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**Irish Council
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Data Privacy Notice

1. Purpose of this Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice covers the various activities of the Irish Council of Churches which is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC102643). We recognise the importance of your privacy and this Notice sets out the way in which we will use, disclose and protect your personal information.

2. Your personal data – what is it?

Personal data is any information relating to a living individual who can be identified from that data. Identification can be by the information alone or in conjunction with any other information in the data controller's possession or likely to come into such possession. The processing of personal data is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (the "GDPR").

3. Who are we?

The Irish Council of Churches (ICC) is the data controller (contact details at the end of this notice). This means that we decide how your personal data is processed and for what purposes. The ICC may change this policy from time to time and any such changes will be published on our website. Notwithstanding any change to this policy, we will continue to process your personal data in accordance with your rights and our obligations in law.

4. How do we process your personal data?

We collect data necessary for the Irish Council of Churches to pursue its stated charitable objective of the advancement of inter-church relations.

In furtherance of this we will use your personal data for one or more of the following purposes depending on the way in which you are connected to, engage with, or avail of services provided by the ICC:

- To run the central administration of the ICC including its Councils, Committees, Panels, Task Groups etc.;
- To maintain contact with Member Church delegates;
- To maintain contact details for officials in groups that are part of the ICC;
- To provide information about news and events within the ICC including the distribution of publications and mailings;

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- For administration and related purposes with regard to those who have subscribed to ICC social media;
- For the purpose of conference/events management (AGM, IICM);
- For the purpose of responding to queries about constitutional composition and role of the ICC;
- To manage recruitment processes and train, support, administer personnel procedures and provide a central payroll in respect of employees;
- To manage recruitment processes and train, support, administer personnel procedures and provide a central payroll in respect of Official Personnel;
- To manage the central finances of the ICC including the payment of expenses/invoices, the payment of stipends/wages/salaries and the recoding of income including related gift aid administration;
- Archiving for research and historical purposes;
- For the fulfilment of contractual, regulatory compliance and legal obligations;
- To respond to general enquiries.

Data collected and processed may include, but not be limited to:

- name and title;
- contact information including email address;
- demographic information such as postcode, preferences and interests.

5. What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

Organisations are permitted to process data if they have a legal basis for doing so. The Irish Council of Churches processes data on the basis that:

- Processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by ICC or a third party except where such interests are overridden by the interests, rights or freedoms of the data subject; and/or
- Express and informed consent has been given by the person whose data is being processed; and/or
- It is necessary in relation to a contract or agreement which the person has entered into or because the person has asked for something to be done so they can enter into a contract or agreement; and/or

- There is a legal obligation on the Irish Council of Churches to process data; and/or
- Processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of a data subject or another person.

Where we process special category sensitive data* we process data on the basis that:

- Explicit consent has been given by the person whose data is being processed; and/or
- It is necessary for the Irish Council of Churches to carrying out its obligations under employment, social security or social protection law, or a collective agreement.

* Article 9 GDPR defines sensitive data as information about an individual's race, ethnic origin, politics, religion, trade union membership, genetics, biometrics (where used for ID purposes), health, sex life, or sexual orientation.

6. Data Integrity and Security

We comply with our obligations under data protection regulations by keeping personal data up to date; by storing and destroying it securely; by not collecting or retaining excessive amounts of data; by protecting personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure and by ensuring that appropriate technical measures are in place to protect personal data.

7. Sharing your personal data

Your data will not be shared outside of the Irish Council of Churches, except where required to do so by law, or with trusted third parties (mailing, cloud storage, printing etc.), and only once satisfied that any such use of data will accord with this policy. Explicit, informed consent will be sought from individuals whenever and wherever required in accordance with data protection legislation.

8. How long do we keep your personal data?

The personal data held by the ICC will only be retained for as long as it is legitimately required to fulfil the purpose or purposes for which it is required. This will include compliance with statutory retention periods.

We will regularly review the data we hold and securely delete or destroy any personal data that is no longer necessary for processing.

9. Your rights and your personal data

Unless subject to an exemption under the GDPR, you have the following rights with respect to your personal data: -

- The right to request a copy of your personal data which ICC holds about you;
- The right to request that ICC correct any personal data if it is found to be inaccurate or out of date;
- The right to request your personal data is erased where it is no longer necessary for ICC to retain such data;
- The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time;
- The right to request that ICC provide you with your personal data and, where possible, to transmit that data directly to another data controller;
- The right, where there is a dispute in relation to the accuracy or processing of your personal data, to request a restriction is placed on further processing;
- The right to object to the processing of personal data;
- The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office.

10. Further processing

If we wish to use your personal data for a new purpose, not covered by this Data Privacy Notice, then we will provide you with a new notice explaining this new use prior to commencing the processing and setting out the relevant purposes and processing conditions. Where and whenever necessary, we will seek your prior consent to the new processing.

11. Contact Details

To exercise all relevant rights, queries or complaints please in the first instance contact the General Secretary at:

General Secretary
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Inter Church Centre
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