

# Eighteenth session of General Synod (2022)

## Member profile

### Dr Claire Smith



**House:** Lay

**Diocese:** Diocese of Sydney

**Profession / Areas of Expertise:**

New Testament scholar; author;  
teacher/speaker

**Profile:**

Born and raised in Sydney. I became a Christian as a young adult. I first trained as a nurse and worked in oncology and palliative care, before studying theology at undergraduate and post-graduate levels. My paid ministry has included being university staff worker, women's pastoral worker, evangelist, and theological college lecturer.

I am married to Rob, an ordained Anglican minister, who lectures at Sydney Missionary and Bible College. We attend St Andrew's Cathedral Sydney, where I'm involved in women's Bible study and other ministries. I serve on the Sydney Synod, and Sydney Standing Committee.

My published doctoral thesis examines the place and practice of education in the early Christian communities of 1 Corinthians and 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus.

I have been a member of General Synod since 2010 and have enjoyed serving on the General Synod Doctrine Commission since 2014.