
*General Synod — The use of the Surplice Canon 1977
Adopting Ordinance 1977*

No. 41, 1977

AN ORDINANCE to adopt a certain General Synod canon and to make regulations pursuant thereto.

Whereas

A. A certain canon entitled "The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977" was passed by the General Synod of the Church of England in Australia during the session of the said Synod held in 1977.

B. A copy of the said canon is contained in the Schedule hereto.

C. It is expedient that the said canon be adopted by the Synod of this Diocese and that regulations be made pursuant to clause 1 of that canon.

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. A minister of the Church of England in Australia in the Diocese of Sydney need not wear a surplice while conducting a service:—

(a) in a hospital,

(b) in a private house, or

(c) in a place which is not licensed for public worship,

on such occasions as the Archbishop may approve generally or specifically from time to time.

3. This Ordinance may be cited as "General Synod — The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance 1977".

SCHEDULE

A Canon to Provide Relief for Ministers from the Use of the Surplice in Certain Cases.

Whereas by resolution No. 42 of 1973 the synod of the Diocese of Sydney resolved that "this synod considers the time has come when for the conduct of services not held in licensed buildings or at public services surplices be no longer mandatory provided the minister acts with discretion and sensitivity: this applies amongst other things to private communions in homes and hospitals".

And whereas it is desirable that relief should be provided in the cases and to the extent decided in each diocese by the synod of such diocese NOW the general synod prescribes as follows:—

1. A minister of the Church of England in Australia may be relieved of his obligation to use a surplice during his ministrations in such cases as aforesaid as and to the extent to which such obligation is dispensed with by an ordinance of the synod of the diocese in which he is licensed to minister.

2. This canon may be cited as "The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977".

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

E. D. CAMERON,
Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney this sixth day of October, 1977.

W. G. S. GOTLEY,
R. J. BOMFORD,
Secretaries of Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance.

M. L. LOANE,
Archbishop of Sydney.

6/10/77.