

Note concerning the promotion, printing and distribution of a bill for the General Synod – Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2006

A bill for the General Synod – Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2006 is being promoted to the Synod as a private members' bill. It is not being promoted by request of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee has nonetheless agreed to print and distribute the attached copy of the bill for the purpose of business rule 5.2.

General Synod – Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2006

No , 2006

An ordinance to adopt Canon No 18, 1992 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 - Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2006.

5 2. Adoption of Canon No 18, 1992

Canon No 18, 1992 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, the text of which is set out in the Schedule, is adopted.

Schedule

10 A canon to clarify the operation of certain law of the Church of England applicable to and in force in the several dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia.

Whereas this Synod desires –

- (a) to maintain the unity in diversity of this Church;
- (b) to acknowledge that there are differences of conviction about the ordination of women to the office of priest; and
- 15 (c) to clarify the extent to which certain law of the Church of England is applicable to and in force in certain dioceses of this Church.

The General Synod therefore prescribes as follows –

Title

- 1. This canon may be cited as the Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992.

20 Interpretation

- 2. In this Canon –
 - "diocese" means a diocese of the Anglican Church of Australia;
 - "ordinance" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 74 of the Constitution.

The effect of certain English law in a diocese

- 25 3. (1) Upon the adoption by ordinance of this canon by a diocese –
 - (a) any law of the Church of England that, immediately before such adoption –
 - (i) was applicable to and in force in the diocese whether by virtue of a provision of the Constitution or otherwise; and
 - (ii) prevented the ordination of a woman to the office of priest;
 - 30 ceases, to the extent only that it prevented the ordination of a woman to the office of priest, to be applicable to or in force in that diocese; and
 - (b) a bishop when ordaining a person to the office of priest in a diocese, shall comply with any other conditions or restrictions with respect to ordination to the office of priest as are for the time being imposed by the law of this Church applicable to and in force in the diocese.
- 35 (2) In a diocese which does not adopt this canon nothing contained in this section shall affect the continued operation of any law of the Church of England applicable to and in force in that diocese which prevents the ordination of a woman to the office of priest.

Interpretation of "law of the Church of England"

- 40 4. In section 3 a reference to a law of the Church of England shall be read as including a reference to a rule relating to discipline, a principle, a practice or a tradition of the Church of England.

8 Additional Materials

Removal of doubt

5. For the removal of any doubt:

(1) it is hereby declared that, subject to section 3(1)(b), the bishop of a diocese which adopts this canon may ordain any person to the office of priest; and

5 (2) nothing contained in this canon shall authorise the bishop of a diocese which does not adopt this canon to ordain a woman to the office of priest.

Canon affects dioceses

6. This canon affects the order and good government of the Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese, by ordinance, adopts it.

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

Chairman of Committees

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on
2006.

Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

Archbishop of Sydney
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