

**GRAFTON DIOCESAN GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE 2008
AMENDING ORDINANCE (SYNOD) 2020
Ordinance No. 3 of 2020**

An Ordinance to amend the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 to clarify the terms of members of the Synod, the status of meetings of Synod held for a specific purpose and related matters.

PREAMBLE

Whereas the arrangements for the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton are principally contained within Chapter 7 and the Standing Orders of the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 (“the principal Ordinance”); and

Whereas it is desirable to have the Ordinance amended to clarify the terms of members of Synod and the provisions for specific purpose meetings of Synod;

Therefore, the Bishop-in-Council in pursuance of powers provided in clause 48.2 of the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 hereby decrees and enacts as follows:

AMENDMENTS

Chapter 7

1. Replace the words in clause 41.1 of the Principal Ordinance with the following:
“The term of a Synod extends over three consecutive years. The term shall commence from the commencement of the first session and shall conclude immediately prior to the commencement of the first session in the term of the next Synod.”
2. Amend clause 41.2 by replacing the words “a period of three years” with “the term of that Synod”.
3. Amend clause 42.3 by inserting the words “lay and clerical” immediately before the word “members”.
4. Insert a new clause 42.4 as follows:
“The Bishop may, in consultation with Bishop-in-Council, convene a session of Synod for the purpose of considering particular items of business.”
5. Insert a new clause 42.5 as follows:
“A session of Synod convened under 42.4 shall not be considered sufficient to satisfy the requirements of 42.1 and shall not cause the commencement of a new term of Synod.”
6. Renumber the current clause 42.4 as 42.6.
7. Amend clause 43.4 by replacing “there shall be summoned to Synod up to 25 percent (then rounded up to the next whole number) of the licensed non-stipendiary Vocational Deacons of the Diocese not otherwise summoned to the Synod” with “the representation of the Household of Deacons shall be up to 25 percent (then rounded up to the next whole number) of the licensed non-stipendiary Vocational Deacons not otherwise summoned to Synod, such calculation being made at the time of issue of the Bishop's Mandate,”.
8. Insert a new clause 43.5 as follows and renumber the subsequent clauses:

“When by virtue of the Bishop determining that the position of a clergyperson creating an entitlement for representation under subclause 43.2 (g) has concluded, the entitlement created under 43.2 (g) shall conclude immediately prior to the commencement of the next session of Synod. Parish Council shall be responsible to determine which of the existing Synod representatives of the Parish continue as representatives.”

Chapter 10

9. Amend clause 81.1 by inserting “, unless the Bishop approves otherwise” at the end of the first sentence of this clause.
10. Amend clause 86.1 by replacing the words “who shall attend Synod” with “who shall attend a session of Synod”.
11. Replace clause 86.5 with the following:

“Unless as otherwise provided, the Synod Representatives for the Parish shall hold office for the term of the Synod for which the Bishop’s Mandate has been issued.”

Standing Orders

12. Amend Standing Order clause 1.1 by inserting the words “, subject to clause 1.2,” immediately following “shall”.
13. Insert the following as clause 1.2 in the Standing Orders:

“When the Bishop has convened a session of the Synod under clause 42.4 of Chapter 7 of this Ordinance, the Registrar shall, when considering subclause 1.1 (c) above, confine those matters to be provided to those pertaining to the particular business of that session of Synod.”
14. Replace clause 6.2 of the Standing Orders with:

“The Officers shall be elected at the commencement of the first session of Synod.”
15. Amend clause 6.3 of the Standing Orders by replacing the word “meeting” with “session”.
16. Amend clause 12.1 of the Standing Orders by replacing the opening sentence with
“The order of business for the first sitting-day of a session of Synod, except as convened under clause 42.4 of Chapter 7 of this Ordinance, is as follows:”
17. Insert a new clause 12.2 of the Standing Orders as follows and renumber the subsequent clauses:

“The order of business for the first sitting-day of a session of Synod convened under clause 42.4 of Chapter 7 of this Ordinance is as follows:

 - (a) Prayers;
 - (b) Calling the Roll of Members of Synod
 - (c) Receiving the apologies;
 - (d) Election of Officers of Synod (if necessary);
 - (e) Election of the Members of the Minutes Committee (if necessary);
 - (f) Election of the Elections and Qualifications Committee (if necessary);
 - (g) The President’s Address;
 - (h) Notices of Questions pertaining to the particular business of the Synod;
 - (i) Notices of Motion pertaining to the particular business of the Synod;
 - (j) Formal Motions;
 - (k) Introduction of Bills having the approval of Bishop-in-Council to be introduced;
 - (l) Motions pertaining to the particular business of the Synod;

(m) Such other Business as the President may determine.”

18. Insert a new clause 15.2 of the Standing Orders as follows:

“A notice of motion submitted for a session of Synod convened under clause 42.4 of Chapter 7 of this Ordinance shall pertain to the business specified in the Summons for that session.”

19. Insert a new clause 15.3 of the Standing Orders as follows:

“A notice of motion that is considered libellous, vitriolic or malicious, deliberately misrepresentative, or similar may be excluded from the Business Paper by the Bishop.”

20. Renumber clauses 15.2 and 15.3 as 15.4 and 15.5 respectively.

COMMENCEMENT

21. This Ordinance shall come into effect upon the assent of the Bishop.

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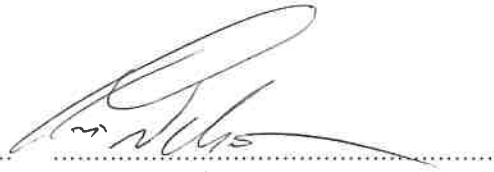
22. This Ordinance may be cited as the Synod Amending Ordinance 2020.

ASSENT

We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by Bishop-in-Council on the 6th day of February, 2020 and that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.

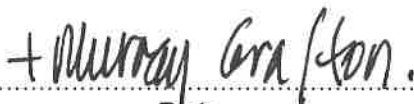


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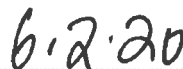


Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.



Bishop



Date