

# **A CANON TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT BISHOP TO THE BISHOP OF NORTH QUEENSLAND WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ABORIGINAL PEOPLE**

(Assented to and passed 5th May, 1985)

## **Preamble**

BE it enacted by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity in Synod assembled and with the authority of the same as follows:

### **1. Creation of Office**

The office of Assistant Bishop to the Bishop of North Queensland with special responsibility to the Aboriginal people is hereby created in accordance with and subject to the Assistant Bishops Canon 1966 Assenting Canon of 1985.

2. Upon the creation by Synod of the office of Assistant Bishop to the Bishop of North Queensland with special responsibility to the Aboriginal people the Bishop of North Queensland shall with the concurrence of the Diocesan Council appoint an Assistant Bishop (who shall be a person deemed to be of Aboriginal descent) to the office so created and thereafter upon such office becoming vacant from time to time shall with the concurrence of the Diocesan Council make further appointments thereto.

3. The Assistant Bishop shall be under the direction of the Bishop of North Queensland.

4. In addition to any duties assigned to him as an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, the Assistant Bishop shall undertake such work and perform such episcopal acts to the Aboriginal people of the Diocese as may be required or permitted by the Bishop.

### **5. Work Outside the Diocese**

The Assistant Bishop may undertake such work and perform such episcopal acts in another Diocese of the Anglican Church of Australia where such have the approval of the Bishop and of the Bishop of the Diocese concerned.

### **6. Emoluments**

The emoluments of the Assistant Bishop shall be as follows:

(a) A stipend of such amount as the Diocesan Council shall from time to time determine.

(b) The provision of a suitable residence free of any charge in respect of rent, rates and taxes and electricity and gas charges thereon, the maintenance of the same in good repair and the insurance thereof or in lieu thereof an allowance of such an amount as the Diocesan Council shall by resolution determine as being reasonable to compensate for the use of the Assistant Bishop's own residence.

(c) The provision of a suitable vehicle, including its upkeep, repair and insurance thereof or an allowance of such amount as the Diocesan Council shall by resolution determine as being necessary or expedient to be expended for travelling and other expenses incidental to the office of Assistant Bishop.

Provided that should the Assistant Bishop receive any emoluments as the holder of any office in the Diocese including the Rector of a Parish such emoluments shall be regarded as part of the emoluments and not additional to it.

### **7. Cessation of Office**

The Assistant Bishop shall cease to hold office:

- (a) If he resigns his office in writing addressed to the Bishop.
- (b) If he shall be declared totally and permanently disabled by Diocesan Council within the meaning of total permanent disablement under the Superannuation Canon 1982-1984.
- (c) If he shall attain the age of 70 years.
- (d) If his License as Assistant Bishop is withdrawn by the Bishop provided such withdrawal shall be with the concurrence of Diocesan Council.

**8. Synod Membership**

The Assistant Bishop shall be virtue of his office be a member of Synod and shall vote as one of the Clergy except where presiding at Synod.

**9. Short Title**

The Short Title of this Canon shall be "The Assistant Bishop to Aboriginal People Canon of 1985".