

*General Synod — Reception Provisional Canon 1981  
Assenting Ordinance 1982*

*No. 32, 1982*

AN ORDINANCE to give assent to General Synod Provisional Canon No. 4(P), 1982

WHEREAS

- 5 A. A certain Provisional Canon entitled "Reception Canon 1981" has been made by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.
- B. A copy of the said Provisional Canon is contained in the Schedule hereto.
- 10 C. It is expedient that the Synod of this Diocese give assent to the said Provisional Canon.
- D. It is the understanding of the Synod of this Diocese that the form of service in the Schedule to the said Provisional Canon is not the only means by which a person may be received into the Anglican Church of Australia.
- NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS  
DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:—
- 15 1. Assent is hereby given to the said Provisional Canon.
2. This Ordinance may be cited as "General Synod — Reception Provisional Canon 1981 Assenting Ordinance 1982".

SCHEDULE

20 A CANON TO AUTHORISE THE USE OF A SERVICE FOR THE RECEPTION INTO COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP OF THIS CHURCH OF BAPTISED PERSONS WHO WERE FORMERLY COMMUNICANT MEMBERS OF OTHER CHURCHES

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

- 25 1. This canon may be cited as the "Reception Canon 1981".
- 30 2. When a person who has been baptised and who is or was a communicant member of another Church which holds the apostolic faith but which is not in full communion with this Church desires to become a communicant member of this Church, the priest, being assured that such is his desire, shall after due preparation present that person to the bishop at the time of confirmation or some other time. The bishop may receive and welcome him into communicant membership of this Church, laying hands on him with prayer for the strengthening of the Holy Spirit, using the form of service set out in the Schedule to this canon in accordance with the rubrics incorporated therein.
- 35 3. A person received into communicant membership in accordance with this canon shall have the same status in this Church as a person who has been confirmed in accordance with the rites of this Church.
4. The reception of a person into communicant membership in accordance with this canon shall be recorded in the registers of this Church.
- 40 5. The specified period for the purpose of the submission of assents, dissents, reports and recommendations to the President, pursuant to paragraph (ii) of sub-section (3) of Section 28 of the Constitution is the period ending on the thirtieth day of September 1983.

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

SCHEDULE

5 *Reception into Communicant Membership of the Anglican Church of  
Australia of Baptised and Communicant Members of other Churches*

NOTES

1. When a person who has been a communicant member of another Church which holds the apostolic faith desires to become a communicant member of this Church, the priest, being assured that such is his desire, shall present that person to the bishop at the time of Confirmation or at some other time. At a Confirmation from An Australian Prayer Book, this service should follow ¶7 on page 514 or ¶13 on page 538. Alternatively, it may occur before the intercessions at Morning or Evening Prayer or at the Holy Communion.
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2. The bishop may receive and welcome *him* into communicant membership of this Church, laying hands on *him* with prayer for the strengthening of the Holy Spirit, using this form of service. A person so received into communicant membership shall have the same status in this Church as a person who has been confirmed in accordance with the rites of this Church.
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3. Such Reception shall be recorded in the registers of the church.
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- 1 The priest presents the one to be received to the bishop saying N., has already been baptised and has formerly been a communicant member of the ..... Church. *He* now asks to be received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and seeks our prayers in the fellowship of this parish.
- 25
- 2 The bishop says  
The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.
- Let us pray
- 30 Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
by your Holy Spirit you have called *this* your *servant* and made *him* your *child* by adoption and grace;  
mercifully grant that, being daily strengthened by the same Spirit, *he* may continue your *servant* and receive your promises;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,  
35 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OR

If the Reception is during a service of Confirmation.

40 God of wisdom and love,  
source of all good,  
by your Holy Spirit strengthen your *servant*  
and guide *him* in your way of peace and love.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,

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who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

‡ 3 Then Psalm 133 may be said or sung.

‡ 4 Ephesians 4:1-13 may be read.

- 5 5 The bishop says to the candidates.

Do you stand by the christian confession and commitment made at your baptism?

I do.

- 10 Do you desire to be admitted into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and accept her doctrine and order?

I do.

6 The bishop welcomes the person in these words taking him by the hand.

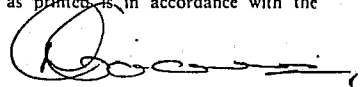
We recognise you as a baptised and communicant member of the Christian Church.

- 15 We receive and welcome you into the communion of the Anglican Church.

*He* then kneels and the Bishop lays his hands on *his* head saying

N., May the Holy Spirit direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom in the fellowship of this Church.

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



WE CERTIFY that <sup>this</sup> Ordinance <sup>was assented by the Synod</sup> as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

of the Diocese of Sydney on the 7th day of October 1982. *W. H. M. [Signature]*  
Secretaries of Synod

- 25 I ASSENT to this Ordinance.

*Donald Rossiter*  
Archbishop of Sydney -  
7 /10/1982