

General Synod Nomination
(General Synod will be held July 7-13, 2016 in Toronto)



Nominee's Name: The Rev'd Canon Jean Archbell

Phone Number: _____

Home address: _____

Email address: _____

Nominee's Parish: St. James, Dundas

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify: _____

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

St. James Anglican Church, Dundas Rector, August 2014-present - St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church, Burlington Rector, 2005-2014 - St. Christopher's Anglican Church, Burlington Associate Priest 2002- 2005 & Licensed Layworker 1996-2002 - Provincial Synod Delegate October 2012 & 2015 - Provincial Synod Council Clergy Rep. for Niagara October 2012-2015 (3 year term) - Ecumenical Officer for our Diocese & Member of LARC Just begun September 2015 - Diocesan Generous Culture of Stewardship Committee Member 2009-present - Dean of Trafalgar 2012-2014 - Trafalgar Region Clergy Representative on Synod Council 2012-August 2014 - Synod Council Representative for the Generous Culture of Stewardship January 2015-present -Members of the Governance Committee 2013-present General

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

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As the clergy representative to Provincial Synod Council for the last three years I feel I bring a lot of informed knowledge which will help in the discussions at General Synod. I have read extensively on the Marriage Canon and I have a lot to offer in moving this issue forward. General Synod is about making connections and speaking for the diocese which I feel I can do well.

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As the Ecumenical Officer for our Diocese I feel I should be at general Synod as the Synod deals with global partnerships, and ecumenical and interfaith relationships. I am very interested in what is happening in the Canadian Church around Indigenous Territories, around sharing of resources and changes in our liturgical practises. Also, I can read and understand a balance sheet. I feel I have a lot of experience to offer to the discussions and a heart to learn more so that we can more faithfully answer God's call in our ministries as we undertake God's mission.

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Nominee's Name: The Reverend Canon Joseph Asselin

Phone Number:

Home address:

Email address:

Nominee's Parish: St Cuthbert's Oakville

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

Ordained in 1993. Graduate of Trinity College. Served as Assistant Curate of St George's, Guelph and Rector of Mount Forest. Rector of St Cuthbert's, Oakville, since 1999. Led an \$850,000 facility expansion at St Cuthbert's. Associate (Fellowship of St John) of the Society of St John the Evangelist in Cambridge, Massachusetts and is a keen supporter of the spiritual care of clergy. Graduate of the Church Development Institute in the Diocese of Western New York. Served on the Board of Governors of St Mildred's School, the Diocesan Stewardship and Financial Development Committee and Synod Council. Currently, Chaplain to Ordinands in Niagara and Member of the Candidates Committee. Member of General Synod held in Ottawa, 2012.

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

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I was moved and inspired by my experience at General Synod in 2012 and would like to be able to build upon what I learned from that experience and serve one more term. I bring a depth of experience to my role as a member of General Synod from my early days in student ministry, my time in prison ministry and social services and my twenty two years as a parish priest.

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I am supportive of an Inclusive church and will back changes to the Marriage Canon with local options. I support diocesan amalgamations when they make sense in terms of pooled resources and I celebrate opportunities for growing global partnerships. Was inspired by the jointly held Lutheran-Anglican meeting in 2012.

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Nominee's Name: The Rev. Canon Ralph Thomas Blackman Phone Number:

Home address: Email address:

Nominee's Parish: St. George's, Guelph ON

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

Rector of St. George's Guelph since September 2009. Previously, Rector of St. George the Martyr Cadboro Bay, Victoria BC; Dean of St. James Cathedral, Chicago IL; Rector of St. Andrew's, Tacoma WA; Associate Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver BC; Executive Director of Camp Artaban, Diocese of New Westminster (Vancouver BC); Rector of St. Chad's, Vancouver BC; and curate at St Paul's Cathedral, Regina SK. I have served twice previously as a Member of General Synod (Canada) and I have served on National and diocesan committees and governing bodies in both the Anglican Church of Canada and the Episcopal Church in the USA. As well, I have had the experience of teaching a New Testament course for the ICMI program at Uganda Christian University in Kampala.

