

**CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT
(RELATIONS WITH OTHER CHURCHES) CANON 2004
ASSENTING AND ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2005**

ORDINANCE NO// OF 2005

AN ORDINANCE

To assent to and adopt the *Constitution Amendment (Relations with other Churches) Canon 2004* being a General Synod Canon.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is desirable that the *Constitution Amendment (Relations with other Churches) Canon 2004* of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia should be assented to and adopted by the Diocese of Grafton.

THEREFORE the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled decree and enact as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "*Constitution Amendment (Relations with other Churches) Canon 2004 Adopting and Assenting Ordinance 2005.*"

ASSENT

2. The *Constitution Amendment (Relations with other Churches) Canon 2004* as set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby assented to and adopted.

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

3. The *Constitution Amendment (Relations with other Churches) Canon 2004* shall come into effect in the Diocese of Grafton on the date the Primate declares the *Constitution Amendment (Relations with other Churches) Canon 2004* to be in force.

SCHEDULE

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (RELATIONS WITH OTHER CHURCHES) CANON, 2004

Canon No. 11

A canon to amend the constitution with respect to the relations of this Church with other Churches.

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Short title

- 1 This Canon may be cited as the Constitution Amendment (Relations with other Churches) Canon 2004.


New Section 6 substituted – Churches in communion

- 2 Section 6 of the Constitution is deleted and the following substituted—
 - “6 (1) This Church shall continue in communion with the Church of England in England so long as communion is consistent with the Fundamental Declarations
 - (2) Unless otherwise prescribed by canon of General Synod, this Church shall continue in communion with churches in communion with the Church of England in England so long as communion is consistent with the Fundamental Declarations.
 - (3) The General Synod may make canons:
 - (a) declaring those churches with which this Church is in communion, or
 - (b) specifying the conditions for entering into communion with other churches.
 - (4) The General Synod cannot make a canon referred to in subsection (3) in relation to a church unless communion with the church is, or will be in the conditions specified for entering into communion with the church are complied with, consistent with the Fundamental Declarations.
 - (5) No canon referred to in subsection (3) shall come into effect unless and until at least three quarters of the diocesan synods of this church including all of the metropolitan dioceses have assented to it by ordinance and all such assents be in force at the same time.
 - (6) This Church shall continue in communion with:
 - (a) a church the subject of a declaration referred to in subsection (3)(a), or
 - (b) a church with which communion has been entered into in accordance with conditions referred to in subsection (3)(b),so long as communion is consistent with the Fundamental Declarations.

- (7) Nothing in this section prevents the bishop of a diocese, or the synod of a diocese, from determining, in accordance with the powers, authorities, duties or functions of the bishop or synod, any matter relating to communion affecting the diocese.”

ASSENT

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




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Chairman of Committees

I hereby certify that the Ordinance was passed by Synod on the twenty eighth day of May, 2005



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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.



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Bishop