

## ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION CANON 1973

### Canon 14, 1973

#### **A canon for admission to holy communion.**

Whereas it is desirable that this Church should make due provision to welcome Christians from other churches at the Holy Communion

Now therefore the General Synod prescribes as follows:-

1. A person is eligible to be admitted to the Holy Communion
  - (a) if he is a member of this Church who has been confirmed or is ready and desires to be confirmed or if he is a communicant of a church in full communion with this Church or
  - (b) if he
    - (i) has been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and
    - (ii) is a communicant member of another church which professes the Apostolic faith or
  - (c)<sup>1</sup> if he has been baptised and is included in a class of persons authorised by a rule of General Synod to be admitted to the Holy Communion; or
  - (d) if he has been baptised and is in immediate danger of death.
2. Where a priest ordinarily responsible for a congregation becomes aware that a person who is a customary member of the congregation and is eligible to be admitted to the Holy Communion by virtue of paragraph (b) of section 1 hereof, has regularly received the Holy Communion in this Church over a long period which appears likely to continue indefinitely, the priest shall bring to the notice of the person the ordinary requirements of this Church for persons desiring to be admitted regularly to the Holy Communion and ask him to comply with these requirements.
3. Where any clergyman is in doubt as to the application of this canon he may refer the matter to the bishop of the diocese for his guidance thereon.
4. The 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 said Canon.
5. This canon may be cited as "Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973".

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<sup>1</sup> See Rule XXIII re: members of the Lutheran Church of Australia.

Resolution 74/85, passed on 31 August 1985 at the Seventh General Synod, is printed below to offer further clarification of the application of the Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973.

## **RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION IN OTHER CHURCHES BY ANGLICANS**

### **General Synod Resolution 74/85**

That General Synod assures communicant members of this Church who are invited to receive the Holy Communion in other Churches which profess the Apostolic Faith, including those without an episcopally ordained ministry, that they may receive the Holy Communion in good conscience and without fracturing their membership of the Anglican Church of Australia on occasions of the following kind:

- when isolated from the ministrations of this Church;
- when invited to be present for family, personal and professional reasons, and
- on other occasions permitted by the Ordinary.

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