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

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I believe I bring a wealth of experience and creativity from my 30 years of service as an Anglican priest, which has been molded from a broad range of ministries undertaken in a variety of contexts and jurisdictions. I have a passion for our church and I truly believe it has an important place in the fabric and spirit of Canadian society, and that Anglicans can be an important witness and voice of faith within the public discourse in the future. My strengths range from liturgy & worship, stewardship, to extensive work with children and youth, and participation and leadership in conferences re the future church. My ministry is adaptive and transformational in nature.

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Having sat on Governance teams in a variety of contexts and jurisdictions, including having served on the governance committee in this diocese, I believe how we create a way of doing things that enables big tent serving together instead of small tent "correct thinking" is important to our future. Doctrine holds from its roots but must flower to our best with God as we experience the Jesus narrative into today's cultural context. All of the things listed above are vital parts of this discussion, and they have been front and center for me in the ministry I have experienced and been engaged in the last three decades.

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Nominee's Name: The Rev'd Canon R. Terry DeForest

Phone Number:

Home address:

Email address:

Nominee's Parish: Holy Trinity, Hamilton (& St. James', Dundas)

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

Previous Member of General Synod (1992, 1998); Member (1998-2004) and chair (1999-2001) of the national EcoJustice Committee; Member of the June 1999 Jubilee delegation to G7 international debt summit; Co-chair for 2010 Community Justice Camp; liturgical renewal, social justice, youth, teaching, ecumenical, spiritual direction and pastoral ministries with congregations across the diocese in St. Christopher's, Burlington; St. Matthias', Guelph; Christ's Church, Cathedral; St. John's, Ancaster; and in interim roles in All Saints', Hamilton; St. Aidan's, Oakville; St. Paul's, Fort Erie; St. Luke's, Burlington; St. John's, Stewarttown; Church of the Incarnation, Oakville; and Holy Trinity, Hamilton; and at Trinity College, Faculty of Divinity. Currently serving as Niagara's Vision Advocate & Director of Human Resources.

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

Why do you want to attend General Synod, and what gifts, strengths and experience would you bring as a member of General Synod from the Diocese of Niagara?

I am happy to offer myself in service in the wider church, drawing on considerable parish, diocesan, provincial and national church experience. I bring extensive knowledge of our parishes and the diocese as a whole, a strong passion for justice, the renewal of the church, pastoral concern, and a commitment to live out our values. I value big picture thinking, faithfulness to God's call, and critical reflection on our theology, contemporary ministry challenges, and our present structures & practices.

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I have long been passionate, as a matter of biblical faithfulness, about justice and inclusiveness for marginalized communities in the church and society, including and especially for indigenous persons; women; youth; and members of the gay, lesbian and transgendered communities. My experience above details a range of interests which intersect with the anticipated agenda of General Synod, 2016.

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Nominee's Name: Valerie Kerr

Phone Number:

Home address:

Email address:

Nominee's Parish: St John the Evangelist Niagara Falls

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

Rector of St John's Niagara Falls - Vice-rector of St George's St Catharines
PWRDF Representative for Diocese of Niagara - Canadian Council of Churches - member liturgy writing team
Worship Planning Team for General Synod 2004 - On call chaplain for Niagara Health System 1998-present
Grief Group facilitator (ongoing) - Member, and president of Board of Directors for Bethlehem Housing and Support Services 2005-2013
Member of Development Committee for Bethlehem Housing and Support Services 2005 to present

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

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Attending would give me the opportunity to connect and re-connect with other Indigenous people in the wider church. As part of General Synod I feel I could bring a different perspective to the table as an Indigenous woman and priest. My experiences working as part of different boards, committees and teams and ability to assess situations, I feel, are gifts I can bring. Learning and bringing back to Niagara the concerns of the wider church and how we, in Niagara, can be instrumental in addressing these concerns would be a gift.

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After attending Sacred Circle 2015 and having the privilege of learning about and being involved with the work our Indigenous sisters and brothers have been undertaking for many years I would like to continue to be part of this important task. Justice issues are something I have been involved in for years especially homelessness and affordable housing. I would love to have the opportunity to expand my knowledge in these and other areas of social justice. How we hear and respond to the needs of our Indigenous partners is also of great interest and importance for me as I spend a fair bit of time educating others of the issues my people live with.

