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I'm a revivalist, charismatic, evangelical studying Wesley, Whitefield and the HTB network. I'm a convert to the Anglican church who longs to see God's Kingdom come on earth as in heaven. From travel, history and Scripture I believe it is possible to see the dry bones of the Church of England come back to life. On Synod I would raise hope, speak life and pray, pray, pray for God's Kingdom to come. I have served effectively on Synod before and would be very grateful for your first preference vote and a second term.

3 reasons to vote for me:

"That we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name"

1. Priority of prayer

Synod needs **people of prayer**. This is not just because it is a spiritual battle ground, but also because Synod sets the prayers we are authorised to pray in church and which we assent to use. 'As we pray so we believe' means that **what is written in our liturgy is crucial**. I believe God wants me to come on Synod and pray my heart out while also reminding us to hold on to the faith we have received in these amazing **bible-based prayers**.

“Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

2. Clergy Care

I've been a curate, incumbent, pioneer minister, diocesan advisor, clergy spouse and a self-supporting minister. Whatever our role, for almost all of us ***it's been a gruelling season. It doesn't help if we feel the national church/dioceses don't understand what we're going through.*** Awareness is needed of what clergy housing can feel like, what it's like to raise kids on a stipend, the pressures of lone (and lonely) working, how self-supporting ministry can seem taken for granted and how national debates can affect our ministry if conducted noisily or viciously in the public eye.

We clergy took on these roles because ***we wanted to make Jesus known in our communities, to bind up the broken-hearted and proclaim the good news of the Kingdom.*** But if we get isolated it is too easy to stumble and fall.

On General Synod I saw how there is an opportunity at Synod for winsome voices to ***explain what it is like to be licensed clergy***, faithfully serving parishes, chaplaincies, with or without a stipend and ***help those who seem to have power*** to effectively support our ministries as well as to support us, our loved ones and families.

“Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”

3. Amplifying good news - to wake up the church

Last time on Synod I successfully led a private members motion and a diocesan motion. I spoke as often as possible to bring good news. My new role with **SOMA UK** gives me access to some of the most amazing, faith building stories in the Anglican Communion. These give ***much needed perspective to our national church.*** One African curate wrote to say he was being deployed hours from his family. Others have had no income in COVID. ***Some face daily trials and persecution, and yet are faithful to Christ at great personal cost.*** Stories of faith and hope abound. ***These are voices we want to 'be in the room' when we are making decisions*** (that have ripples for them too), and examples of faith to learn from when we are tempted to feel despondent here. My strong hope is that ***God is going to use the hurting and broken parts of the Anglican Communion to awaken the Church of England*** and I can't wait to see this happen.

I'd be very grateful for your support and, if possible, your first preference vote in the upcoming elections.

Yours in Him,



Richard Moy