

**GRAFTON DIOCESAN GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE 2008 AMENDING ORDINANCE
(THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING) 2016
Ordinance No. 18 of 2016**

An Ordinance to amend the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 relating to the Cathedral Church of Christ the King.

PREAMBLE

Whereas presently the governance of the Cathedral Church of Christ the King is contained in part within Chapter 17 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:

AMENDMENT

1. Chapter 17 of the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 is amended by deleting the present Chapter 17 and substituting in place thereof the Schedule to this Ordinance.

COMMENCEMENT

2. This Ordinance, with the exception of any amendment to the membership of the Cathedral Chapter, the terms of membership and the means of appointment to the Chapter, shall come into effect upon this Ordinance receiving the assent of the Bishop.
3. The amendments relating to the membership of the Cathedral Chapter, the terms of membership and the means of appointment to the Chapter, shall come into effect on the opening day of the Thirty-sixth Synod if this Ordinance has received the assent of the Bishop.

SHORT TITLE

4. This Ordinance may be cited as the Cathedral Chapter Amending Ordinance 2016

ASSENT

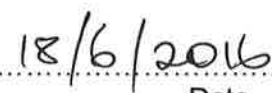
We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by Synod on the 18th day of June, 2016 and that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.


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Chairman of Committees


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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.


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Bishop


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Date

SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 17 - THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

Mission and Ministry

- 192.1 Christ Church Grafton is the Parish Church of the Parish of Grafton and the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Grafton, to be known as 'the Cathedral Church of Christ the King' or 'Christ Church Cathedral Grafton', with a Mission and Ministry to provide leadership and a point of Diocesan unity for Anglican worship and the proclamation of the Gospel.
- 192.2 The mission and ministry of the Cathedral shall include supporting and reflecting the diversity of worship and theology within the community of Anglican faith in the Diocese of Grafton.

Objectives

- 193.1 To provide the means by which the Cathedral Church of Christ the King will be properly governed, administered and supported in proclaiming the Kingdom.
- 193.2 To provide certainty as to the different roles of the Parish Council and Cathedral Chapter in Ministry and Mission.

The Cathedral

- 194.1 In accordance with the Constitution and traditions of the Church, the Cathedral is under the care and authority of the Dean with advice and assistance from the Parish Council of Grafton and the Cathedral Chapter.
- 194.2 The Cathedral is the place of the cathedra, the seat of the Bishop's See, and in consequence the spiritual base of the Mission of the Bishop.
- 194.3 The members of the Cathedral's congregation and members of the Diocesan family acknowledge the special place of the Cathedral as Parish Church but also the meeting place of the Diocese and the community on the great Diocesan and civic services, celebrations and festivals.

The Bishop

- 195.1 In addition to his or her rights as Ordinary the Bishop shall take precedence in the Cathedral and shall take such part in Divine Service in the Cathedral and shall preach and may likewise invite preachers at such times as he or she shall think fit upon giving due notice to the Dean of his or her wish to do so.
- 195.2 The Bishop shall be in charge and have complete authority to order all such services as are connected with Episcopal and Diocesan functions and all matters pertaining thereto.
- 195.3 After consultation with the Dean the Bishop shall have the right to use the Cathedral Parish Centre for such Diocesan purposes as he or she thinks fit.
- 195.4 The Bishop shall have the right to appoint a qualified person to be the Bishop's Churchwarden of Christ Church Grafton and consequently a member of the Parish Council of the Parish of Grafton.

The Dean

- 196.1 The Incumbent of the Parish of Grafton shall be the Dean of the Cathedral and shall be known as the Dean of Grafton. On ceasing to be the Incumbent of the Parish of Grafton, the Minister shall cease to be the Dean of Grafton.
- 196.2 The Dean shall have the next place after the Bishop in precedence in the Cathedral and subject to the rights of the Bishop as provided in this Chapter the Dean shall have the ordering of Divine Service in the Cathedral and all the rights privileges duties and responsibilities of Incumbents in the Diocese of Grafton.
- 196.3 The Dean shall have the right to appoint a qualified person as the Dean's Churchwarden of Christ Church Grafton and consequently a member of the Parish Council of the Parish of Grafton.