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Nominee's Name: Katherine Morgan

Phone Number:

Home address:

Email address:

Nominee's Parish: St. John the Divine, Cayuga & All Saints, Hagersville

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

- Ordained Deacon & Priest in 1996
- Previous Parishes: St. Simon's, Oakville, Christ Church, Woodburn (Rector), St. John's, York (Rector)
- Currently Rector of St. John the Divine, Cayuga & All Saints, Hagersville
- Member of General Synod 2013
- Presently: Decennial Inspection Committee, Legion Padre, Breakfast Club volunteer
- Previous: Regional Dean, Mohawk Clericus; Niagara Youth Conference; Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee, YLTP

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

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As a current member of General Synod, I would be honoured to return to continue the work we began in Ottawa. So much of the General Synod experience is about sharing stories. Stories of who we are and how we respond to God's call in the communities and diocese where we live, using the gifts and resources we have to the fullest. I bring a sense of who we are in Niagara from my work in youth ministry and the parishes I have journeyed with as a rector in the Mohawk region.

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We are in a time of transition, redefining who we are as Anglicans and how to faithfully respond to the mission we have been given. Much of my ministry over the last five years has been walking with congregations in transition, who have been redefining how to be faithful to who they were, yet open to who God was calling them to be next. These same questions are being asked of our National Church. I would like to bring my experience at the parish level to these larger conversations. There is much to share and much we can learn from each other as we look at our relationships, finances, style of governance, listening to the Spirit leading us forward.

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Nominee's Name: Bill Mous

Phone Number:

Home address:

Email address:

Nominee's Parish: Cathedral Place / St. David's Welland

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

- Director, Justice, Community & Global Ministries, Diocese of Niagara
- Member, Synod Council
- Member, Provincial Synod 2015, 2006
- Director, St. Matthew's House Board
- Associate Priest, St. James Dundas (2007-2011)
- Member, General Synod Partners in Mission & EcoJustice Committee, two terms
- Member, General Synod 2007

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

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I would like to represent the Diocese to continue the tradition of Niagara offering a unique and faithful perspective to the wider church's discernment. Having been a past member, I bring experience and knowledge related to the issues facing our General Synod. As someone who has moved or seconded motions has Diocesan, Provincial and General Synods, I offer not only a progressive presence in speaking to the matters at hand, but a capacity for legislative leadership.

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In June I attended the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final event in Ottawa. I hope to carry some of that experience as the General Synod considers its response to the work of this body. Moreover, the church's approach to the marriage canon will be an important discernment moment for our church, and feel I would be able to offer a progressive and justice-based voice to that conversation as well. Having experience working with other churches in the Communion, I also am interested in contributing to conversations about global partnerships and how they contribute to God's mission.

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Nominee's Name: David Pickett

Phone Number:

Home address:

Email address:

Nominee's Parish: St. John's Ancaster

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

- Rector of St. John's Ancaster
- Archdeacon of Mohawk
- Member, Diocesan Stewardship Group, Synod Council, Bishop's Advisory Committee

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

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After representing Niagara at General Synod/Joint Assembly 2013, I am keenly interested in taking part in the important conversations/decisions on liturgy, interfaith dialogue and the National Church's response to justice issues especially through PWRDF. Niagara is an important leader in the Canadian church and I am honoured to be a member of the group that goes to be a part of our shared voice.

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Anglicans have an important message of broad and deep hope in Christ, and in the broader church. I hold a strong belief that the Gospel of Jesus Christ isn't some idea to be "made relevant" to the human family, but is in fact the essence of who we are welcomed to be, and is the hope of the human family's salvation. I would approach the issues at hand at General Synod from this perspective as to how we should be church. I have knowledge and experience in all the matters to be discussed. I believe we need to pitch the largest tent we can as the Canadian Church.

