GENERAL SYNOD 2026 · ELECTION

LUDOVIC CLAUDE

Holy Trinity Church, Geneva · Archdeaconry of Switzerland

BUILDING BRIDGES *Inclusive. Globally Engaged. Locally Rooted.*

STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

ELECTED JULY 2025 · Three Synod sessions — listening, learning and contributing.

Proposer: ***Canon Dr Clare Amos, Archdeaconry of Switzerland*** · *Seconder:* ***Simon Urquhart, Netherlands, Archdeaconry NW Europe***

WHY I AM STANDING AGAIN

Since you elected me in the **July 2025 by-election**, I have attended **three sessions of General Synod** — listening, learning and contributing. At the most recent sessions in York, I asked a **Synod question** on how the Church can build stronger partnerships with **governments, finance and civil society** to turn its commitment to creation care into practical action, and was encouraged by the positive response from the bishop leading on climate justice. I am asking for your support — as your first or second preference — to continue that service for a full term.

My own path — from **Cameroon**, through **eleven formative years schooled in France** — near Geneva, then a Classe Préparatoire in Annecy and a Grande École in Paris — and on to **the United Kingdom** (where an **MBA at Oxford** followed) and **Switzerland** — has given me a lived experience of crossing cultures, languages and traditions. **Representation begins with relationships**: I take seriously the responsibility to know and listen to people across our Diocese, from my own chaplaincy and Swiss Archdeaconry to the wider Diocesan community encountered through Diocesan Synod.

FAITH, PRAYER & ANGLICAN FORMATION

My service is grounded, above all, in **Jesus Christ**. My Christian faith was first nurtured in Cameroon by my late grandmother, whose Catholic faith and example remain an enduring influence. In London, Gerard Hargreaves and the late Fr William Taylor helped me find my Anglican home at St John's, Notting Hill, where I was received into the Anglican Communion in 2012; Fr William later supported my application to the **Community of St Anselm** at Lambeth Palace. That faith is now lived through worship and service at Holy Trinity Geneva.

My journey has formed an Anglican faith grounded in Christ, with Scripture as foundational, informed by Tradition and engaged through Reason, as we seek faithfully to discern God's call in a changing world.

Yours in Christ,

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WHAT I WILL STAND FOR

01 Diocese in Europe & Representation

Represent our dispersed, international and multilingual Diocese, and keep Synod connected to the lived realities of our chaplaincies across Europe.

02 An Inclusive Church

I support a Church where everyone can genuinely belong, regardless of background, nationality, race, sex or sexual orientation. As a member of Inclusive Church and the Anti-Racism Network, I engage graciously across difference rather than let questions of identity become sources of unnecessary division.

03 Mission, Younger Generations & Lay Leadership

Champion imaginative worship, discipleship and communities that engage younger adults and those beyond traditional Sunday attendance, while keeping prayer and spiritual formation at the centre.

04 Creation Care & Social Witness

Translate Christian stewardship into practical action. Through Aquaful and our work towards a clean-water pilot in Accra, I see first-hand how water security, creation care, human dignity and sustainable enterprise intersect.

05 Safeguarding & Accountability

Support a Church that listens to survivors, learns from failure, and embeds safeguarding, transparency and responsible governance at every level.

06 Faithful Engagement with the Wider World

Strengthen ecumenical relationships and offer a thoughtful Christian contribution to public life, drawing on the Diocese in Europe's unique vocation across cultures and borders.

FROM PROMISE TO PARTICIPATION

A renewed mandate should be based not only on promises, but on service already given.

Asking a question at General Synod, York, 2026 — on turning the Church's commitment to creation care into practical action.

✓ **General Synod:** Attended three sessions since my election, contributing actively to the work and life of Synod.

✓ **Diocese in Europe:** Participated in Diocesan Synod in Cologne, building relationships with clergy and lay members from across our geographically dispersed Diocese — something I regard as fundamental to representing it well.

✓ **Local & Archdeaconry Service:** Active at Holy Trinity Geneva and within the Archdeaconry of Switzerland, connecting local concerns with the wider life of the Diocese.

✓ **Younger Adults & Mission:** Founded and led On the Way, creating a space for younger adults and professionals to explore faith, fellowship and the Church's engagement with contemporary life.

Together, this is a record of presence, not just promises — the foundation I hope to keep building on with a full term.

WHAT I UNIQUELY BRING

FAITH & ANGLICAN FORMATION

Christ · Scripture · Tradition · Reason · St Anselm

An Anglican faith grounded in Christ, formed through Scripture, Tradition and Reason, and deepened at the Community of St Anselm, Lambeth Palace.

BRIDGE-BUILDER, INTERNATIONALLY ROOTED

Cameroon · France · UK · Switzerland · International Geneva

A lived understanding of belonging across cultures and borders, active in International Geneva, including the Club Diplomatique de Genève — seeking a Church where belonging, theological seriousness and respectful disagreement can coexist.

MY COMMITMENT

LISTEN	ENGAGE	CONNECT	COMMUNICATE	SERVE
Represent the breadth of our Diocese, not simply my own views.	Participate seriously, prayerfully and constructively in Synod.	Bring the experience of our European chaplaincies into the national Church, and Synod closer to our chaplaincies.	Share key developments and remain accessible between Synod sessions.	Stay grounded in Scripture, prayer and Christ's call to love God and neighbour.

CHRISTIAN FIRST

Above all, my service is grounded in faith in Jesus Christ. Beyond programmes, policies and institutions, I believe the Church's credibility ultimately depends on how faithfully we live the Gospel — with courage, humility, compassion and hope.

"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."

JOHN 17:18

I ASK FOR YOUR FIRST — OR SECOND — PREFERENCE VOTE

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