

CANON XIII**[*F] OF HOLY ORDERS IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN
AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA**1986, 1987,
1988, 1992

- 1.1 The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia holds and teaches that there are these orders in Christ's Church: Bishops, Priests (also called Presbyters), and Deacons, and that no person shall be accounted or taken to be a Bishop, Priest or Deacon in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia or permitted to exercise any of the functions of the same, without being called, tried, examined, and admitted thereunto according to the Ordinal or to any ordination liturgy approved by the General Synod, or without having had episcopal consecration or ordination in some Church whose orders are recognised and accepted by this Church. *Three orders.*
2. **Ordination of Bishops**
- 2.1 No person shall be ordained to the office of Bishop by fewer than three Bishops present together and joining in the act of ordination, of whom one shall be the Primate or a Bishop appointed by the Primate. *Number of bishops required to ordain.*
- 2.2 No person shall be ordained Bishop who is not at least 30 years of age. *Minimum age.*
3. **Ordination of Priests and Deacons**
- 3.1 Ordination to the office of Priest or Deacon shall be carried out in the presence of the congregation and at a time and place chosen by the Bishop. *Place of ordination.*
- 3.2 No person who is not at least 23 years of age shall be made Deacon. *Minimum age.*
- 3.3 No person shall be ordained both Deacon and Priest upon one and the same day. *Not on same day.*
- 3.4 A Deacon shall exercise that office for at least a year before being ordained a Priest, unless the Bishop shall find good cause for the contrary. *Length of diaconate.*
- 3.5 No Bishop shall ordain a person Deacon or Priest, unless satisfied such person shall be licensed to an office under the Canons or except pursuant to Letters Dimissory issued by another Bishop of this Church or another Province. *No ordination without licence to office.*
- 3.6 No Bishop shall issue Letters Dimissory to another Bishop to ordain a person Deacon or Priest unless satisfied that such person shall be licensed to an office under the Canons. *Letters Dimissory.*
4. **Certificate and Testimony to be provided by those to be ordained Deacon or Priest.**
- 4.1 Every person who is to be made a Deacon shall exhibit to the Bishop of the Diocese: *Requirements.*
- (a) a certificate or other sufficient evidence of the date of birth; *Birth Certificate*
- (b) a certificate or other evidence of Baptism and Confirmation; *Baptism.*
- (c) testimony as to character and quality of life from persons specified by the Bishop. *Testimonials.*

- 4.2 Every person who is to be ordained Priest shall exhibit to the Bishop of the Diocese:
- (a) Letters of Orders to the diaconate *Letters of Orders.*
 - (b) testimony of character and quality of life from persons specified by the Bishop. *Testimonials.*
- 4.3 Before any person is ordained Deacon or Priest an announcement shall be made to one or more of the congregations in which that person is known, not less than 14 days before the day appointed for the Ordination, and a certificate that it has been so made shall be sent to the Bishop by the officiating minister and a representative of the laity who shall also inform the Bishop of the support of the congregation or whether any impediment has been alleged. *Announcement to congregation.*
5. **Examination for Holy Orders**
- 5.1 Before a person shall be ordained Deacon or Priest that person shall be carefully examined by the Bishop, assisted by others appointed for the purpose, to establish that such a person possesses sufficient knowledge of Holy Scripture and of the doctrine, discipline and worship of this Church. *Required knowledge*
6. **Admission of Clergy of Churches in Communion with this Church**
- 6.1 The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia recognises as being in full communion with itself (a relationship of unrestricted *communio in sacris* including the mutual recognition of ministries) these Churches, namely: The Church of England and all other Churches of the Anglican Communion, and such other Churches as shall be recognised by General Synod from time to time as being in the same full communion. *Churches in full communion.*
- 6.1.1 The Lutheran Churches of the Nordic and Baltic Lutheran (Episcopal) Churches, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as listed in the Third Schedule are recognized by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui in terms of clause 6.1. 2008
- 6.2 A Bishop may permit any Bishop, Priest or Deacon from a Church in full communion with this Church as defined in clause 6.1 to officiate in any church, parish or congregation for one or more services upon being satisfied that the person is duly ordained. *Permission from Bishop.*
- 6.3 Any Bishop, Priest or Deacon from a Church in full communion with this Church as defined in clause 6.1 of this Canon shall be eligible to be licensed or issued with a Permission to Officiate pursuant to Title A Canon II, or to hold office as a Bishop in this Church. *Eligibility for licence.*
7. **Admission of ministers ordained by Bishops not in Communion with this Church.**
- 7.1 When a Priest or Deacon ordained by a Bishop of the (A) Roman Catholic Church or other Church in communion with the See of Rome or (B) 15 Autocephalous (self governing) and 4 Autonomous (self ruling) Orthodox churches as listed in the Third Schedule, or other such Church as shall be recognised by General Synod for the purposes of this Canon shall apply to a Bishop of this Church to hold office in the same, that person shall produce to the Bishop: *Other churches.*

