

Questions to Candidates

On previous occasions, those entitled to vote in the General Synod election have been able to engage candidates face-to-face at hustings. However, during recent elections, the number of candidates and electors attending these events has diminished dramatically. At the same time, electronic media make it much easier to raise questions through email, websites, Twitter, Facebook and in other ways.

We have encouraged voters to pose questions which can be put to candidates collectively. The questions set out below are generic in nature, but based on those I have received.

If you would like to engage in this question and answer process, please enter your replies in the space provided after each question. I reserve the right to remove any response which might reasonably be considered offensive or prejudicial (though I do not expect that I shall need to do so).

A word limit has been set for your replies of **120 words per question**. Additional words will be cut from the final submission but you could, of course, give a shorter answer and invite anyone who wishes to discuss further with you to send supplementary comments to your email address (remembering, of course, to give it!).

Please return your completed form to jrees@wslaw.co.uk and copied to sleader@wslaw.co.uk, by **9.00 am on Monday 28 September 2015**. Your submissions will be posted on the Diocesan website, with your Election Address and Video Presentation/photograph, on Wednesday 30 September at 5.00 pm.

Canon John Rees
Presiding Officer for General Synod Election
September 2015

Name of Candidate (please enter name in full)	Julie Patricia Dziegiel
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Questions and Replies

Question:	Given there are such strongly held differing views on the issue of human sexuality in our Church, how do you think the Church of England should approach the issue in the next five years?
Reply: 120 word limit applies	I believe those in same sex relationships must be welcome in our churches, and that pastoral response, blessings included, should be at the discretion of individual clergy/leaders. In contrast, many

	<p>in my parish hold a traditional view of marriage, and are uncomfortable serving under a bishop who supports same sex marriage. I've therefore felt, and witnessed, much pain caused by these issues.</p> <p>The planned facilitated conversations aim to take some 'toxicity' out of these deep differences. I pray for effective 'cascading' down, through the levels of church, of the positive effects of those conversations. THIS WILL NOT BE EASY, as views are passionately held. We're strongest working together for the Lord, so must strive for 'good disagreement'.</p> <p>Ask more Julie@stronglg.demon.co.uk</p>
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<p>Question:</p>	<p>What role, if any, do you think the Church of England and its partner churches in the Anglican Communion might play in response to the world's current needs?</p>
<p>Reply:</p> <p>120 word limit applies</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Our church presents Christian values to the UK government, both in public and behind the scenes. I recently contacted the Mission and Public Affairs Division, presenting the view that the government undertaking to accept 20,000 refugees is hopelessly inadequate, and suggesting how our church network can help. <p>The church must also lead by example, such as in areas of ethical investment, and support of the Credit Union movement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Worldwide, Anglican churches also strive for Biblically inspired social justice in their locations, and often being members of the Anglican Communion adds weight to the voices of the churches. 3) The Anglican Alliance continues working across the Anglican Communion in the areas of development, relief and advocacy. <p>Ask more Julie@stronglg.demon.co.uk</p>

Question:	Do you think the ministry of the Church of England might need to change in the coming years, and, if so, what changes would you support in the selection and training of its lay and ordained leadership?
Reply: 120 word limit applies	<p>The national Reform and Renewal programme is addressing this issue in the Resourcing Ministerial Education workstream. I'm involved as a member of the Ministry Division Finance Panel.</p> <p>We should move to team leadership, including lay people. Training needs to be developed for lay leaders, particularly training in children's and youth work, as there is a desperate need to reach young people with the good news of Jesus.</p> <p>It's vital to increase the number of ordinands, to replace the tranche of clergy retiring soon, and to gear up for growth. We must be pro active, seeking high quality people, and offer appropriate training methods, with increasing use of mixed mode training (based in parishes). This needs proper funding.</p> <p>Ask more Julie@stronglg.demon.co.uk</p>