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Dear Elector,

I'm Gabriel and I'd like to **serve you** on General Synod (GS) for the Diocese of Liverpool.

I'm writing to ask if you would put me as your first-choice candidate - or as high as you possibly can. I've only put myself forward after a long period of prayer, reflection, and consultation with those in my church family who know me well.

Thank you for taking the time to read, pray, and vote.

My promise

A GS Rep's role is first and foremost **relational**. I will work towards **partnership** with you and representing **your voice** to the best of my ability:

- I will get to **know** you and give you time and opportunity to know me
- I will **listen** to, **learn** about and **celebrate** all that God's doing in your area
- And when we meet or chat... I look forward to **praying** together!

Why do I promise this?

GS has many items of important business that it must discuss and decide on. If we're able to build healthy relationships with one another, I believe this will make the Church of England stronger and wiser when tackling different issues. For us within the Diocese to have dialogue, prayer and informed empathy will only help us speak with grace towards one another - see the other side - and avoid toxic hostility. I strongly believe this is the only way for the collective wisdom within our Diocese and across our different experiences to be heard at the national level.

I know I don't have all the answers:

I need God's help.

I need your help.

I want us to be a team.

Who am I?

I worship at St Philemon's, Toxteth. I moved to Liverpool after university to serve at my church. Initially, I served as a Ministry Trainee and now I'm an Operations Manager. During this time, my responsibilities have included: (1) project managing the replacement of our roof; (2) transitioning the church through a Pastoral Reorganisation as the PCC Secretary; (3) organising a joint Bishops in Mission initiative with a neighbouring Parish; and (4) pastoring our Persian congregation in partnership with the Diocese of Liverpool's Joshua Centre (an initiative to multiply congregations).

I've followed Jesus since childhood. I'm eternally grateful for Jesus and I think He is treasure beyond measure. I love being involved within my community - especially so that the blessings that God's given me might be shared to others! I coach an U11s football team, serve with Friend's International (a Christian organisation who help support international students close to where I live), and learn Farsi (badly!) so that I can better welcome and love Iranians in my church.

What do I care about?

Reaching the next generation

I saw God grow my secondary school's Christian Union/Anglican Chaplaincy meetings from two to thirty in the space of a couple of years as I helped lead it. I'm convinced that God can fill our churches with believing children and youth. The gospel is relevant to them. I want GS to prioritise this and think through how to adequately resource such ministries in our Parishes. My school was a state school far away from any city centre. God can do a marvellous work anywhere!

Supporting God's work in all different contexts and styles

God showed me the beauty of our liturgical heritage whilst I served as Choral and Organ Scholar at two Abbeys (Wymondham and Sherborne) as well as at Peterhouse, University of Cambridge. I believe there's a significant section of young people who are being drawn to God because of traditional worship. But there's a challenge! There are real financial concerns for the upkeep of many of our buildings. I want GS to have a broad vision for how God is using different contexts and styles to draw people to Him. We must make financial decisions holistically and I must make sure your voice and the concerns relevant to your context are heard at GS.

More disciples through new congregations

I've been encouraged over the last four years to see how God has brought revival to people from Iran. This gives me great hope that mission within our Diocese can be fruitful because the Lord is powerful to save. He gave hope to those in my congregation who faced terrible injustices, and in the same way God speaks hope to those suffering across our Diocese. I have seen how multiplying congregations can be effective in helping us reach out with a gospel of love and so I will work towards GS exploring how to support our Parishes in mission to all. This is surely the best way for us to make disciples, make a difference, and see more justice in this world.

Please consider voting for me

If voted on:

- I will serve you by being a voice for unity and mission.
- I want us to be faithful to Jesus in everything - especially in His Great Commission.
- I will work for GS to effectively support all that God is doing through you in the place He's put you.

Your brother in Christ,



Gabriel