- (a) Letters of Orders to the priesthood or diaconate; *Requirements*
- (b) Testimony of character and quality of life from persons specified by the Bishop;
- (c) A signed Declaration of Baptism and membership in the form set out in the First Schedule to this Canon or to the like effect. *1998*
- 7.2 The Bishop shall be satisfied that such a person meets the requirements set out in Clause 5 of this Canon. *Role of Bishop*
- 7.3 The person to be licensed, in addition to subscribing the Declaration required by Part C clause 15 of the Constitution, shall renounce all recourse to any other ecclesiastical jurisdiction. *Declaration*
- 8. Relinquishment of Orders.**
- 8.1 No person who has been admitted to the order of Bishop, Priest, or Deacon can ever be divested of the character of that order, but may either by deed completed in accordance with the Canon voluntarily relinquish the exercise of that order, or by canonical process be deprived of the exercise of that order or deposed finally therefrom. *Exercise of orders may be relinquished.*
- 8.2 The Deed shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto or to the like effect and after signature it shall be presented to the Bishop of the Diocese in which the relinquisher last held office who shall acknowledge it on behalf of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. The Bishop shall then forward it to the General Secretary who shall enrol it and send a certificate of such enrolment to the relinquisher. The Bishop shall also notify the Bishops of the Dioceses where the relinquisher was ordained deacon and was ordained priest. *Form of Deed. 1998*

FIRST SCHEDULE*1998*

I,....., do hereby declare that I have been baptised and am a member of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, and that I have been for the past four months and am now a member of the congregation attending the Church of(worshipping community), in the(parochial unit).

SECOND SCHEDULE

1998

BY THIS DEED I, of having been ordained to the Order of Deacon in the Diocese of and to the Order of Priest in the Diocese of and having been admitted to the Orders of Deacon and Priest in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia in [Diocese or Te Pihopatanga] and having resigned from the office of in Te Pihopatanga / the Diocese of.....

DO HEREBY DECLARE that I relinquish all rights, privileges, advantages and exemptions of the Orders of Deacon and Priest as by law belonging to them and that I terminate my submission to the authority of the General Synod of the said Church in respect of those Orders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this day of Two thousand and

SIGNED by the abovenamed in the presence of:

Witness
Occupation
Address

Original Enrolled in the Records of this Church this day of 20 and Certificate sent to the relinquisher on the day of 20 .
Acknowledged on behalf of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.....Bishop.
I certify that the following Bishop(s) of and have been notified.
General Secretary Bishop.

*F Clauses 1.1 to 8.2 and the Schedule to this Canon are part of the Formularies of the Church and can be altered or repealed only by way of the procedure stated in the Church of England Empowering Act, 1928.

THIRD SCHEDULE**Lutheran Churches**

The Church of Denmark, the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania, the Church of Norway, the Church of Sweden, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Orthodox Churches

The Autocephalous (self governing) Orthodox Churches namely the Churches of Constantinople, of Alexandria, of Antioch, of Jerusalem, of Russia, of Georgia, of Serbia, of Romania, of Bulgaria, of Cyprus, of Greece, of Albania, of Poland, of the Czech Lands and Slovakia, and in America;

and the Autonomous (self ruling) Orthodox Churches; namely The Churches of Sinai, of Finland, of Japan, and of Ukraine