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"That they may all be one" (John 17:21)

Why I am standing

I am offering myself for election to General Synod because I care deeply about the life, mission and future of the Church of England.

I believe Synod needs people rooted in parish ministry who will listen across difference, speak with courage and compassion, and keep Christ at the centre.

If elected, I would represent the clergy of Chichester faithfully while contributing to the wider mission and governance of the Church.

About me

I am Vicar of St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill, and previously served as Associate Vicar in the Uckfield Plurality. Ordained in 2015, I have served in a variety of parish contexts.

Alongside parish ministry, I have contributed to the wider life of the Diocese through supporting women in ministry, racial justice and vocational formation. I am also a Prebendal Canon of Chichester Cathedral.

My professional background in occupational health brings experience of wellbeing, governance, risk and resilience - perspectives I believe would be valuable to General Synod.

Mission and parish life

The local church is at the heart of my vocation. I want national structures and decisions to strengthen rather than burden parish ministry. I am passionate about mission, children and young people, and churches where people encounter Christ and know that they belong.

What I would bring

Clergy wellbeing and sustainable ministry. Drawing on my experience as both a parish priest and occupational health professional, I would advocate for clergy wellbeing, appropriate support and healthy working practices, including greater understanding of disability and neurodiversity.

Representation and racial justice. As a priest of Global Majority Heritage and of African origin, I am conscious that GMH clergy remain underrepresented in aspects of the Church's leadership and governance. I am not standing simply to represent one group: I want decision-making to reflect more fully the breadth of the Body of Christ.

Unity across difference. Our Church contains different traditions, cultures and theological convictions. I would listen before speaking, engage respectfully with those with whom I disagree, and seek common ground without avoiding difficult issues.

Good governance and accountability. My professional experience has taught me the importance of good governance, safeguarding, accountability and learning from mistakes. These are not separate from mission; they help create a Church worthy of people's trust.

If elected

I would bring parish experience, a commitment to clergy wellbeing and racial justice, professional knowledge of occupational health and governance, and a Global Majority Heritage perspective.

I will listen to the clergy of our Diocese, remain accessible, speak with courage and seek to represent your concerns faithfully.

I would be grateful for your support and prayers.

Rooted in parish ministry. Listening across difference. A voice for the whole Church.