

THE CATHEDRAL CANON

(Assented to and passed the Third day of May 1997)

The Synod of the Diocese of North Queensland prescribes as follows:

1. Preamble

A Canon to provide for the government and management of the Cathedral Church of St. James and the constitution of the Parish of St. James Townsville.

A. THE CHAPTER

2. Membership

The Chapter shall consist of the Bishop, the Dean, four Clerical members who shall be called Canons, four lay members who shall be called Lay Canons and the Churchwardens of the Cathedral Parish.

2.1 **Canons.** The Canons shall be Priests of not less than four years standing who are licensed by the Bishop. Two shall be appointed by the Bishop, one elected by the Clergy members of Synod assembled in Synod and one elected by the lay members of Synod assembled in Synod.

2.2 **Lay Canons.** The Lay Canons shall be communicants of the Church. Two shall be appointed by the Bishop, one elected by the Clergy members of Synod assembled in Synod and one elected by the lay members of Synod assembled in Synod.

2.3 **Honorary Canons.** The Bishop shall have the right to appoint Honorary Canons or Canons Emeritus. Such appointees shall be entitled to a seat in the Chapter but shall not be entitled to a vote.

2.4 **Vacancies.** Any member of the Chapter may resign his/her office by letter addressed to the Bishop.

Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Chapter without the consent of the Bishop, due notice of which has been given, or who has been convicted of crime by a civil court, or shall, on being found guilty of an ecclesiastical offence under the Tribunal Canon be sentenced by the Bishop to removal from his/her membership, shall have his/her seat declared vacant.

2.5 Retirement

The Canons and Lay Canons may hold office no later than their seventieth birthday. This age limit shall not apply to Honorary Canons or Canons Emeritus.

3. Function

3.1 The Chapter shall be responsible for the government and management of the Cathedral Church of St. James and its precincts.

3.2 The Chapter shall be a committee of advice for the Bishop to consult with them on any matters that he may place before them.

4. Duties

4.1 The Chapter shall have control of and superintend:

- (a) The maintenance, extension and completion of the fabric of the Cathedral, its furnishings and ornamentation and the ordering of the precincts of the Cathedral and any buildings thereon.
- (b) The collection, management and expenditure of any moneys given or collected by any body or person for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned.

4.2 The Chapter may appoint sub-committees from time to time to assist in the carrying out of its duties, and may delegate some or all of its duties to the Cathedral Parish or to some other body as required.

5. Chief Minister

The Bishop shall be the Chief Minister of the Cathedral and shall have the ordering and control of all the services in the Cathedral.

6. Dean

The Bishop shall appoint a Dean after consultation with the Churchwardens of the Cathedral Parish and may delegate to the Dean such control and direction of the services and offices of the Cathedral as he shall think fit.

7. Precentor

The Bishop may appoint a Precentor after consultation with the Dean and the Churchwardens of the Cathedral Parish and delegate such duties to the Precentor as he shall think fit.

8. Meetings

Meetings of the Chapter shall be convened by the Bishop, or under his direction by the Dean, at such times as he shall deem necessary. Provided always that should three members of the Chapter request the Bishop in writing to convene a meeting he shall do so within thirty days of the request.

9. Elected Canons

The Canons holding office at the time of the passing of this Canon shall be deemed to have been appointed under this Canon.

B. THE PARISH

10. Elected Rector

The Dean shall be ex-officio incumbent of the Parish of St. James in Townsville, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Parishes Regulation Canon.

11. Parish Officers

The Parish shall appoint and elect such Officers as provided for in the Parishes Regulation Canon and the Parish shall operate under the terms of that Canon except where clauses of this Canon provide otherwise.

12. Cathedral

The Parish of St. James shall have the use of the Cathedral as its Parish Church on all occasions except where it is required by the Bishop for services of a Diocesan, Civic, State or National character.

13. Collections

Subject to the Canons made by Synod, all collections made in the Cathedral shall be controlled by the Churchwardens of the Parish and except where allocated to special purposes shall belong to the Parish.

14. Contribution to maintenance

The Parish shall pay to the Chapter a sum of money to be agreed upon from time to time between the Bishop, the Diocesan Treasurer and the Churchwardens of the Parish as a contribution towards the maintenance of the Cathedral.

15. Disputes

Should any dispute arise between the Chapter and the Churchwardens as to their respective duties, rights, privileges or the sum of money to be agreed upon under clause 14, the matter shall be referred to the Diocesan Council, whose decision, subject to the provisions of the Canons of Synod, shall be final.

16. Commencement and Repeal

16.1. This Canon shall commence upon the First day of July 1997.

16.2. The Cathedral Chapter Canon of 1919-1964 is repealed from the First day of July 1997.

17. Short Title

17.1. The Cathedral Canon of 1997.