

**Bill No.2**

**Proposer: Mrs Hazel Corrigan**

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Bishop,

This bill aims to maintain the basic idea of representation on our diocesan synods. It aims to ensure that those elected to serve as Diocesan Synod members are clearly rooted in the parishes by which they are elected.

Currently, our constitution allows for the possibility that a member from one parish could serve as a Diocesan Synod member for another parish. While this may seem like a technicality, it undermines the very essence of representation and dilutes the voice of the parish.

Therefore this bill will rectify this anomaly by enshrining the principle that Diocesan Synod members must have a tangible connection to the parish, parochial district, union or group of parishes they are elected by. Specifically, this bill proposes that individuals elected to serve as Diocesan Synod members must be registered Vestry Members of the respective parish, thereby ensuring a direct and vested interest in the welfare of the parish.

Bishop, I propose that the bill be given a second reading.