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Dear Deanery Synod Members,

Hello, brothers and sisters in Christ!

I am putting my name forward for General Synod and I would like to ask for your vote in the 2026 General Synod Elections. Please allow me to introduce myself.

Personal:

I am originally from Canada, and I have lived in the UK with my husband and four children for ten years.

I came to the UK to study at Durham University, where I researched early Christian initiation and catechesis practices. We as a family have felt called to stay and serve in ministry in the UK – my husband as an ordained minister, and myself as a theologian, writer, and teacher. I am involved in the life and growth of the church from several angles (see details below), and in each of these I seek to communicate, support, and contribute to the Church's mission to preach Christ crucified and risen. I believe that recovering and receiving the ancient faith handed down through the generations is indispensable to the renewal and refreshing of the Church. I have a heart for the local parish: I am deeply involved in our parish, Parish of the Upper Skerne (which includes 5 churches and covers 10 villages), and I love to see God's hand and His gospel touching the ordinary lives of neighbours and friends. I also have an international perspective: I have experience working with Anglicans from across the global communion, not only back in Canada, but also in America and the Global South. I worked with a group of Anglicans from around the world on a catechism renewal project, the fruits of which have just been published, *The Hope in Us: A Catechism for World Anglicans*. This group included clergy and theologians from the Arctic, Egypt, Tanzania, Uganda, Singapore and America. <https://livingchurch.org/anglicancatechism/>

Church Involvement:

- Clergy Spouse: I'm married to Rev David Lucas, Parish of the Upper Skerne
- Co-ordinator of our parish's Sunday School Team
- Praise Band Leader
- Director of a parish discipleship group: 'Skerne Scriptorium'



Professional Life:

- Lecturer at Lindisfarne College of Theology: teaching Church History and New Testament Greek
 - o previously, lecturer at College of the Resurrection, Mirfield
- Newly-Appointed 'Ministry Experience Scheme Enabler', Diocese of Durham
 - o I coordinate and lead the formation component of Durham Diocese's 'Ministry Experience Volunteer Scheme': a ministry and discipleship gap-year program during which young people spend a year volunteering in church ministries and exploring their calling and relationship with God.
- Author of *Sensing the Sacred: recovering a mystagogical vision of knowledge and salvation*, Wipf & Stock (2023)

Why I feel called to take part in General Synod:

- I care about the governance of the church, and particularly about the impact of church decisions and policies on clergy, their families, the local parish, and the church's mission. I am involved in and care deeply about theological education ministerial formation.
- I believe that receiving and proclaiming the Gospel necessitates theological clarity and humble fidelity to the apostolic faith.
- I care about our duty and vocation to care for creation, and I want to support the church in finding ways to do that creatively.
- I desire to work toward real church unity.
- I can offer a perspective informed by the early church, and by the contemporary global church.
- I have a diverse vantage point on what Anglican faith and ministry looks like and feels like on the ground: as a theological educator, as someone involved in ministry formation, as a clergy spouse and a mother trying to raise her children in the faith, as a leader of children's ministries, and as a regular old lay person who loves the Lord!

Thank you for your consideration, *Hanna Lucas*