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Nominee's Name: Laura Marie Piotrowicz

Phone Number:

Home address:

Email address:

Nominee's Parish: St John's, Port Dalhousie

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

March 2015-present: Rector, St John's Port Dalhousie

2010-2015: Rector, Wider Parish of Pelly Plains (Diocese of Brandon)

2006-2009: Priest Associate, Church of the Ascension (Diocese of Niagara)

2004-2006: Honourary Associate: St John's Cathedral (Diocese of Rupert's Land)

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Attending GS2016 is a way to participate in the broader process of discerning how God is calling the church to be faithfully active in the world. I am high-energy, creative, and believe 'church' is a verb. I have served in rural, urban, single- and multi-point parishes, and extra-parochial ministries (chaplaincy, teaching, committees, &c.). Presently serving on CoGS (representing PWRDF) has granted me awareness of the issues and systems of the General Synod. I feel I could meaningfully contribute to the conversation on behalf of this diocese.

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My involvement in diocesan and national bodies (PWRDF, Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, Diocesan Executive, various youth ministries, Greening Niagara, &c.) has given me a great appreciation for good governance and structure. This involvement inspires my commitment to the broader church while finding ways to apply those learnings to the exercise of ministry at home (parish, deanery, diocese). I am passionate about ecological ethics, social justice, food security issues, travel, community building, liturgy, and prayer. I think all work which promotes peace and justice in God's world is the mission and ministry the church is called to do.

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Nominee's Name: Ronda Ploughman

Phone Number:

Home address:

Email address:

Nominee's Parish: All Saints Church/Church of the Ascension - Hamilton

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

I have ten years ordained ministry in Alberta and Ontario, serving in smaller parishes in both rural and urban contexts. I am currently appointed to a small urban church in Hamilton's lower city which is successfully undergoing a major redevelopment of its property and ministry. I am co-appointed as associate to another downtown church that has also done some redevelopment, and where much of my ministry is focused on mental health and wellness.

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

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General Synod is a chance to serve the wider church, to make contributions and to hear about ministries in contexts different from my own. My strength is my openness to others experience, and my willingness to explore and take risks as ministry moves into the 21st century. I am skilled at helping people to navigate difficult conversations and emotions and in finding meaningful, collaborative language for mission and outreach. I am passionate about bridging connections not just within the church but between church and the local community.

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I am interested in justice issues such as living wage, food security, affordable housing and ecojustice and have been involved in several local initiatives. It's my hope that this work will continue to grow. I've worked in ecumenism to develop a chaplaincy at a local college in AB and served on the Administrative Ethics Board, Palliser Health Region and in clinical ethics. I am interested in helping people find meaning between faith and liturgy and in exploring financial models to help sustain vibrant ministries in poor neighborhoods.

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Nominee's Name: Elizabeth Sipos

Phone Number:

Home address:

Email address:

Nominee's Parish: St. Paul's Anglican Church, Fort Erie

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

Rector of St Paul's Anglican Church

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

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In my short time as an ordained priest, I have had the opportunity to minister in a remote Indigenous community in central Quebec, as well as ministering in a southern urban community. Each place have their own unique strengths and struggles as they seek to live out the gospel in their own context.

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I have worked intimately with those who have experienced the horrors of Residential Schools. In light of this past year's Truth and Reconciliation work, I have been following the church's role in this process. Also, I am an advocate of social justice. In light of the recent Syrian refugee crisis, I am certainly interested in seeing how the ACC is able to respond to such situations. As for doctrinal and liturgical practices, the ongoing discussion regarding same-sex blessings is of interest to me, as that is something that I wrestle with.

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Nominee's Name: Martha Tatarnic

Phone Number:

Home address:

Email address:

Nominee's Parish: St. George's St. Catharines

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

Articles in the ATR spring 2014 on Open Table practice & in 2004 on Mass Media & Church - Member Bishop Mark MacDonald's Pimatisiwin Nipi ("Living Water") group - Bishops' appointee to Missional Strategy Group (Diocese of Toronto), appointee to a national consultation (2013). - National Church: Hymn Book Supplement Working Group, Chair of Worship Committee for GS 2016, Chair of CEP Admin Unit (2006-present) -Social Justice & Advocacy Committee, Diocese of Toronto (2011-2014) - Blog for Church of Canada called "Only One Thing." - Member of Task Force on Clergy Compensation – Niagara, 2006 - Panel speaker: Toronto Diocesan Synod 2013, Vital Church Planting 2013, Starting a New Worship Service workshop 2012, Diocese of Toronto Outreach Conference 2011/12, Rural Ministry 2010

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

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I have offered leadership in national conversations around First Nations partnerships and advocacy, as well as new liturgical expressions and institutional renewal of church in a changing world. I have taught, spoken and written on Eucharistic theology and the relationship between the mass media and the church, as well as the more personal connections we are invited to claim between our faith and our lives. I currently serve in a church that is embracing both traditional expressions of Anglicanism as well as fresh ways of being and sharing Church.

