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|  | **CANON XIV**  **OF AUTHORISED SERVICES** | *1992*  *Amended 2016* |
| 1. | Each Tikanga is authorised to approve forms of service not inconsistent with the Constitution / te Pouhere, or with the Formularies of this Church except for services the use of which may be authorized pursuant to clause 8. | *Tikanga responsibility*  *Amended 2018* |
| 2. | Within Tikanga Māori, Te Runanganui o te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa may act to grant such authorisation. | *Aotearoa* |
| 3. | Within the Tikanga of the Diocese of Polynesia the Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia may act to grant such authorisation. | *Polynesia* |
| 4. | Within Tikanga Pākēha the Synodical Conference may act to grant such authorisation **provided** that this authorisation will apply only in those dioceses in New Zealand whose synod has ratified the authorisation of the Synodical Conference. | *Special Conference* |
| 5. | Ngā Pīhopa Amorangi may authorise forms of service to be produced and used in different situations in Te Pīhopatanga upon such conditions as Te Pīhopa may determine. | *2016* |
| 6. | The Bishop of Polynesia and other Bishops with episcopal jurisdiction within the Diocese of Polynesia may authorise forms of service to be produced in different situations in the Diocese of Polynesia upon such conditions as the Bishop may determine. | *2016* |
| 7. | Diocesan Bishops and other Bishops with episcopal jurisdiction within a Diocese in New Zealand may authorise forms of service to be produced and used in individual ministry units, after consultation with the Vestry or equivalent body, and in other particular areas of the Church’s work, upon such conditions as they may individually determine in each case, and in consultation with their Diocesan liturgical committees. | *2016* |
| 8.a | Licensing Bishops of this Church (“authorising Bishop”) may, at their discretion: | *2018* |
|  | 1. authorise the form of a service blessing those who are in any form of civil marriage or any form of civil union recognised by the State in which that authorising Bishop holds episcopal jurisdiction; and 2. authorise the use by individual Ordained Ministers within their jurisdiction (including those within non-parish based ministries such as chaplains), within the Amorangi or Diocese in which that minister is based, of a service authorised pursuant to clause 8(a)(i). | *2018*  *2018* |
| 8.b | The authorisation and use of services under this Canon must occur in a manner consistent with clause 1 Part D, clause 1 Part E and clause 1 Part F of Te Pouhere/the Constitution and in accordance with tikanga within each Tikanga. | *2018* |

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| 9. | No Ordained Minister shall be authorised to use such a service unless: | *2018* |
| 9.a | the vestry or equivalent leadership body of the ministry unit to which that Ordained Minister is licensed has been consulted in good faith; and | *2018* |
| 9.b | the jurisdiction in which the blessing will take place allows for the legal recognition of the civil marriage or civil union that is to be blessed. | *2018* |
| 10. | No ordained Minister authorised to use a service of blessing pursuant to clause 8 is compelled to bless any particular couple and may exercise his or her discretion and conscience as to which couples are blessed. | *2018* |
| 11. | Any Ordained Minister proposing to conduct a blessing service authorised pursuant to clause 8 in a place of worship in which he or she does not ordinarily conduct worship shall do so only with the permission of the licensed minister responsible for that ministry unit in which that place of worship is located. | *2018* |
| 12. | Clauses 1.3 and 1.5 of Title G, Canon III and Clause 2 of Title G, Canon III, excluding clauses 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8 and 2.10 apply, with any changes necessary for meaning, to any service of blessing pursuant to an authorisation under clause 8. | *2018* |
| 13. | Any authorising Bishop, or any person using such a service once it has been authorised, will not be subject to any process of investigation or discipline under Title D Canon I or Title D Canon II. | *2018* |
| 14. | Any Bishop who does not authorise a service pursuant to clause 8, or any Ordained Minister who refuses to use such a service once it has been authorised, will not be subject to any process of investigation or discipline under Title D Canon I or Title D Canon II. | *2018* |
| 15. | Any form of service authorised under this Canon: | *2016* |
| 15.1 | is an authorised service, but is not a Formulary unless it shall have been approved under the provisions of the Church or England Empowering Act 1928 and the Constitution / te Pouhere; | *2016* |
| 15.2 | must conform to ‘A Form for Ordering a Service of the Word’ or ‘An Alternative Form for Ordering The Eucharist’; and | *2016* |
| 15.3 | must not be inconsistent with the teachings of the Formularies. | *2016* |
| 16. | A copy of any service so authorised shall be forwarded to the General Secretary, to be held in the records and archives of the Church. | *Copy required* |