



Anglican Diocese
of the Northern Territory

EXPECTATIONS OF CLERGY IN THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In view of the number of new clergy in the diocese, it is timely to set out again some of the ways we 'do things around here' as clergy. We are a diocese within the Anglican Church of Australia that is characterised by small (but growing) numbers, big geographical spread and cultural diversity, and it is very good if we have a strong sense of working together. I believe that we are helped towards that goal when we:

- Attend any Continuing Education Days offered by the Diocese;
- Attend Synod (if we have a General Licence);
- Ensure that our social media posts are friendly and consistent with the Doctrine of the Anglican Church of Australia;
- Familiarize ourselves with the ordinances of the Diocese (including our ordinances that adopt certain Canons of General Synod);
- Follow Safe Ministry protocols relating to our own ministry areas
- Gain the approval of the bishop before issuing media releases or accepting formal media requests;
- Gain the approval of the Bishop before making changes to authorised liturgies;
- Make every effort to attend diocesan ordinations held in Darwin;
- Make every effort to attend the annual Diocesan Clergy Conference;
- Make every effort to attend Wednesday morning communion service/breakfast if you're in Darwin, or the monthly Wednesday on-line meeting for all clergy;
- Notify the Bishop of plans to invite persons to actively participate in your ministries, whether from within our parishes (e.g. lay ministry assistants) or from outside our Diocese (e.g. guest preachers), in order to gain necessary approvals;
- Read and agree to 'Faithfulness in Service' and the Diocesan protocols;
- Sign the oath of canonical obedience, declarations of assent to Anglican formularies and submission to Synod and statement pursuant to the *Privacy Act 1998*;
- Undertake training in Safe Ministry and maintain such accreditation; and
- Use the form prescribed by the Book of Common Prayer or a form authorised by lawful authority.

I aim to pray for you and your ministries and to encourage you by visiting your parishes and places of ministry as I am able and by devoting time to you for regular pastoral calls. I'm grateful for your partnership in celebrating, proclaiming and demonstrating God's saving work in Christ, which we want to expand in the Territory. May the Holy Spirit empower your work so that there is the maximum possible overlap between the growth of God's Kingdom in this region and the ministry of the Anglican Church.

Bishop Greg Anderson
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