

Diocesan Governance Policy: Appendix 3

Personal Statement and Commitment to Organisational Faithfulness¹

1. I believe –
 - (a) that all the canonical scriptures of the books of the Old and New Testaments are the ultimate rule and standard of faith given by inspiration of God and contain all things necessary to salvation,
 - (b) in the Christian faith as professed by the church of Christ from primitive times, and in particular as set forth in the creeds known as the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed, and
 - (c) that there is only one way to be reconciled to God which is through his Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and was raised for our justification, and that we are justified before God by faith only.
2. I also believe that all the canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct and am personally committed to living in obedience to the commands of Christ.
3. I acknowledge that the purposes of [*insert name of organisation*] (the “**Diocesan organisation**”) as set out in [*insert name of the Diocesan organisation's constitution*]* (“**constitution**”) are to be pursued in a manner which is consistent with the doctrine of the Diocese.[#]
4. As [a member / a member of [*insert name of the governing body*] / the chief executive officer]* of the Diocesan organisation I shall endeavour to –
 - (a) exercise my powers and discharge my duties in accordance with the constitution, applicable law and ordinances applicable to the Diocesan organisation,
 - (b) wherever lawful and practicable, exercise my powers and discharge my duties so that the provisions of Appendix 2 of the Diocesan Governance Policy applicable to [*insert name of the governing body*] are implemented by the Diocesan organisation in an appropriate and demonstrable way, and
 - (c) wherever lawful and practicable, exercise my powers and discharge my duties so that the Diocesan organisation's purposes are pursued in a manner which is consistent with the doctrine of the Diocese.[#]
5. I agree that my continuance as a [member / a member of [*insert name of the governing body*] / the chief executive officer]* is dependent upon my continuing agreement with this statement. I undertake to resign if this ceases to be the case and also acknowledge that I may be removed from office if this ceases to be the case.

Signature

Full name (in block letters)

Date:

* Delete whichever is not applicable.

[#] In this statement “doctrine of the Diocese” has the same meaning as “Doctrine” in the Schedule to the *Interpretation Ordinance 1985*. See also footnote 6 to the Policy. In order for the requirements of the Diocesan Governance Policy to be properly applied, and for persons to be able to comply with it, an outline of, and references to, the doctrine of the Diocese is to be made available on the Sydney Anglicans website.

¹ This document is only required to be signed by members of the governing body, and the chief executive officer, of a Level C or D organisation. All five paragraphs are to be included in the document signed by members of the governing body elected or appointed by a Diocesan Appointor, and the chief executive officer. Only paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 are required to be included in the document signed by members of the governing body elected or appointed by a Non-Diocesan Appointor.