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I served for a number of years in one of the first fully-merged Anglican-Lutheran churches in Canada and have functioned as both a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada, as well as a rostered Lutheran pastor. I have offered leadership in visioning and enacting the National Water Project, which has brought together Anglicans and Lutherans of all ages in partnering with the First Nations community of Pikangikum in seeking creative clean water solutions. I am filled with hope for all of the ways in which our church can be leaders in concrete acts of justice, offering worship that is rich and meaningful, and inviting people in very new and very ancient ways

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Nominee's Name: Peter Wall

Phone Number:

Home address:

Email address:

Nominee's Parish: Christ's Church Cathedral

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

Dean of Niagara; Synod Council; Senior Staff; Bishop's Advisory Group; Governance Working Group, Diocesan Liturgical Officer; Life-Changing Worship leadership; several other diocesan committees and activities

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

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I have been deeply privileged to be a member of General Synod several times, both from Niagara, and from my previous Diocese, Huron. I am significantly involved in General Synod work and leadership; current Chair of the General Synod Planning Committee; elected member of the Council of General Synod (COGS); Co-Chair of the COGS Planning and Agenda Team. I think that I bring strong organizational skills and experience, and a real passion and commitment for the work of General Synod. I would be honoured and humbled to represent Niagara again at General Synod 2016.

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I have been part of the continuing conversations at the General Synod on governance reform and structural renewal, as a member (several triennia) of Faith, Worship, and Ministry and bring a depth of experience to those issues. As the Anglican Co-Chair of the Joint Anglican Lutheran Commission, I am a deeply committed ecumenist, and am knowledgeable about many of those concerns. I have also been a member of the national Liturgy Task Force since 2010, and am keenly interested in the work which we have been doing and are bringing to General Synod next year.

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Nominee's Name: Max Woolaver (Ven.)

Phone Number:

Home address:

Email address:

Nominee's Parish: St. Andrew's, Grimsby

Gender: Male Female Other, please specify:

Nominee's present and past parish leadership roles:

Regional Archdeacon of Lincoln (Niagara) (currently)
Parish priest - St. Andrew's, Grimsby (2009-present)
Parish priest - St. George the Martyr, Toronto (1996-2009)
Parish priest - St. Paul's, Brighton (Toronto) (1986-1996)
Ass't Curate - St. Peter's, Cobourg, (Toronto) (1984-1986)
Chair: Vance Latchford Place (Community Housing Project, 2 Murray St. Toronto) (2003-2008)

In 100 words, please respond to the following two questions:

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I bring a deep and abiding care for the Anglican Church of Canada. I bring gifts in the facilitation of group discernment, a breadth of mind in the consideration of diverse issues and opinions. I bring a capacity to attend thoughtfully to the voices of others and a commitment to the inclusion of voices not often heard in other national conversations. Anglicanism is a distinctive spiritual path which offers great wisdom to the present moment. I bring a discerning heart committed to seeking the Spirit's leading of our present Church for the good of God's People and Creation. I believe the gifts of the Anglican Church are relevant to our current cultural moment.

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Please share something of your interest and experience in these matters and what other wider church issues are of interest to you.

I am primarily interested in what Anglican spirituality has to offer to issues of justice understood as the fruit of mercy. I have been involved in housing issues, poverty issues and issues of gender equality, racial and interfaith dialogue. As parish priest I am interested in how the parish model of inclusive community can be sustained, enriched and extended in these early years of the 21st century. I am deeply committed to the Biblical revelation of Jesus of Nazareth as the Living Word of God. I seek to make a positive contribution to conversations concerning the doctrinal and liturgical affirmation and celebration of "that which I have received."

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