

ACT FOUR

Of Pastoral Charges and Development Districts

Pastoral Charges

- 1 The Bishop shall have the power to constitute or alter the limits of pastoral charges in terms of Canon 23: the status, nomenclature, Parish Churches and boundaries of which shall be defined by him/her, subject to the following rules:
 - (a) No new Pastoral Charge shall be created until the Diocesan Board of Trustees has signified its approval of the assessment to be paid by the proposed new Pastoral Charges.
 - (b) Before directing any change to take place under this Act, the Bishop shall first consult the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the Pastoral Charge or Charges directly concerned with such change.
 - (c) Pastoral charges shall be listed in a Schedule which may be amended by the Bishop from time to time.

Development Districts

- 2 The Bishop shall have the power, where he/she deems necessary so to do for the better development of the Diocese, to constitute any area of the Diocese as a Development District. In order to do so, he/she shall have the power to excise any portions of any Pastoral Charges adjacent to the Development District, to be used to constitute the same, to enable the creation of a unified geographical area, subject to the following rules:
 - (a) Such Development District shall be under the care and authority of a priest holding the Bishop's Licence.
 - (b) The provisions of Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of this Act shall apply to the establishment of a Development District.
 - (c) The provisions of the Acts of the Diocese regarding Annual Vestry meetings shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to a Development District.
 - (d) The progress towards becoming a self-supporting Pastoral Charge shall be evaluated by the Suffragan Bishop within whose area the Development District falls, not less than three years from the date of creation of the Development District, and at least annually thereafter. In making the evaluation, the Suffragan Bishop must consult with the relevant Archdeacon.
 - (e) The Bishop, on receiving a report from the Suffragan Bishop, may initiate action to change a Development District to a Pastoral Charge in terms of Section 1 above.