

18TH April 2024

Dear all,

REF: NOMINATION FOR GENERAL SYNOD

I am **Olukayode Olugboyega Oyebo**, and I hereby express my desire for nomination for the **casual vacancy by-election into the General Synod.**

I am currently a Licenced Assistant Priest with St Laurence Church Catford since 1st October 2022 to-date.

My career post-graduation in 1981, commenced as a Management Trainee - UAC of Nigeria Plc conglomerate with a 22year robust development sojourn. My skill versatility embodied me as a 'specialist,' 'generalist' & 'all-rounder' in Broad Mgt functions; Divisional Personnel Director (UAC Food), Regional Mgr. (Marketing/Sales), Company Training & Development Manager., Divisional Bread Director (UAC Foods), Vehicle Marketing Manager. (General Motors) to mention a few.

I was invariably endeared to fulfil my dream HR Consulting/Training Outfit on the 1st July 2004 as the Managing Partner/CEO till - 13th February.2006, only to be head-hunted with an invitation to join the fast paced Intercontinental Bank Plc (Now Access Bank) in her Strategy Drive as Group Executive Corporate Services (HR & Admin) AGM (sequel to her merger with 4 other banks) taking into account my antecedents and experience across conglomerates to re-energize and bolster her success. My career track also saw me through as a Deputy Director Admin & HR for Nigerian Railway Corporation for a short spell in June 2011 with the urge to fulfil my calling as a Priest shortly after.

I was ordained a Deacon and Priested (3rd July 2011 & 1st July 2012 respectively) in the Diocese of Lagos, Nigeria. I was a non-stipendiary/self-supporting Curate and Vicar till I chose to retire in 2017- age 60 with the permission of my Bishop. Notably, my contributions as a Diocesan HR Trainer were incredibly appreciated even in my acceptance letter.

I relocated to the UK to continue my ministry in 2019 with a Permission to Officiate (PTO) as a Priest in the Diocese of Southwark. Indeed, I was privileged to have moved around 3 parishes namely St John Chrysostom with St Andrew, Peckham London. 2019-2022, St Mary's Magdalene Peckham November 2020 - Sept.2022 and currently a Licenced Assistant Self-Supporting Priest at St Laurence Church, Catford (2nd October 2022-to-date). No doubt, my current posting has been very impactful with opportunities to officiate at a wide variety of churches; local parishes in interregnum etc. and received with warm reception. I am a very active member of the Nigerian Chaplaincy at weekday/weekend activities and a member of the Panel Chairmen of the Men's Fellowship.

At St Laurence's, I regularly officiate at 8am mass on Sundays, attendance at 10am mass & occasional weekday masses, healing masses with laying on of hands and anointing, and monthly preaching. Pastorally, I was until lately responsible for two housebound parishioners till one passed on recently. My particular responsibility is to organise Fresh Expression of worship: bimonthly Community Hymn Singing sessions followed by a reception, sponsored by different parishioners as fellowship and membership growth efforts - 6 sessions held to date. I took the lead in organising the parish Nigeria Day (celebrated by Bp Precious invited at the last minute in place of Late Bp Karowei). I gracefully did some good work building up the Nigerian community, notably via a Nigerian WhatsApp group, contributed significantly at our recent Ministry Team Away Morning - 13th October 2023 especially at the SWOT Analysis and Action Plan during the brainstorming session, I regularly attend monthly ministry team meetings, annual ministry team awayday, meetings of the Church Council, Deanery Chapter and Deanery Synod , officiated at funerals, Memorial Services in/outside

St Laurence Parish rendering assistance where interregnum as well as my needs occur to date. I am involved in the renewal of the parish Mission Action Plan; and now looking to befriend the Caribbean community and others as I have done with the Nigerian community with high scores.

I was engaged in some secular work with the Methodist Housing Association as a Spiritual Chaplain twice weekly, also still a volunteer chaplain at Queen Elizabeth Hospital under Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust to date.

I now look forward to adding value at the Diocesan level with your support God willing.

Thank you and God bless. Amen.

Reverend Father Olukayode Oyebode: Assistant Priest

- St. Laurence Church Catford