

NATIONAL HOME MISSION FUND CANON 1985

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A canon to provide for the National Home Mission Fund and for other purposes.

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This canon may be cited as the "National Home Mission Fund Canon 1985".
2. The National Home Mission Fund of the Anglican Church of Australia established by resolution of the Synod Number 15 of 1969 continues in existence under and subject to this canon and is in this canon referred to as the "**National Fund**".
3. The purpose of the National Fund shall be -

the promotion of the mission of the Church throughout Australia, and particularly in those dioceses which because of remoteness, lack of resources, missionary opportunities or new development are in need of external assistance.
4. The National Fund shall be under the management and control of a committee named "The National Home Mission Fund Committee" and in this canon referred to as "**the committee**" which shall consist of -
 - (a) a chairman appointed by the Primate after consultation with the Standing Committee;
 - (b) four members appointed by the Primate after consultation with the Standing Committee; and
 - (c) the diocesan bishops of the dioceses which are from time to time for the time being receiving financial assistance from the National Fund.
5. Subject to this canon a member of the committee holds office until the second meeting of the Standing Committee after the ordinary meeting of the General Synod next following the member's appointment and if eligible may be re-appointed. In addition, a vacancy in the office of a member of the committee will occur if the members
 - (a) dies,
 - (b) resigns,
 - (c) attains the age of seventy years,
 - (d) is declared by any competent court incapable of managing his affairs,

- (e) is convicted of any offence punishable by imprisonment for not less than twelve months, or
- (f) ceases to be a communicant member of this Church.

A casual vacancy in the office of a member shall be filled by the Primate after consultation with the Standing Committee or, in the case of a member appointed pursuant to Clause 7, by the committee.

6. Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
7. The committee may appoint a secretary and a treasurer either from its own membership or in addition to its original membership. An appointee who is in addition to the original membership shall have full rights as a member of the committee.
8. The committee's financial year shall commence on the first day of January in each year and the committee shall meet at least once in each financial year. The accounts of the National Home Mission Fund shall be audited annually.
9. The committee may from time to time delegate specific areas of its work to an executive committee consisting of the chairman, the secretary and two other members of the committee and may revoke any such delegation.
10. The functions of the committee shall include -
 - (a) to raise contributions for the purposes of the National Fund;
 - (b) to determine priorities in meeting requests of dioceses for funds for particular needs;
 - (c) to promote the establishment in such manner as it sees fit of a corporate trustee for the purpose of holding funds entrusted to it whether for the purpose of the National Fund or otherwise and pending the establishment of such a trustee to appoint a trustee of, or itself to hold as trustee, such funds;
 - (d) to invest the National Fund in such manner as the committee shall from time to time determine;
 - (e) to report fully to each ordinary session of General Synod and annually to the Standing Committee on its activities and on the financial state of the National Fund and of such other funds as are under its management and control.
11. The committee shall have power to appoint such staff as may be necessary.

12. The committee shall be responsible for the management and control of the National Home Mission Disaster Fund and the National Home Mission Aboriginal Education Fund in accordance with guidelines approved from time to time by the Standing Committee.
