

# ST. ANDREW'S BROCKLEY

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

Nomination for Moderator of General Assembly.

Dear Members of Southern Synod,

We, the church meeting of St. Andrew's Brockley, held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021, nominate the Rev Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson for the role of Moderator of General Assembly.

When we have prayerfully discerned who should be the person to take on this important role within the life of the United Reformed Church, Tessa's name is the one we feel called to put forward.

Tessa currently serves as Minister in a busy pastorate in Southampton, Wessex Synod. She has a vast and broad understanding not only of the processes and values of our diverse, and sometimes complex, denomination; but also firmly grasps the importance of hearing the voices that could be lost, and the need to see and offer welcome to those who are still denied a seat at the table.

Her life experiences, prayerful relational nature and her deep and clearly obvious faith would be hugely important in this key role in the life of the United Reformed Church. Tessa's work within denominational councils, as part of Cascades of Grace and as a Womanist Practical Theologian bring insight to her ministry which we feel needs to be heard especially within the wider voices of our denomination.

After fifty years of our life as the United Reformed Church (and when we need to consider who we are as God's people in our own contexts, denominationally and within God's world), we firmly believe that the moment and the space is right for Tessa to be called to serve in the role of Moderator of General Assembly.

We wholeheartedly endorse Tessa to you for nomination to General Assembly 2022 and prayerfully ask you to consider and discern our recommendation.



For and on behalf of the Church Meeting of St. Andrew's Brockley

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