

THE DIOCESAN EMERGENCY FUND CANON

(Assented to and passed 5th May, 1974)

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the proper control and management of monies held by the Corporation of the Diocesan Synod of North Queensland in a fund known as the "Disaster Fund",

BE it therefore declared and established by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity in Synod assembled as follows

1. **Repeal.** The Diocesan Emergency Fund Canon of 1900 is hereby repealed provided that any proceedings or things lawfully done under the provisions of the said Canon until the time that the repeal shall have effect shall have the same force and effect as if no such repeal had taken place.
2. **Name of Fund.** The Fund shall be known as the "Diocesan Emergency Fund".
3. **Money under control of Bishop-in-Council**
 - (a) All monies now held in the "Disaster Fund" and which at any future time may be required or allocated for the purpose of the Emergency Fund shall be under the control and management of the Bishop-in-Council.
 - (b) The Bishop and Treasurer of Synod are empowered to make grants from the Fund, without prior consultation with the Bishop-in-Council, providing always that they do so in accordance with the stated objects of the Fund, and that their action is reported to the next meeting of the Bishop-in-Council.
4. **Application of Monies.** Such monies shall be applied towards the following purposes, that is to say:
 - (a) The relief of distress, and/or reinstatement of, and/or reimbursement for loss of property, as a result of a disaster occurring within the Diocese of North Queensland.
 - (b) Contributions to any appeals for the relief of distress and/or reinstatement of and/or reimbursement for loss of property, as a result of a disaster made by the Church of England in Australia or by any recognised agency of the Anglican Communion.
5. **Balance in Fund.** The level of the Fund shall be determined from time to time by the Bishop-in-Council and, in the event that the balance in the Fund falls below that level the Bishop-in-Council shall take whatever steps deemed necessary to replenish the Fund.
6. **Disaster.** The word "disaster" shall be taken to apply to a sudden or great misfortune or calamity.
7. **Short Title.** The Short Title of this Canon shall be "The Diocesan Emergency Fund Canon of 1974".