

Confirmation

an adaptation for candidates baptized as adults

The Liturgy Commission was requested by the Anglican bishops in the Diocese of Melbourne to consider an adaptation of the Confirmation rite more clearly to address the situation where people are to be confirmed who had answered for themselves when they were baptized, and where their confirmation was separated in time from their (adult) baptism.

The Commission continues to support the principle that normally such persons should be confirmed immediately following their baptism, leading into their admission to the Holy Communion, as part of an integrated rite of Christian initiation.

The Commission prepared a draft adaptation at its meeting in November 2008, and a positive response was received from the Archbishop of Melbourne to its suggestions.

In view of this, the Executive Secretary was asked to communicate the suggested rewording to all diocesan bishops, and request that it be placed on the General Synod website

The text of the rewording is:

On APBA page 87, as necessary, #11 is replaced as follows:

11. *The bishop says these or similar words.*

Some of you were baptised as infants or young children.

You will now affirm for yourselves the promises made on your behalf at your baptism.

Some others of you have more recently been baptised,
making your promises in your own name.

You will reaffirm these promises with us today.

We will pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen all of you.

I invite the sponsors to present the candidates now.

The sponsors answer

We present *name(s)* who come(s) to be confirmed.