

Anglican Church of Australia - Diocese of Brisbane

SYNOD DEFERRAL CANON 2020

A Canon to provide for the deferral of the ordinary session of Synod from 2020 to 2021.

Whereas –

- Section 6(3) of the Synod Canon provides that the Archbishop shall convene an ordinary session of the Synod for the dispatch of business at least once in every year at such time and place as shall to him appear convenient.
- Various restrictions on gatherings of people have been imposed on the community by the Queensland Government in response to the CO-VID 19 pandemic.
- Medical advice regarding vulnerable persons suggests that they should avoid large gatherings of people.
- The Diocesan Council has advised the Archbishop that the ordinary session of Synod in 2020 not be held and that Synod next meet in 2021.

The Archbishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Brisbane assembled in a special session of Synod prescribe –

Short Title

1. This Canon may be cited as the “Synod Deferral Canon 2020”.

Synod 2020

2. Notwithstanding section 6 of the Synod Canon, it shall be lawful for the Archbishop not to convene an ordinary session of Synod in 2020.

Term of the Synod

3. Notwithstanding section 6(1) of the Synod Canon, the term of the Synod that commenced on the first day of the ordinary session of Synod held in 2017 shall end on the commencement of the first day of the first ordinary session of Synod convened in 2021.

Appointments

4. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding the provisions of any other Canon, section 3 of the Election by Synod Canon shall apply to all officeholders elected pursuant to that Canon so that they will remain in office until their successors are elected. Section 6(2) of the Age Limitation Canon will not apply to such an officeholder until the first day of the next ordinary session of Synod in 2021.

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5. For the purposes of section 6(4) of the Synod Canon, for 2020 and the next term of the Synod, the election or appointment of persons to be members of Synod shall be those that took place in 2020.
6. In 2020 only, for the purposes of the Diocesan Governance Canon, the retirement and appointment of Commission members that ordinarily takes place after each ordinary session of Synod will take place at a meeting of Diocesan Council nominated by Diocesan Council and which must be held not later than 30 November 2020.

Regulations

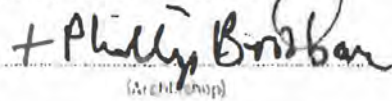
7. The Archbishop-in-Council may from time to time make, amend or repeal Regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Canon, providing for all or any of the purposes whether general or to meet particular cases, which may be convenient for the administration of this Canon or which may be necessary or expedient to carry out the objects and purposes of this Canon.

I certify that this copy of the
Canon is in accordance with
that passed by the Committee.



(Chairman of Committees)

I assent



(Archbishop)

24/9/2020

(Date)