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How could I be useful to the General Synod?

I would take the knowledge and experience of worshipping and supporting my deeply rural Parish and Benefice as well as the Deanery Synod to the debates and decisions of the General Synod. In turn I would feedback the work of the General Synod to a local level stimulating debate and discussion and in so doing 'close the loop'.

As an FE college governor bring a sense of the purpose and challenges experienced by young people and those educating them for their future lives and careers in an urban but largely rural environment. I have also served as Chair and Governor in an inner-city college where students were mainly those who had not 'succeeded' at school, a high proportion of whom had dyslexia and other learning issues, were socially deprived and for whom issues of safeguarding were part of their daily routine.

As a charity trustee bring an understanding of the hidden loneliness and poverty in seemingly idyllic rural settings and the challenges of delivering services in 'hard-to-reach' communities.

Offer the skills and experience generated by leading and supporting large and small-scale corporate change management, such as being a Ministerial appointee to a national Regulatory body for many years and supporting this body as it went through times of change and transition.

Bring experience of collaboration and leadership in the generation and delivery of knowledge and information in the field of carbon reduction and energy efficiency as CEO of a respected organisation in this field. Did you ever wonder where the data for the energy colour stripes on your new washing machine came from so enabling a rational 'carbon aware' purchase?

Have substantial knowledge of the management of people both individually and collectively as a Board level HR Director in the mental health, criminal justice and transport sectors. Followed up by 20 years as the CEO of membership organisations in the construction and engineering sector during difficult economic times and through the pandemic in a business which required attendance in the workplace achieving zero Covid transmission.

Extensive experience as a trustee and non-executive Director in numerous bodies which gave insight into a breadth of issues and an understanding of the need for careful preparation and thought enabling the separation of personal views and partiality from the need to take impartial decisions which are focused on the long-term interests of the people or/and organisation in question.

Deep and consistent commitment to issues of equality, diversity and inclusion leading to the honour of an OBE in 2018.

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