Admission to Holy Communion (Adult Baptisands) Ordinance 2006

No 35, 2006

Long Title

An Ordinance concerning the admission to Holy Communion of persons who have been baptised as adults and to clarify the meaning of communicant member.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name

This Ordinance is the Admission to Holy Communion (Adult Baptisands) Ordinance 2006.

Amendment of the General Synod – Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973

The General Synod – Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973 is amended by renumbering the existing clause 3 as clause 4 and inserting a new clause 3 as follows –

"3. A person who is baptised when aged 14 or more years is not to be refused admission to Holy Communion solely by reason of that person not being confirmed or not being ready and desirous of being confirmed."

3. Amendment to the Church Administration Ordinance 1990

The Church Administration Ordinance 1990 is amended by inserting the following definition in clause 2(1) immediately after the definition of "clause" –

"'communicant member', in relation to the Anglican Church of Australia, includes a person who is a member of the Anglican Church of Australia and who partakes regularly in the Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper."

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

PG KELL Chairman of Committees

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We Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney ON 23 October 2006.

R WICKS CJ MORONEY Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

PETER F JENSEN Archbishop of Sydney 30/10/2006