

**GENERAL SYNOD 2023  
RESOLUTION**

**Resolution Number C008**

**Subject:** Request to House of Bishops Regarding Membership in General Synod

**Moved By:** David Anderson

**Seconded By:** Michael Oulton

**Be it resolved that this General Synod:**

Request the House of Bishops engage in a discussion regarding the principle of proportionality of membership, as reflected in the Constitution of General Synod for the membership in the Orders of Laity and Clergy, and to recommend a method for applying this principle to the Order of Bishops for consideration by the Governance Working Group and the Council of General Synod, in advance of the next meeting of General Synod.

**Source:** Members of General Synod

**Submitted By:** David Anderson

Does this motion contain within it any financial implications?                      No

If yes, has the General Synod Expenditures Committee considered the implications?                      Not applicable

**EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND**

The principal of proportionality is applied by the Constitution of General Synod to the membership of General Synod in the Orders of Laity and Clergy and serves to enhance synodality, however, that principal of proportionality is not currently applied to the Order of Bishops under the constitution. This resolution, if passed, would ask the House of Bishops to apply this principle to their order.

**PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION (G)**

*In the normal course, an ordinary motion must be passed by a majority of the members of General Synod present and voting together.*

*Six members of General Synod may, prior to the question being put, require a vote by Orders, with a majority of each Order being necessary to pass.*

*If a question passes on a Vote by Orders, any six members (two from each of three different dioceses) may immediately before the next item of business require a vote to be taken by dioceses. A motion passes if a majority (or a tie) of dioceses vote in favour.*

*Source: Sections 4 and 5 of the Declaration of Principles and sections 18, 19 and 20 of the Rules of Order and Procedure.*