

A BILL FOR THE STRATEGIC ISSUES, COMMISSIONS, TASK FORCES AND NETWORKS AMENDMENT CANON 2022

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

General Background

One of the means for the Standing Committee to identify issues of strategic importance to the Church is through the Commissions and Task Forces created under the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Canon 1998 (principal canon). Under section 8 of the principal canon seven expert Reference Commissions are established. Under section 8A of the principal canon, the Standing Committee may establish additional expert Reference Commissions.

The Family Violence Working Group (FVWG) was established as a result of a resolution at the 17th Session of the General Synod. As recommended by the FVWG report dated 26 October 2021 to the Standing Committee, the Standing Committee at its 12-13 November 2021 meeting established a new Commission pursuant to section 8A of the principal canon to continue the work of the FVWG to be ratified at the 18th Session of General Synod and agreed that the Commission will be provisionally called the Families and Culture Commission. This Bill proposes amendments to the principal canon to enable the new Commission to be established as a Commission under section 8 of the principal canon.

If this Bill were passed by the General Synod, pursuant to section 30 of the Constitution it would come into force on and from the date appointed by the President, being not later than one calendar month from the date upon which the canon was passed.

Notes on Clauses

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| Clause 1 | contains the title of the canon. |
| Clause 2 | provides that the principal canon is the Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Canon 1998. |
| Clause 3 | adds the Families and Culture Commission to the list of Expert Reference Commissions established under section 8 of the principal canon. |
| Clause 4 | inserts a new section 12D into the principal canon that sets out the functions of the Families and Culture Commission. |