

General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Relations with Other Churches) Canon 2004 Assenting Ordinance 2005

No 40, 2005

An ordinance to assent to Canon No 11, 2004 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name of Ordinance

This Ordinance is the General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Relations with Other Churches) Canon 2004 Assenting Ordinance 2005.

2. Assent to Canon No 11, 2004

The Synod assents to Canon No 11, 2004 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, the text of which is set out in the Schedule.

Schedule

A canon to amend the constitution with respect to the relations of this Church with other Churches.

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Short title

1. This Canon may be cited as the Constitution Amendment (Relations with other Churches) Canon 2004.

New Section 6 substituted – Churches in communion

2. Section 6 of the Constitution is deleted and the following substituted–

- “6
- (1) This Church shall continue in communion with the Church of England in England so long as communion is consistent with the Fundamental Declarations
 - (2) Unless otherwise prescribed by canon of General Synod, this Church shall continue in communion with churches in communion with the Church of England in England so long as communion is consistent with the Fundamental Declarations.
 - (3) The General Synod may make canons:

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- (a) declaring those churches with which this Church is in communion, or
 - (b) specifying the conditions for entering into communion with other churches.
- (4) The General Synod cannot make a canon referred to in subsection (3) in relation to a church unless communion with the church is, or will be if the conditions specified for entering into communion with the church are complied with, consistent with the Fundamental Declarations.
- (5) No canon referred to in subsection (3) shall come into effect unless and until at least three quarters of the diocesan synods of this church including all of the metropolitan dioceses have assented to it by ordinance and all such assents be in force at the same time.
- (6) This Church shall continue in communion with:
 - (a) a church the subject of a declaration referred to in subsection (3)(a), or
 - (b) a church with which communion has been entered into in accordance with conditions referred to in subsection (3)(b),so long as communion is consistent with the Fundamental Declarations.
- (7) Nothing in this section prevents the bishop of a diocese, or the synod of a diocese, from determining, in accordance with the powers, authorities, duties or functions of the bishop or synod, any matter relating to communion affecting the diocese.”

I Certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

PG KELL
Chairman of Committees

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I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 18 October 2005.

R WICKS
CJ MORONEY
Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

PETER F JENSEN
Archbishop of Sydney
23/10/2005