

**General Synod -- The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977
Adopting Ordinance 1977 Amendment Ordinance 1985**

No. 7, 1985

AN ORDINANCE to amend the General Synod -- The use of the Surplice Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance 1977.

WHEREAS

A. Pursuant to clause (2) of the Announcements of Divine Services and Clerical Vestures Ordinance 1949 (hereinafter called "the 1949 Ordinance") it was provided that "this Synod requires that every minister below the order of Bishop saying the public prayers or ministering the sacraments or other rites of the Church shall wear a decent and comely surplice with sleeves to be provided at the charge of the Parish. No minister when celebrating the Holy Communion shall wear the alb, the chasuble and dalmatic, the tunic".

B. Pursuant to the General Synod -- The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance 1977 (hereinafter called "the Principal Ordinance") relief was provided for ministers from the use of the surplice in certain circumstances.

C. Pursuant to Synod resolution 38/83 a committee was appointed to prepare after consultation with churchwardens and church committees an amending ordinance to provide further relief from the wearing of the surplice.

D. The said committee prepared such an Ordinance which was considered and amended by the Synod at its ordinary session in the year 1984 and referred back to the committee with a view to an alternative ordinance being prepared by the said committee for consideration at the next ordinary session of the Synod.

E. The said committee accordingly has prepared such an alternative ordinance in the terms hereof.

NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS
DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the "General Synod -- The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance 1977 Amendment Ordinance 1985".

(2) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance may be cited as "General Synod -- The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance 1977-1985" and in any reprint of the Principal Ordinance clause 3 shall be amended accordingly.

2. Clause 2 of the Principal Ordinance is amended:--

- (a) by deleting the words "Church of England in" and substituting the words "Anglican Church of";
- (b) by deleting the word "or" at the end of clause 2(b) and adding the word "or" at the end of clause 2(c);

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- (c) by adding after sub-clause 2(c) the following additional sub-clause—
 "d) in a place which is licensed for public worship in such circumstances as may be provided in accordance with the terms thereof"; and
- 5 (d) by deleting the words "on such occasions as the Archbishop may approve generally or specifically from time to time".
- 3. The Principal Ordinance is further amended by re-numbering clause 3 as clause 9 and by inserting the following additional clauses after clause 2:—
- 10 "3. (1) A minister need not, in a place licensed for public worship in which there is customarily conducted more than one service each Sunday, wear a surplice while conducting one of such services each Sunday.
- 15 (2) A minister need not, in a place licensed for public worship in which there is customarily conducted only one service each Sunday, wear a surplice while conducting one of such services in each calendar month.
- (3) In the course of making any determination as to the service or services at which a minister need not wear a surplice as aforesaid, the minister shall consult with the church committee of the church at which the service is or services are to be held.
- (4) The provisions of this clause shall not apply to any service where a bishop is a minister thereof.
- 25 (5) The provisions of this clause shall only apply within the Diocese up to and including 31 October 1988 after which date such provisions hereof will no longer be in force.
- 4. Nothing in this Ordinance shall oblige any minister to dispense with the wearing of a surplice when celebrating Divine Service, administering the Sacraments or performing any other rite or ordinance of the Anglican Church of Australia.
- 30 5. Except as provided by the terms of this Ordinance, no modification is hereby made to the clerical vesture either required to be worn or forbidden to be worn by a clergyman.
- 35 6. ~~Where a minister has been granted permission to dispense with a surplice,~~ he shall have due regard to the occasion and the congregation concerned before exercising that relief and when doing so he shall have due regard to the appropriateness of his dress when conducting services.
- 40 7. Any question or dispute arising under this Ordinance shall be dealt with and determined by the Archbishop-in-Council or, if the Archbishop-in-Council so decides, by a Disputes Committee which shall consist of at least three (3) persons (of whom one (1) shall be a lay person) who shall be appointed from time to time by the Archbishop-in-Council and who shall hold office for such term and in ac-

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cordance with such conditions as may be specified by the Archbishop-in-Council.

8. To the extent of any inconsistency between this Ordinance and the 1949 Ordinance then this Ordinance shall prevail but apart from such inconsistency the 1949 Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect."

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

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Deputy Chairman of Committees

I CERTIFY that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the 10 Diocese of Sydney on this 10th day of October 1985.

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Secretaries of Synod

I ASSENT to this Ordinance.

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