
**GENERAL SYNOD — ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE OFFICE
OF DEACON CANON 1985 ADOPTING ORDINANCE 1987**

No. 36, 1987

AN ORDINANCE to adopt General Synod Canon No. 18, 1985.

WHEREAS:

A. A certain Canon entitled "Ordination of Women to the Office of Deacon Canon 1985" was made by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia in 1985.

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 but in doing so Synod declares its intention that no woman deacon shall be ordained priest in this Diocese unless the Synod by ordinance first indicates its willingness that such might occur.

NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS, DECLARES, DIRECTS AND RULES AS FOLLOWS:

Adoption

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.

Citation

2. This Ordinance may be cited as the "General Synod — Ordination of Women to the Office of Deacon Canon 1985 Adopting Ordinance 1987".

SCHEDULE

A Canon to provide for the Ordination of Women to the Office of Deacon and for other purposes.

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. The bishop of a diocese may ordain a woman to the office of deacon.
2. The bishop of a diocese may grant to any woman who has been ordained in Australia or elsewhere to the office of deacon a licence to perform the duties of a deacon in that diocese.
3. Notwithstanding any other law of the Church a woman may be admitted to the office of deacon in this Church in accordance with the form appropriate to that office set out in the Ordinal included in the Book of Common Prayer or in the Ordinal included in The Australian Prayer Book or in accordance with any other form appropriate to that office and approved for use in this Church, the language of any such form being adapted for the purpose so far as may be necessary for the admission of a woman to that office.
4. Nothing in section 1, section 2 or section 3 shall limit any power or authority possessed by the bishop of a diocese prior to the making of this canon.

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5. The provisions of this canon affect 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.
6. This canon may be cited as "Ordination of Women to the Office of Deacon Canon 1985".

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

N. M. Cameron
Deputy Chairman of Committees

WE CERTIFY that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on this 15th day of October 1987.

G. K. Clifton
W. G. S. Gotley
Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance

Donald Robinson
Archbishop of Sydney

14/11/1987