

## House of Laity Election Address of DABERECHI NDUBUISI IWUOHA



My name is Daberechi Ndubuisi Iwuoha - a British citizen of Nigerian descent with significant knowledge of the Anglican doctrine, having been born and raised from a clergy family. I also have the following background

- PCC member and Deanery Synod representative at St.James Parish Church, Great Cambridge Road
- An Organist, Music Director and a Chorister;
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Anglican Igbo Church London.
- Holds a 10 year experience as a Server, a Lay Eucharistic Minister and a member of the Boys Brigade.
- Popular Chorister at All Saints Parish Church in Edmonton
- Leader of the Choir and Gospel Band Group at the multi -cultural Anglican Igbo church London (a recognized part of the Diocese of London – Anglican Communion).

I trust that my knowledge and disposition above will be relevant to this House of Laity Synod Delegate role. Also, my professional disposition as summarized below will be an added advantage in this role;

- A Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- A Law Society' Accredited Senior Caseworker (IAAS)
- A Legal Adviser at Citizens Advice (Bureau)
- A Practicing Solicitor and commissioner for Oaths at EcoM Solicitors
- A Black Solicitors' Network member
- A doctoral student at the University of Sunderland United Kingdom. Beside my legal qualifications, I also have degrees in Political Science, Religious studies and Music.

Hence, I am pleased to substantiate my wealth of experience and participation in Church affairs below;

1. I have being participated in Bible reading, presenting intercessions, singing in the choir, volunteers in church cleaning and playing the organ when required.
2. My passion and desire to be a synod representative for the London Diocese is simple; to become a voice to the ethnic minorities who are increasingly becoming a vital part of the Church of England and to grow the congregation. I will provide a voice for the youths helping to direct and advise on the type of worship and innovations that are needed to attract them back to the Church of England.
3. As someone of ethnic minority background who has lived and witnessed racial discrimination and the psychological stigma that comes with it, I believe I am well

placed to be a persuasive voice in ensuring that the needed inclusion change that has started within the church of England is continued and in the required direction the church is looking to divert attention to attract people for Christ.

4. When the number of youths attending church is dwindling, and the Pentecostal form of worship is luring our children away, I am well placed with the tremendous experience from the African church, The Igbo church, the boy's brigade, as an Immigration advisor to the migrants from both Europe, Caribbean, Africa and around the world which forms an integral part of church attendance in the church of England.
5. As an advisor at the citizen's advice, I deal with a varied caseload and often advise the vulnerable and less privileged and those unfairly treated by the system or others.
6. I believe I know what is needed and seek to promote agenda and push forward policies that would help attract the young generation back to the Church of England, which is the church's future. At 43, I have the age advantage of moving with the changing trend and striking a balance between the old and the new generation.
7. The black lives matter movement has changed the way the Church of England looks at things. I was at the lamentation service organised by the Ven(Dr) Preb Amatu Christian- Iwuagwu in response to the racial injustice that led to the black lives matter movement. The Bishop of Dover preached a wonderful sermon and the Archbishop of Canterbury attended. Interestingly, the Archbishop promised to move the Church of England towards fostering an agenda to ensure inclusion and equality.
8. My experience as a legal practitioner and as also a legal advisor in the public service such as citizens advice which speaks for the less privileged, provides a voice for all regardless of race, religion, and sexual orientation.
9. I have a listening voice and all it takes to move for the push forward an agenda that would be beneficial to grow the church, retain its current membership, attract the youth which would help to lure them away from gang violence and to promote equality and justice.

Therefore, I ask for your vote to kick start that change and help promote the vision of the Church of England. Thank you for your time reading and God bless.