

# CANON XV

## The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

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### 1. Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

On the Provincial Synod of Canada consenting hereto, the Dioceses of Toronto, Huron, Ontario, Niagara, Algoma and Ottawa, at present comprised within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, shall constitute a new ecclesiastical province, to be known as “The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario”, and shall cease to be under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Synod of Canada.

### 2. Provincial Synod

There shall be a Provincial Synod of the said Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, which shall be known as “The Provincial Synod of Ontario”, and shall consist of all the bishops of The Anglican Church of Canada having Sees within the said ecclesiastical province, or executing by due authority the episcopate as coadjutor, suffragan, assistant, or missionary bishop therein, and of delegates chosen from the members of the clergy and laity thereof.

### 3. First Session

As soon as the resolutions of consent shall have been passed by the Provincial Synod of Canada, the bishops and clerical and lay delegates present from the dioceses comprising the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario shall withdraw from the session of the provincial synod, and as soon thereafter as conveniently possible shall assemble in session as the Provincial Synod of Ontario, under the presidency of the Metropolitan of Ontario or there being no Metropolitan of Ontario present, under the presidency of the senior bishop of Ontario present.

### 4. Provincial Synod of Canada

After consent as aforesaid the bishops and clerical and lay delegates from the remaining dioceses of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada shall constitute the Provincial Synod of Canada and shall continue to exercise all the powers thereof over all the remaining dioceses.

### 5. Constitution of Synod

The Constitution, Order of Proceedings and Rules of Order of the Provincial Synod of Canada *mutatis mutandis* shall be the Constitution, Order of Proceedings and Rules of Order of the Provincial Synod of Ontario until the last mentioned synod shall have adopted a new Constitution, Order of Proceedings and Rules of Order.

## **6. Canons of Synod**

All Canons of the Provincial Synod of Canada, so far as the same shall be applicable to the Province of Ontario, shall be deemed to be Canons of the Provincial Synod of Ontario until or unless the synod shall otherwise enact.

## **7. Transfer of Diocese**

With the consent of the dioceses affected, the Provincial Synod of Ontario may enter into agreements with the Provincial Synod of Canada or with the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land for the transfer to the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario of any territory comprised within either of those provinces, and such territory shall upon and after the date agreed upon become and constitute part of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario and be subject to the provincial synod thereof.

**Note:** The Diocese of Moosonee transferred from the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land to the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario in 1935.