

CONSTITUTION

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. - Amen.

WHEREAS the Members of the Anglican Church of Canada in the Diocese of Kootenay have been associated together as a branch of the said Church, and a Synod has been constituted for the government of the same, for the ordering of the affairs, the arrangement of the property, the promotion of the discipline of the Members thereof, and the inculcation and maintenance of a sound doctrine, and true religion in the Diocese, to the glory of Almighty God, and the edifying and increase of the Church of Christ;

Now therefore, we, the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity, do solemnly declare and resolve as follows:

We declare our adherence to the Anglican Church of Canada in the Dominion of Canada, and we accept as our Supreme Governing Body the General Synod of Canada, with its Solemn Declaration, Fundamental Principles, Basis of Constitution, and Constitutions, reserving for it all the objects, which in its Basis of Constitution, are declared to be within its jurisdiction and we hold and maintain the Doctrine and Sacraments and Discipline of Christ, as the Lord has commanded in His Holy Word, and as the Church of England has received and explained the same in "The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the Use of the Church of England, together with the Psalter or Psalms of David, appointed as they are to be sung or said in Churches, and the Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests and Deacons," and in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion. And the Synod, herein before constituted, shall hold and maintain the same, and shall have no power to make any alteration in the Authorized Version of Scripture, or in the above-named Formularies of the Church. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Synod from accepting any alteration of the above-named Version of the Bible and Formularies as may from time to time be adopted by the General Synod of Canada.

Provided also that it shall be lawful for the Synod to frame new, and to modify existing rules (not affecting doctrine), with the view of meeting circumstances peculiar to this Diocese.

Provided also, that it shall be lawful for the Bishop, from time to time, to authorize and order to be used any special form of Prayer or Thanksgiving, as he or she shall deem expedient and edifying.