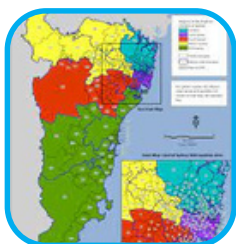


Pastoral Supervision *in the Diocese of Sydney*

Introduction

The Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney is currently engaged in establishing the provision of pastoral supervision for parish ministry workers in the Diocese. Pastoral Supervision will seek to provide Anglican clergy and lay ministers with regular, structured, professional support. It also addresses Recommendation 16.5 of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The purpose of this briefing paper is to provide an overview of the Diocese for those seeking to be recognised as approved & provisionally approved Pastoral Supervisors.

About the Diocese



The Sydney Anglican Diocese is a network of local churches connected together under the leadership of the Archbishop. The diocese spans the geographical area from Palm Beach in the north to Ulladulla in the south, across to the Southern Highlands, the Blue Mountains and out to Lithgow.

265 local parishes

1,300 Clergy and Lay Ministers



Led by the Archbishop, assisted by Bishops

Pastoral Supervision



& faithfulness in service

Both clergy and lay ministers are bound by the Faithfulness in Service Code of Conduct. Click on the link to see the full document - [Faithfulness in Ministry](#)

A breach of Faithfulness in Service is a serious matter and depending on the nature of that breach, the consultee is obliged to declare this to –either his or her bishop, or the relevant Archdeacon or Archdeacon for Women’s Ministry, and the Office of the Director of Safe Ministry (ODSM).

Depending on the nature of the breach, a range of outcomes may be considered, the most serious and significant being removal from holy orders.

Diocesan Approved Supervisors

Supervision in the Sydney Diocese will be conducted by an approved group of supervisors. This is to ensure the quality of supervision for each of the clergy and lay ministers.

This list is administered by the Diocesan Pastoral Supervision Manager. It is envisaged once a person is approved as a diocesan supervisor contact details will be made available to those seeking to find a supervisor. Supervision for clergy and lay ministers will begin with first time Rectors and Assistant Ministers. As more supervisors are approved and added to our list it will be possible to broaden the requirement for supervision to more church workers.

For further information about the ODSM and other safe ministry enquiries including information about the complaints process, please visit www.safeministry.org.au



From the Archbishop

I believe Pastoral Supervision plays an important role in sustaining and developing ministry practice for those serving in the local church. As more and more clergy and church workers have the opportunity to participate in pastoral supervision we pray it will benefit not only the ministry worker, but also the whole church community.

Kamishan Roffel