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I am seeking nomination to the General Synod of the Church of England because I believe I can make a meaningful contribution through my extensive experience in strategic leadership, sustainable development, infrastructure, governance, and community engagement, underpinned by a lifelong Christian faith and commitment to service.

Throughout my professional career, I have worked at the intersection of infrastructure development, sustainability, and social impact, focusing particularly on digitised energy systems and the integration of renewable technologies across sectors. My work has centred on developing flexible, resilient, secure, and affordable energy systems that support decarbonisation, economic growth, and social wellbeing. These experiences have equipped me with the strategic insight, collaborative leadership skills, and long-term vision that I would bring to the work of General Synod. My faith has been a guiding force throughout my life and has led to active involvement within the wider Anglican Communion, including connections with the Diocese of Kaduna in Nigeria and St Michael's Church in Malawi. Much of my church service, however, has been devoted to Durham Cathedral, where I have worshipped and served for many years.

I was instrumental in establishing the Sunday School at Durham Cathedral's Education Centre, which has since developed into the thriving Junior Church. I also served on the Cathedral Council before its dissolution and remain an active member of the Cathedral Servers' Team alongside my wife and son. Through these roles, I have witnessed the importance of nurturing faith across generations and supporting the Church's mission within both local and wider communities.

As Managing Director of **Green Globe Architecture Ltd**, I lead a multidisciplinary, design-led practice specialising in sustainable architecture, engineering, and environmental design. Our work focuses on creating sustainable mixed-use communities through innovative approaches that integrate renewable technologies, including solar, wind, biomass, geothermal energy, and rainwater harvesting. Through this work, we seek to create environmentally responsible developments that deliver positive social, economic, and community outcomes.

Associate Fellow, Durham Energy Institute, Durham University

Acting as both a practitioner and external ambassador, I contribute expertise in energy development, support collaborative research opportunities, and represent the Institute externally. This role has enabled partnerships and collaborative initiatives involving the African Union, CAFOD, AUDA-NEPAD, and the Government of Malawi.

Member, Durham Diocesan Synod

Participating in the mission and ministry of the Diocese, helping ensure that the voices of parishioners are heard and supporting the Church's vision that every person has the opportunity to encounter God and know His love through Jesus Christ.

Member, South Durham Deanery Synod

Contributing to the mission, governance, and life of the Church at deanery level.

Server Team Member, Durham Cathedral

Supporting worship and enhancing the prayerful and liturgical life of Durham Cathedral, helping enrich the experience of the diverse communities that gather there.

Previous Roles and Experience

Regional Architect / Senior Facilities Development Manager

Sport England Lottery Fund and Arts Council England

Provided technical leadership and advice for Lottery-funded projects and co-authored national sports strategies and technical guidance documents. Working extensively across the North East, I observed both significant deprivation and remarkable community resilience. Guided by Christian values, I championed Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, promoting projects that delivered substantial social and economic benefits, particularly for women, girls, and young people.

Sub-Team Leader / Senior Architect

Mouchel (Building Schools for the Future Programme)

Led the design and delivery of educational infrastructure projects aimed at improving learning environments and opportunities for future generations.

Director

Seymour Harris Active!!

Provided strategic direction and leadership in the development of community-focused initiatives.

Governor

Durham Trinity School and Sports College

Contributed to governance, strategic planning, and educational development.

Member

Durham Cathedral Community Council (until dissolution)

Supported community engagement and Cathedral governance.

Member

Church Commissioners' Slavery and Reconciliation Working Group

Contributed to important discussions concerning historical accountability, reconciliation, and the Church's ongoing commitment to justice and healing.

Key Skills and Experience

- Strategic leadership and organisational governance.
- Policy development, planning, and implementation.
- Sustainable development and infrastructure expertise.
- Energy systems, environmental sustainability, and climate resilience.
- Partnership building across academic, governmental, faith, community, private sector, and international organisations.
- Strong collaborative leadership and stakeholder engagement.
- Extensive committee, board, and working group experience, including chairing and contributing to sub-committees and strategic forums.
- Commitment to social justice, equality, inclusion, and community development informed by Christian faith and values.

What I Would Bring to General Synod

I would bring a combination of deep faith, practical experience, strategic thinking, and a commitment to serving both the Church and wider society. My experience across governance, sustainable development, international partnerships, and community engagement has equipped me to contribute thoughtfully to the Church's response to the challenges and opportunities of our time, while remaining grounded in the Gospel and committed to the flourishing of all God's people.