

“Church Ministry Ordinances”

(A report from the Standing Committee.)

Introduction

1. For general background on these bills, see the report made last year and reprinted on pages 402 to 405 of the 1997 Year Book.

Can the Synod Pass the Bills?

2. There has not been any further progress on the legal question of whether the Synod has power to make rules in the form of these bills.

Response to Provisional Canons Are the Proposed Rules Acceptable?

3. The report of the committee we appointed last year follows this report. The Standing Committee recommends that -

- (a) the Synod report to the General Synod that it would prefer to consider the Provisional Canons in the form recommended in the report; and
- (b) the Church Ministry Ordinances be deferred until the 3rd session of the 44th Synod, when we will know the outcome of the General Synod's consideration of the Provisional Canons.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee

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