

**GRAFTON DIOCESAN GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE 2008
AMENDING (STIPENDIARY LAY MINISTERS) ORDINANCE 2013**

Ordinance No. 6 of 2013

An Ordinance to amend the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 relating to Stipendiary Lay Ministers.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS presently the framework for the function of Stipendiary Lay Ministers within the Diocese of Grafton is contained within Chapter 13 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 decree and enact as follows:

AMENDMENT

1. Chapter 13 of the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance is amended by deleting the present Chapter 13 and substituting in place thereof the Schedule to this Ordinance.
2. This Ordinance may be cited as The Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 Amending (Stipendiary Lay Ministers) Ordinance 2013
3. This Ordinance shall come into effect upon receiving the assent of the Bishop.

ASSENT

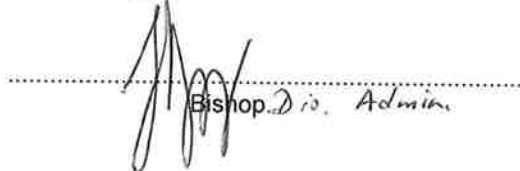
I hereby certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.


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Chairman of Committees

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by Synod on the 13th day of October, 2013.


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Registrar (ACTING)

I assent to this Ordinance.


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Bishop, Dioc. Admin.

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SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 13 - STIPENDIARY LAY MINISTERS

134 ***Mission and Ministry***

The mission and ministry of Stipendiary Lay Ministers is to proclaim the Gospel and to assist in the pastoral and liturgical ministry of the Ministry Unit to which they are licensed by the Bishop. The scope of ministry shall be as licensed by the Bishop and as directed by the Incumbent of the Parish within which the Minister works or in other contexts a person designated by the Bishop.

135 ***Objectives***

This Chapter seeks to provide a framework for Stipendiary Lay Ministers to work within and to ensure that the appropriate entitlements and expectations apply.

136 ***Stipendiary Lay Minister to be Licensed***

136.1 Any Stipendiary Lay Minister must be licensed by the Bishop.

136.2 The Bishop may prescribe the minimum standard of education or qualification required for a Stipendiary Lay Minister to be licensed.

136.3 The Bishop may at any time, in consultation with the Stipendiary Lay Minister and the Incumbent, or in other contexts a representative of the governing body which employs the Minister, revoke the licence of a Licensed Lay Minister

136.4 The licence of any Stipendiary Lay Minister may not extend to a date later than the Minister's seventieth birthday.

137 ***Stipendiary Lay Ministers Conditions of Service***

The rights of clergy as provided in this Ordinance shall as far as practicable apply to a Stipendiary Lay Minister and shall include provisions for Salary Sacrifice, payment of expenses, Long Service Leave, costs of retreat and the annual Clergy Conference and Ministry School. Accommodation is a matter between the

Stipendiary Lay Minister and the Ministry Unit employing the Minister.

138 *Salary*

The salary of any Stipendiary Lay Minister shall be as determined by the Bishop in consultation with the Parish Council of the Parish to which the Minister is licensed, or in other contexts the governing body which employs the Minister, and shall be in accordance with any relevant category of salary, stipend or allowance adopted by Bishop-in-Council.

139 *Supervision*

Supervision and oversight of a Stipendiary Lay Minister shall be undertaken by the Incumbent of the Parish within which the Minister works or in other contexts a person designated by the Bishop.