

## GENERAL SYNOD ADDRESS 2021 - JOSILE MUNRO



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- **Proposed by Mrs. Enid Barron, Member of General Synod (2015-2021)**
- **Seconded by Mr. Antonio Joseph, Hackney Deanery Lay Chair**

### *Dear Synod Member*

I am standing for election to represent you as one of your General Synod representatives. If you like the values and experience that I will bring to the role of being one of your representatives please give me your first or high preference vote.

*Please see below the values and outcomes I will work for as your member*

- **A church which is bolder in proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. We need to be more confident disciples with better lay training and discernment. We should ensure that the love of our Lord shapes all the decisions we make in General Synod.**
- **A church which has Jesus Christ at the centre and is focussed on the five marks of mission, outward looking and relevant to all those who live in this country.**
- **A simpler, humbler, inclusive, safer church which intentionally addresses unjust and unfair practices. As we are all made in the image of God, we need to have a heart for the poor and excluded and demonstrate that equality is for all. As a church we need to actively work to make racial justice, housing justice and living in love and faith a reality.**
- **A church which works harder at being more welcoming and open minded so that young people are encouraged to attend, participate and lead in its mission.**
- **A church that will actively undertake, promote and give a lead on actions which will address the climate change emergency. The climate crisis must be a key focus of our transforming effectiveness programme and in showing our love of God and our neighbour.**
- **A church with a generosity of spirit which values the contributions of our different traditions as well as encouraging all who want to participate as disciples of the Gospel.**

## *What experience can I offer?*

- I have been active in General Synod e.g., taking part in debates, leading on progressing legislation in synod, and as a member of the Mission and Public Affairs Council.
- I have more than 25 years of actively representing the concerns of lay people in a variety of synods, councils and committees. This has involved working with people from a range of church traditions to reach decisions which have been guided by the Holy Spirit.
- I have provided regular, accessible and relevant presentations and updates on what happens in synod.

## *Who is Josie?*

- I am an active 58-year-old committed Anglican worshipping in the United Benefice of Holy Trinity with St. Philip, Dalston and All Saints', Haggerston.
- I participate in worship which includes reading, leading Intercessions, and occasional devotional study (e.g., Stations of the Cross).
- I undertake Sacristan duties and have trained a team of servers which includes adults.
- I am active in my parish's safeguarding and finance working groups.
- I am a member of the London Diocese's Cursillo movement.
- I hold a science degree, a professional qualification in consumer protection and post graduate management qualification. I have managed services, people and budgets. I work professionally in consumer protection and business regulation. I have a sense of humour, enjoy reading and keeping fit.

## *What is my experience of other church roles?*

- I am a member of the Diocesan Bishop's Council and the Stepney Area Council.
- I am a member of the Diocesan Finance and Stepney Area Finance Committees.
- I am a member of the Board of Patronage and have been involved in interviewing parish priests from a range of traditions.
- I have held Church leadership roles such as the Lay Chair of Stepney Area Council (current), Hackney Deanery Synod (1996-2002) and was lay Chair of my PCC during two interregnums most recently in 2017-2018.
- I am an examining chaplain for those who are discerning their vocation and have previously been a Bishop Advisory Panel selector.
- I am a member of the project board of The Clewer Initiative which works to raise awareness of Modern Slavery and help end it.
- I am a governor of the Whitelands (C of E) College (University of Roehampton).

*Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to know more or have any questions.*

**Thank you very much for all your support and giving me your first or high preference vote.**

*Josie*