

**GENERAL SYNOD****Reappointment of two members of the Archbishops' Council****Summary**

This paper seeks the approval of the General Synod to reappoint The Revd Charlotte Cook and Mr Joseph Diwakar to the Archbishops' Council.

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**Background**

1. In February 2019 the General Synod considered and carried the motion “that the appointment of The Revd Charlotte Cook and Mr Joseph Diwakar as members of the Archbishops' Council for a term ending on 22 February 2024 be approved”. Details of their candidacy and the process by which they had been recommended were set out in GS 2115.
2. Under the National Institutions Measure 1998 members may be appointed to the Council for a maximum of two terms, subject to the approval of the General Synod. Members so appointed automatically become members of the General Synod. We would like to reappoint Charlotte and Joseph for a second term.
3. Both Charlotte and Joseph have new roles since their original candidature:
  - a) Charlotte is now Priest-in-Charge of Westerfield, Tuddenham and Winesham in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and Assistant Rural Dean of Ipswich.
  - b) Joseph is Tutor and Lecturer in Church History at St Mellitus College. He is completing doctoral research on conservative evangelicals in the twentieth century. He teaches across the whole course of church history, and also offers modules on ecclesiology and global theologies. He is also Diversity and Inclusion Officer for St Mellitus College.
4. The Council has valued the input of both Charlotte and Joseph over the last five years. In particular it has valued their contribution to chairing meetings, their input into recruitment (for example both Charlotte and Joseph served on the recruitment for the Director of the Central Secretariat), the governance review and on the effectiveness of the Council. They have brought a prayerful presence and a commitment to making the Council itself younger and more diverse. We accordingly have no doubts about reappointing both to the Council for a second term.

**Decision**

5. The Synod is invited to approve the appointment of The Revd Charlotte Cook and Joseph Diwakar to the Archbishops' Council for a second five-year term ending 22 February 2029.

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