

General Synod - Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973

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The General Synod - Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973 as amended in accordance with the Anglican Church of Australia Act 1976 and amended by the Admission to Holy Communion (Adult Baptisands) Ordinance 2006.

An Ordinance for adopting a certain canon of the Anglican Church of Australia entitled "Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973".

WHEREAS a certain canon entitled "Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973" (No. 14, 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 -

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.
2. Nothing in the Schedule of this Ordinance shall affect any existent right of persons to be admitted to Holy Communion.
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.
4. This Ordinance may be cited as "General Synod - Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973".

SCHEDULE

GENERAL SYNOD SESSION 1973 CANON No. 14

WHEREAS it is desirable that this Church should make due provision to welcome Christians from other Churches at the Holy Communion NOW THEREFORE the General Synod prescribes as follows -

1. A person is eligible to be admitted to the Holy Communion -
 - (a) if he is a member of this Church who has been confirmed or is ready and desires to be confirmed or if he is a Communicant of a Church in full communion with this Church, or
 - (b) if he
 - (i) has been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity, and
 - (ii) is a communicant member of another Church which professes the Apostolic faith, or
 - (c) if he has been baptised and is included in a class of persons authorised by a rule of General Synod to be admitted to the Holy Communion, or
 - (d) if he has been baptised and is in immediate danger of death.
2. Where a priest ordinarily responsible for a congregation becomes aware that a person who is a customary member of the congregation and is eligible to be admitted to the Holy Communion by virtue of paragraph (b) of Section 1 hereof, has regularly received the Holy Communion in this Church over a long period which appears likely to continue indefinitely, the priest shall bring to the notice of the person the ordinary requirements of this Church for persons desiring to be admitted regularly to the Holy Communion and ask him to comply with these requirements.
3. Where any clergyman is in doubt as to the application of this Canon he may refer the matter to the Bishop of the Diocese for his guidance thereon.
4. The Canon affects the order and good government of the Church within a diocese 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 "Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973".

Table of Amendments

Long Title	Amended in accordance with Act No. 21, 1976.
Preamble	Amended in accordance with Act No. 21, 1976.
Clause 3	New clause inserted by Ordinance No 35, 2006.

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