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|  | **CANON XXI**  **OF QUALIFICATION OF LAY PERSONS FOR OFFICE** | | *1992* |
| 1. | | Save as hereinafter set out every lay person who is to hold any office in and take part in the decision making proceedings of any organisation or body recognising or under the authority of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui:; | *Minimum requirements.* |
| 1.1 | | shall have been validly baptised; | *Baptism.* |
| 1.2 | | shall be enrolled or registered or otherwise recognised according to the laws or customs of the Tikanga with which such person identifies as a member of a local ministry or mission unit, recognised within that Tikanga; | *Tikanga recognition.* |
| 1.3 | | shall have signed the declaration of adherence and submission set out in the Constitution / te Pouhere; | *Declaration.* |
|  | | PROVIDED that for trust boards or trusteeships, and for tribunals charged with deciding matters of doctrine, discipline or order such persons shall be of the age of 20 years and upwards. | *Exceptions.* |
| 2. | | Deleted 2004. | *Youth provisions* |
| 3. | | Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 1 hereof a lay person who is a member of another Christian Church recognised by resolution of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui duly chosen to represent a cooperating parish or cooperative venture in the house of laity of any diocesan synod of any diocese in New Zealand shall be entitled to a voice and vote in any such synod provided they shall first make and sign the declaration set out in the schedule to this Canon. | *Member of another Church 2004* |
|  | | PROVIDED that any such person shall have no voice or vote when the synod shall be acting under the following provisions of the Constitution: | *Exceptions.* |
|  | | (a) Part B Clause 6(b) - alteration to formularies. |  |
|  | | 1. Part E Clauses 10 and 11 (nominating a bishop) |  |
|  | | (c) Part G Clause 4 (amending the constitution). |  |
|  | | (d) Any proposal or matter pursuant to the Church of England Empowering Act, 1928. |  |

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| 4. | Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 1 hereof a lay person may be appointed to an office and may take part in the decision making proceedings of any organisation or body recognising or under the authority of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānuiwhen that organisation or body is: | *Participation in other bodies.* |
| 4.1 | Engaged concerned or interested in the trusteeship or management of any health, education, welfare, social service or recreation institution or agency; any cemetery or crematorium; |  |
| 4.2 | Engaged concerned or interested in a cooperative or cooperating venture with another Christian Church recognised by resolution of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui. |  |
|  | PROVIDED any such lay person shall first make and sign the declaration set out in the schedule to this canon. |  |

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| **SCHEDULE**   The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia **DECLARATION OF ADHERENCE AND SUBMISSION TO THE**  **ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA** |
| I, …………………………………………………………………………….……………, being about to be licensed to the office of *[name of office]* given permission to officiate in *[name of Diocese or area]* authorised for *[such a ministry].*  **DO SOLEMNLY MAKE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION**:  **I,** ………………………………………………….., **DO DECLARE** that I will give all due obedience to the Constitution/Te Pouhere and the Code of Canons of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and to the decisions and judgments of those holding authority under the Constitution/Te Pouhere and the Code of Canons including all regulations which may be made pursuant to the Constitution/Te Pouhere and the Code of Canons.  **AND** I hereby undertake in consideration of my holding any such office or membership immediately to resign that office or membership together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto whenever I shall be called upon so to do by those acting under authority given to them by the Constitution/Te Pouhere or the Code of Canons or any regulations made pursuant to them.  Given under my hand this ……..… day of ……………..……………… in the presence of:  Signed:  in the presence of: |