The Archdeacons

- 197.1 Each Archdeacon within the Diocese, upon collation, shall be assigned a stall in the Cathedral and installed therein by the Dean. An Archdeacon will retain such place until the Archdeacon ceases to be an Archdeacon.
- 198.1 (Deleted)

The Parish Council

- 199.1 Unless otherwise provided, the affairs of the Parish of Grafton shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance dealing with Parish Councils

Functions of the Cathedral Parish Council

- 200.1 In addition to the Duties and Responsibilities of the Parish Council provided in clause 78 of this Ordinance, the Cathedral Parish Council shall have the following functions:
- (a) Development and fostering of the Ministry of the Cathedral within the Parish;
 - (b) Promoting and safeguarding the function of the Cathedral as the Parish Church in Sunday worship and other services;
 - (c) Assisting in the Cathedral's Parish ministry especially in the areas of evangelism, education, ecumenical endeavour, media communication, public witness, music and the arts;
 - (d) Liaising with the Property Board to ensure periodical architectural appraisals of the Cathedral and associated buildings are conducted; and
 - (e) Advising Bishop-in-Council, through the Property Board, on the state of the fabric of the Cathedral and its heritage surrounds.

The Churchwardens

- 201.1 There shall be:
- (a) two Churchwardens elected by the Annual General Meeting;
 - (b) a Churchwarden (known as the Bishop's Churchwarden) appointed by the Bishop; and
 - (c) a Churchwarden (known as the Dean's Churchwarden) appointed by the Dean;
 - (d) (Clause deleted 2015)
- all of whom shall be members of the Parish Council.

Role of Churchwardens

- 202.1 Unless otherwise provided, the role of Churchwardens shall be in accordance with the provisions elsewhere in this Ordinance.

The Chapter

- 203.1 There shall be a Chapter of the Cathedral which shall consist of:
- (a) The Bishop (who shall be President);
 - (b) The Dean (who shall be Chair);
 - (c) The Diocesan Archdeacon;
 - (d) The Registrar;
 - (e) Four Clerical Canons;

- i) two of whom shall be elected by the House of Clergy at the first session of each Synod and hold office for the life of the Synod,
 - ii) one appointed by the Bishop to hold office for the life of the Synod, and
 - iii) one appointed by the Dean to hold office for the life of the Synod.
- (f) Four Lay Canons;
 - i) two of whom shall be elected by the House of Laity at the first session of each Synod and hold office for the life of the Synod,
 - ii) one appointed by the Bishop to hold office for the life of the Synod, and
 - iii) one appointed by the Dean to hold office for the life of the Synod.
- (g) A Cathedral Churchwarden as determined by the Cathedral Parish Council.

Casual Vacancies

203A.1. A Casual Vacancy occurs when a Canon:

- (a) resigns; or
- (b) dies; or
- (c) ceases to qualify as a Canon under clause 209.2; or
- (d) becomes physically or mentally ill to a point that in the opinion of the majority of members of Chapter interferes with the Canon's ability to continue to carry out the functions of a Canon; or
- (e) becomes bankrupt; or
- (f) is convicted of an indictable offence; or
- (g) is ineligible to hold office in the Anglican Church arising from a professional standards determination; or
- (h) is absent without leave from three consecutive meetings of the Chapter.

203A.2. A casual vacancy for a Canon elected under either clause 203.1(e)(i) or 203.1(f)(i) shall be filled by either Synod or Bishop-in-Council, as convenience dictates, and the person elected or appointed to the casual vacancy shall serve the balance of the original Canon's term.

203A.3. A casual vacancy for a Canon appointed under either clause 203.1(e)(ii) or 203.1(f)(ii) shall be filled by the Bishop and the person appointed to the casual vacancy shall serve the balance of the original Canon's term.

