

LAW OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CLARIFICATION CANON 1992

ADOPTING ORDINANCE 1993

No. of 1993

AN ORDINANCE

To adopt the 'Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992' being a General Synod Canon to clarify the operation of certain law of the Church of England applicable to and in force in the several Dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia should be 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 'Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 1993.'

ASSENT

- 2. The Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 as set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby adopted.

THE SCHEDULE

CANON No. 18, 1992

A canon to clarify the operation of certain law of the Church of England applicable to and in force in the several dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia

Whereas this Synod desires -

- (a) to maintain the unity in diversity of this Church;
- (b) to acknowledge that there are differences of conviction about the ordination of women to the office of priest; and
- (c) to clarify the extent to which certain law of the Church of England is applicable to and in force in certain dioceses of this Church.

The General Synod therefore prescribes as follows:

Title

1. This canon may be cited as the Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992

Interpretation

2. In this canon -

"diocese" means a diocese of the Anglican Church of Australia;

"ordinance" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 74 of the Constitution.

The effect of certain English law in a diocese

3. (1) Upon the adoption by ordinance of this canon by a diocese -
 - (a) Any law of the Church of England that, immediately before such adoption:
 - (i) was applicable to and in force in the diocese whether by virtue of a provision of the Constitution or otherwise; and
 - (ii) prevented the ordination of a woman to the office of priest;
ceases, to the extent only that it prevented the ordination of a woman to the office of priest, to be applicable to or in force in that diocese; and
 - (b) a bishop when ordaining a person to the office of priest in a diocese, shall comply with any other conditions or restrictions with respect to ordination to the office of priest as are for the time being imposed by the law of this Church applicable to and in force in the diocese.
- (2) In a diocese which does not adopt this canon nothing contained in this section shall affect the continued operation of any law of the Church of England applicable to and in force in that diocese which prevents the ordination of a woman to the office of priest.

Interpretation of "law of the Church of England"

4. In section 3 a reference to a law of the Church of England shall be read as including a reference to a rule relating to discipline, a principle, a practice or a tradition of the Church of England.

Removal of doubt

5. For the removal of any doubt:

- (1) it is hereby declared that, subject to section 3(1)(b), the bishop of a diocese which adopts this canon may ordain any person to the office of priest; and
- (2) nothing contained in this canon shall authorise the bishop of a diocese which does not adopt this canon to ordain a woman to the office of priest.

Canon affects dioceses

6. This canon affects the order and good government of the Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese, by ordinance, adopts it.

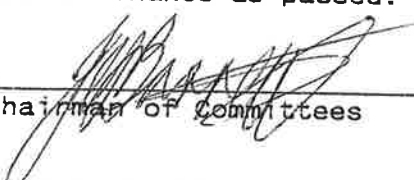
I certify that the bill as printed is in accordance with the bill as reported.

D.J. BLEBY
Chairman of Committees

We certify that this bill was passed by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia this 21st day of November 1992.


M.F. HORTON
B.J. GREAVES
Secretaries of General Synod

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




Chairman of Committees

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by Synod on the 5th day of June, 1993.



Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.



Bishop