

THE TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS ASSISTANT BISHOP CANON

(Assented to and passed the Third day of May 1997, Amended 2007)

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

1. Preamble

A Canon to create the office of Assistant Bishop to the Bishop of North Queensland with special responsibility for the people of Torres Strait Islander descent.

2. Creation of Office

2.1. The office of Assistant Bishop to the Bishop of North Queensland with special responsibility to the Torres Strait Island People is hereby created in accordance with and subject to the "Assistant Bishops in North Queensland Canon of 1985".

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2.2. Upon the creation by Synod of the office of Assistant Bishop to the Bishop of North Queensland with special responsibility to the Torres Strait Island People, the Bishop of North Queensland may after consultation with the Torres Strait Regional Council and with the concurrence of the Diocesan Council appoint an Assistant Bishop (who may be a person who is a descendant of an indigenous inhabitant of the Torres Strait Islands) to the office so created and thereafter upon such office becoming vacant from time to time may after consultation with the Torres Strait Regional Council and with the concurrence of the Diocesan Council make further appointments thereto.

3. Responsibility and Duties

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

3.2. 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 People who are descendants of an indigenous inhabitant of the Torres Strait Islands of the Diocese as may be required or permitted by the Bishop.

4. Residence

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The Assistant Bishop may reside in such place or places as shall from time to time be agreed between the Assistant Bishop and 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 a stipend of such amount and such other benefits as the Diocesan Council shall from time to time determine **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:

7.1. If he resigns his office in writing addressed to the Bishop.

- 7.2. If he shall be declared totally and permanently disabled by Diocesan Council within the meaning of total permanent disablement under the governing rules of the Australian Clergy Provident Fund pertaining to Canon No. 7 of General Synod 1995.
- 7.3. If he shall attain the age of 70 years.
- 7.4. If his Licence 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 by 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 the Torres Strait Islands People Canon of 1997".