

Authorised Services Ordinance 2011 *(not assented to)*

Explanatory Statement

1. The Solemn Promises Ordinance 2011 provides for certain solemn promises to be made by a person before the person is ordained to the diaconate or presbyterate in the Diocese, is first ordained by the Archbishop or is consecrated as a bishop following his appointment as an Assistant Bishop.

2. One of the solemn promises that is required to be made is to conduct only services in the Book of Common Prayer or –

- (a) services authorised by ordinance of the Synod for use in the Diocese, or
- (b) other services of public worship which are agreeable to the Word of God and consistent with the doctrine of the Anglican Church of Australia,

pursuant to the General Synod – Canon Concerning Services 1992 Adopting Ordinance 1998.

3. In addition to the Book of Common Prayer, the services which are currently authorised for use in this Diocese are –

- (a) services in *An Australian Prayer Book* pursuant to the General Synod – Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance 1977, and
- (b) such other forms of service and variations authorised pursuant to the General Synod – Canon Concerning Services 1992 Adopting Ordinance 1998, and
- (c) deviations from the Book of Common Prayer as the existing order of service permitted by the Archbishop pursuant to section 4 of the Constitution.

4. From time to time the Archbishop of Sydney's Liturgical Panel produces liturgical resources for use in this Diocese. In view of the form of solemn promise proposed to be given in respect of services, it is considered appropriate for the Synod to authorise for use in this Diocese the services prepared by the Liturgical Panel.

Recommendation

5. The Standing Committee recommends that the Synod pass the bill as an ordinance.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee

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