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Proposer: Mrs Genevieve Mensah (Warden of Holy Trinity Brompton Church; Chelsea Deanery Synod)

Seconded: David Kay-Shuttleworth (Chelsea Deanery Synod)

I am offering myself to serve at the General Synod as I am passionate to see:

- The Church of England continue to grow and flourish and to play a significant role in social transformation and integration in our society;
- Increased diversity in the leadership of the Church of England, to match and to support the increased diversity of the congregation;
- Unity across the church.

I am a British citizen, born and raised in Nigeria, in a Christian family, before moving to the U.K in 1995. I have three adult children and my family has attended Holy Trinity Brompton Road for over 20 years. I am a qualified lawyer with practising experience of over 30 years, currently a self-employed barrister and also running an advisory practice focused on family business succession and estate planning. In the course of the past year, I have become more conscious of the impact of the church in engaging with the community to provide support and comfort to people and communities who have been negatively affected by the covid-19 pandemic. I have seen God at work, using the church to spread and enhance a message of social transformation and integration and feel a calling to serve Him with my own skills and resources.

My growing sense of need to be involved, has resulted in the following:

- During the 1st and 2nd national lockdown last year, as part of the 'Love Thy Neighbour' programme, I volunteered to deliver prescription medicines to the sick and vulnerable who were unable to leave their home;
- I have been elected to the Advisory Church Council (formerly the PCC) of Holy Trinity Brompton and also to the membership of the Chelsea Deanery Synod;
- I was recently elected as a member of the London Diocesan Synod.
- I have been appointed as a Director & Trustee of the Lambeth Conference Limited, which is mandated, on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to plan and deliver the Lambeth Conference in 2022.

I believe that my particular interest in corporate governance and my ability to tackle sensitive issues in a constructive and collegiate manner, would make me a valuable member of the General Synod. If elected I will always seek first to listen and understand, before discerning prayerfully. I am particularly interested in our response to the ongoing financial challenges and pressures facing the Church of England, and would like to see increased resourcing of mission and ministry at the pastoral level, to reflect the changing demographics and needs of the parish.

I am a supporter of various charities including Crisis UK and Great Ormond Street Hospital. My hobbies include listening to all kinds of music and collecting modern & contemporary African art. I am a trustee of an art foundation established by the renowned British-Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare CBE, to support and nurture young artists from Africa and the diaspora. I also love taking long walks with my 2-year-old golden Labrador called Nala.

I believe that the Church of England is at an important phase in its history and needs to continue to be an important and relevant voice, bringing the message of Jesus Christ, to lead and influence society on issues that affect our global future. I pray for God's direction and wisdom for the leadership of the Church and pray that He will grant me the opportunity to play my part by participating in the important work of the General Synod.

Thank you.

BIMPE NKONTCHOU (Mrs)