

FACULTIES STATUTE 2020

BE IT ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Auckland in Synod assembled as follows:

1. The short title of this Statute shall be **“FACULTIES STATUTE 2020”**.

DEFINITIONS

2.

“Committee” shall mean the Committee appointed pursuant to clause 8.

“Ornaments” shall include articles of embellishment or decoration, and articles used in the performance of worship as determined by the Bishop from time to time. It does not include the vestments of the Minister thereof.

“Church” shall mean and include any building or part of a building used or intended to be used for the holding of public worship.

“Vicarage” shall include any dwelling held in the name of the General Trust Board or other trustee(s) for the purpose of providing accommodation for the clergy.

“Faculty” shall mean the Bishop’s written authority to undertake work on the fabric of the building given in accordance with this Statute.

AUTHORITY BY ISSUE OF FACULTY

3. Except where clauses 6 and 7 apply, a ministry unit must obtain a faculty under this Statute before any of the following occurs:
 - a. The erection, completion, alteration or removal of any church or hall or vicarage or other building located on the same site or complex as the church;
 - b. Any alteration by way of addition, diminution or otherwise in or to any item installed as a permanent fixture of any church, including any fabric, furniture, lighting installation, audio visual equipment, monuments or ornaments;
 - c. The erection or placing in any church of any article that is required or ought to be dedicated or consecrated.
4. In any new church, a faculty must be obtained for all furnishings, installations, monuments and ornaments that are to be placed in it, whether new or transferred from a building previously in use.
5. The work contemplated must not be commenced until the faculty has been issued.

EXCEPTIONS

6. The Bishop may waive the requirement for a faculty if of the opinion that the subject matter in such a case is of minor importance.
7. A faculty shall not be required for necessary maintenance to church buildings.
 - a. Any doubt as to whether the proposed work consists of necessary maintenance shall be decided by the Bishop on the application of the chairperson of the governing body.
 - b. A ministry unit may seek the guidance of the Committee on any such matter.

COMMITTEE

8. The Bishop shall appoint a Committee to be known as **“The Bishop’s Committee on Faculties and Buildings”**.

9. The Diocesan Secretary (or delegate) shall be a member of the Committee, ex-officio, and shall have full rights to speak and vote.

PROCEDURE

10. The Bishop shall approve a procedure for the granting of a faculty, taking into account the requirements of Title F Canon III.
11. Proceedings for the issue of a faculty shall be commenced by a petition to the Bishop.
12. The petition shall bear the following endorsements:
 - a. In the case of a parish or mission district:
 - i. a resolution of the governing body; and
 - ii. the consent of the vicar or priest in charge; and
 - iii. the consent of the churchwardens.
 - b. In the case of a Local Shared Ministry Unit:
 - i. a resolution of the governing body; and
 - ii. the consent of the Ministry Support Team.
13. The Bishop may issue a faculty upon such terms and conditions as the Bishop thinks fit.
14. The Bishop shall not be obliged to adopt any recommendation made by the Committee.

FORMS AND REGULATIONS

15. The Bishop shall from time to time authorise the form of the petition and faculty.
16. A Record of Faculties issued shall be recorded each year in the Acts of the Bishop.
17. The Committee may from time to time produce handbooks, guidelines or other explanatory publications related to its work.