licensed non-stipendiary Vocational Deacons of the Diocese".

### COMMENCEMENT

This Ordinance shall come into effect upon receiving the assent of the Bishop.

The Ordinance coming into effect shall not cause disqualification of any member of synod serving their current term of appointment.

### SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance may be cited as the Synod Membership Amending Ordinance 2015.

### ASSENT

We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by Synod on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 and that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.



Chairman of Committees



Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.



Bishop



Date