

# General Synod - Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973

The General Synod - Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973 as amended in accordance with the Anglican Church of Australia Act 1976.

## Long Title

AN ORDINANCE for adopting a certain canon of the Anglican Church of Australia entitled "Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973".

## Preamble

WHEREAS a certain canon entitled "Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973" (No 12 of 1973) was passed by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia during the session of the said Synod held in May 1973 AND WHEREAS a copy of the said Canon is contained in the Schedule hereto AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Canon be adopted by the Synod of this Diocese NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:

## Adoption of Canon

1. The said Canon is hereby adopted and shall so far as the same is applicable be applied to the order and good government of the Church in this Diocese.

## Citation

2. This Ordinance may be cited as "General Synod - Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973".

## SCHEDULE

### GENERAL SYNOD SESSION 1973 CANON NO 12

A CANON to provide for Lay Assistants at Holy Communion.

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. Lay persons being communicants may be authorised by the bishop to assist the priest in the ministering and distribution of the Holy Communion.
2. The Synod of any diocese may by ordinance set further limitations to the doing of any act referred to in this Canon by any lay person.
3. The bishop of any diocese may make regulations which specify the qualifications to be required of such persons before any such authority is conferred upon them, the person or persons who may authorise such lay persons to assist as aforesaid, the form of authority to be issued to them and the vesture to be worn by such persons while assisting at Holy Communion as aforesaid.
4. This Canon affects the order and good government of the Church of England in Australia and shall not come into force in any diocese unless and until the diocese by ordinance adopts the said Canon.
5. This Canon may be cited as "Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973".

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## Table of Amendments

Long Title	Amended in accordance with Act No. 21, 1976.
Preamble	Amended in accordance with Act No. 21, 1976.

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