

CANON CONCERNING CONFESSIONS 1989

Canon 10, 1992¹

A canon concerning confessions

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This canon may be cited as "Canon concerning confessions 1989".
2. If any person confess his or her secret and hidden sins to an ordained minister for the unburdening of conscience and to receive spiritual consolation and ease of mind, such minister shall not at any time reveal or make known any crime or offence or sin so confessed and committed to trust and secrecy by that person without the consent of that person.
3. The proviso to canon numbered 113 of the Canons of 1603, and any other law of this Church concerning the making of confessions to an ordained minister, in so far as the same may have any force, shall have no operation or effect in this Church.
4. The provisions of this canon affect the order and good government of this Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese adopts this canon by ordinance of the synod of the diocese.

1 This canon was passed provisionally as Canon P3, 1989.