203A.4. A casual vacancy for a Canon appointed under either clause 203.1(e)(iii) or 203.1(f)(iii) shall be filled by the Dean and the person appointed to the casual vacancy shall serve the balance of the original Canon's term.

Functions of the Chapter

204.1 The Chapter of the Cathedral shall have the following functions:

- (a) development and fostering of the Ministry of the Cathedral within the Diocese;
- (b) promoting and safeguarding the place and function of the Cathedral as the parent church of the Diocese for Diocesan and civic services;
- (c) assisting in facilitating the Cathedral's wider ministry especially in the areas of evangelism, education, ecumenical endeavour, media communication, public witness, music and the arts;
- (d) to be available as possible facilitators of occasional major Diocesan events whether worship, learning or Synodical;
- (e) advocating to all members of the Diocesan family the responsibility of all for maintenance of the Cathedral;
- (f) to be available to the Bishop for consultation and resource.

Meetings of Chapter

205.1 The Chapter shall meet as required and determined by the Dean but not less than once in any calendar year. The Dean shall have a deliberative and a casting vote on all questions. The Bishop however, shall have the right to convene a meeting at his or her discretion.

Quorum of Chapter

206.1 A quorum for any meeting of the Chapter shall be not less than half of its members.

Chapter Clerk

207.1 The Chapter may appoint from its number a Chapter Clerk who shall perform the duties of secretary and keep all necessary records of meetings of the Chapter.

207.2 The Chapter Clerk may be appointed for the life of the Synod, or such term as the Chapter decides not exceeding the life of the Synod. The person appointed may at the conclusion of this term be appointed for a further term.

Reporting to Synod

208.1 The Dean shall provide, on behalf of the Chapter, an annual report to Synod on the activities of the Chapter.

Clerical and Lay Canons

209.1 (Deleted)

209.2 Licensed clergy of the Diocese of at least five years standing from ordination may be elected or appointed to be Clerical Canons of the Cathedral and members of the Cathedral Chapter; and communicant lay members of the Church resident within the Diocese may be elected or appointed Lay Canons of the Cathedral and members of the Cathedral Chapter.

209.3 In electing or appointing Canons the Bishop, the Dean and the Synod will give consideration to the gifts of service and support that the Canon may bring to the Cathedral and the Dean in areas such as evangelism, ministry development, church administration, media, music, liturgy, welfare, social justice, finance or environment.

209.4 Canons accepting appointment to the Chapter will undertake to support the mission of the Cathedral.

Admission to Office

210.1 The Canons shall be admitted to office according to a form prescribed by the Bishop. They shall be licensed by the Bishop, assigned a stall in the Cathedral, and installed therein by the Dean.

Tenure of Chapter Canons

211.1 Canons may hold office for a maximum of three consecutive terms.

Honorary Canons

212.1 The Bishop, after consultation with the Dean, shall have the right to appoint licensed clergy of the Anglican Communion, who have served in the Diocese of Grafton, to be Honorary Canons of the Cathedral.

212.2 Honorary Canons are not members of the Chapter.

212.3 There may be no more than six Honorary Canons at any time.

212.4 The title Honorary Canon may be used by those whom the Bishop appoints until such time as the Bishop, in writing and with three months' notice, withdraws the right to use such title. An Honorary Canon may resign the title in writing at any time.

Canons Emeritus

- 213.1 The Bishop, after consultation with the Dean, shall have the right to appoint licensed clergy and lay people who are communicant members of the Anglican Church of the Diocese of Grafton who have been either Chapter Canons or Honorary Canons of the Cathedral to be Canons Emeritus in recognition of service to the Diocese of Grafton.
- 213.2 Canons Emeritus are not members of the Chapter.
- 213.3 The title Canon Emeritus may be used by those whom the Bishop appoints until such time as the Bishop, in writing and with three months' notice, withdraws the right to use such title. The Canon Emeritus may resign the title in writing at any time.
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