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Proposed by Helen Trout and seconded by Ken Obi,  
both of All Saints, Battersea Fields

When I served on General Synod previously I was an active member. I presented two motions on behalf of Southwark Diocese – one on statistics of ethnicity and one on climate change – and both were passed successfully. I started, campaigned for and presented a successful private member's motion about membership of far right groups. I often asked questions.

In the past 6 years I have continued to be active, serving on Southwark Diocesan Synod and the Diocesan Council of Trustees. I have joined a group that is planning aspects of the Diocesan Conference in September 2022.

I am a supporter of Battersea Welcomes Refugees and I started a motion in Battersea Deanery about refugee professionals which I presented to Diocesan Synod. It was sent on to General Synod where it was passed in amended form. I am currently co-leading a deanery study group on *Living in Love and Faith*. All Saints is seeking to be an eco-church and Battersea is seeking to be an eco-deanery.

I have written two comment articles that have been published in the Church Times. A number of my letters and two book reviews have also been published.

I greatly value the spirituality of Indian dancing. I have performed on a number of occasions at General Synod; also at my church, at the Indian YMCA (for the Friends of the Church in India), and at the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park. I fast each week, lighting a candle for those suffering under corrupt regimes and those striving to bring about justice.

I would like to represent Southwark again on General Synod and to make my contribution on the issues that concern me now. These include:

- Developing a constructive relationship between lay-led innovations and the vital work of parish clergy.
- Urgently improving the way that safeguarding complaints are dealt with.
- Giving due weight to the special needs of rural as well as inner-city parishes.

So I am seeking your support in this election. **I am asking for your first preference vote please, because no-one can be elected without a sufficient number of first votes.** If you feel committed to another candidate for your first vote, please consider giving me your second or other high preference vote.

With best wishes,

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