

Bill No.4

Proposer: The Revd Canon Malcolm Kingston

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Bishop,

As members of Synod will know from recently held Easter Vestry Meetings, this is a triennial year, meaning that at Diocesan Synods during the months ahead there will be elections to membership for the next session of General Synod.

As current members of the General Synod we should have completed a Declaration Form as required under the Church of Ireland's Constitution Chapter 1, Part 1 Section 9 stating that as of the 1st January previous we were between the ages of 17 and 73 years inclusive and that we are communicant members of the Church of Ireland. As part of this Form of Declaration we will have included our signature and our date of birth and these forms were forwarded by diocesan offices to the Synod Officer.

In today's world, a most convenient means of communication is electronic mail. Already much of our Synod correspondence is by electronic mail, therefore in order to assist the Synod Officer to communicate with General Synod members, by way of Bill No. 4, the Honorary Secretaries are simply requesting that an email address is offered by elected members on their Declaration Form, so that a database of addresses can more be easily compiled for the next and future sessions of General Synod. Naturally email addresses will be managed in a GDPR-compliant fashion.

I propose that Bill No. 4 be given a Second Reading.