

General Synod – Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973 Repeal and Exclusion Ordinance 2019

No 44, 2019

Long Title

An Ordinance to repeal the *General Synod – Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973* and to exclude the Canon from having force in this Diocese.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name

This Ordinance is the General Synod – Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973 Repeal and Exclusion Ordinance 2019.

2. Repeal and Exclusion

The *General Synod – Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973* is repealed and the Canon is excluded pursuant to section 30(d) of the Schedule to the *Anglican Church of Australia Constitution Act 1961*.

3. Amendments

The *Authorisation of Lay Ministry Ordinance 2015* is amended by –

- (a) inserting a new clause 9 as follows (and consequentially renumbering the remaining clauses) –

“9. Authority for lay persons to assist in the service of Holy Communion

A lay person is authorised to assist the minister in the ministering and distribution of the Holy Communion where the following requirements are satisfied –

- (a) the lay person has attained the age of 18 years,
 - (b) the lay person has been invited by the minister to provide such assistance,
 - (c) the lay person is a communicant member of the Anglican Church of Australia,
 - (d) the minister is satisfied concerning the doctrine held by and the character of the lay person,
 - (e) the lay person is not the subject of a direction of the Archbishop or an Assistant Bishop that the lay person not provide such assistance, and
 - (f) the lay person is not the subject of an undertaking given under or a suspension or prohibition order issued pursuant to the Ministry Standards Ordinance 2017 or an equivalent ordinance.”, and
- (b) deleting the following matter in the renumbered subclause 10(1) –
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- (a) authority issued pursuant to the *General Synod – Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973*, or
 - (b)”

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

P COLGAN
Chair of Committees

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I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 16 October 2019.

D GLYNN
Secretary

I Assent to this Ordinance.

G DAVIES
Archbishop of Sydney
24/10/2019