

# **CANON CONCERNING VESTURE OF MINISTERS 1992**

## **ADOPTING ORDINANCE 1997**

### **No. 5 OF 1997**

#### **AN ORDINANCE**

To adopt the 'Canon Concerning Vesture of Ministers 1992' being a General Synod Canon to repeal The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 and to prescribe with regard to the vesture of ministers.

#### **PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Canon Concerning Vesture of Ministers 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 "Canon Concerning Vesture of Ministers Canon 1992, Adopting Ordinance 1996".

#### **ASSENT**

2. The Canon Concerning Vesture of Ministers Canon 1992 as set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby adopted.

#### **THE SCHEDULE**

##### **CANON NO. 19, 1995**

##### **A Canon concerning Vesture of Ministers 1992**

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This canon may be cited as "Canon concerning Vesture of Ministers 1992".
2. This Church recognises that, by tradition, its ministers have worn distinctive vesture whilst ministering in Divine Service. This Church also recognises that the vesture worn by its ministers may vary from time to time and place to place. This Church declares that it does not attach any particular doctrinal significance to the diversity of vesture worn by its ministers.
3. Subject to sections 4 and 5, whilst ministering in Divine Service in a cathedral or church a minister shall comply with such standards of vesture as may be prescribed by ordinance of the synod of the diocese in which the service is being held or, in the absence of any such ordinance, by the bishop.
4. A minister may wear a surplice in lieu of the vesture prescribed by the synod or the bishop pursuant to section 3 or referred to in section 5.
5. Subject to section 4 and to any requirement made pursuant to section 3, a minister may wear the vesture which has customarily been worn in the place in which the service is being held.
6. The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 is repealed as regards a diocese which adopts this canon.

7. The canons numbered 17, 24, 25, 58 and 74 of the Canons of 1603, in so far as the same may have any force have no operation in a diocese which adopts this canon.
8. The provisions of this canon affect the order and good government of this Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese adopts this canon by ordinance of the synod of the diocese.

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

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D.J. BLEBY  
Chairman of Committees

We certify that this bill was passed by the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Australia this 7th day of July 1995.

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M.F. HORTON

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B.J. GREAVES  
Secretaries of Synod

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

  
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Chairman of Committees

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod on the sixteenth day of August, 1997.

  
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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.

  
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+ Bruce Grafton  
Bishop.