

## Lay Canon Dr Chris Gourlay – 18th General Synod (2022)

### Parish/Congregation Involvement

I am a long-term parishioner of the Diocese of Brisbane, currently worshipping at St John's Cathedral along with my wife.

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| 1988-2012 | Parish Councillor (non-consecutive terms) |
| 2010-2011 | Churchwarden, St Marks The Gap Parish     |
| 2014-     | St John's Cathedral Council               |
| 2015-     | Liturgical Assistant Cathedral            |
| 2016-     | Coordinating Steward Cathedral            |
| 2016-     | Cathedral Warden and Lay Canon            |
| 2016-     | Finance Committee Cathedral               |
| 2018-     | Risk Committee (Chair) Cathedral          |
| 2019-     | Fabric Committee Cathedral                |
| 2021-     | Nominations Committee Cathedral           |

### Diocesan Involvement

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| 2011-     | Diocesan Synod Representative (non-consecutive terms)             |
| 2017-     | Commissioner under the Benefices Avoidance Canon                  |
| 2019-2021 | Nominations Committee Diocesan Council (Archbishop's Appointment) |
| 2021-     | Synod Minutes Committee Member                                    |
| 2021-     | Archbishop's Election Committee Member                            |

### General Synod Involvement

I have been a General Synod representative since 2017.

### Education and Qualifications

I hold the degrees of Bachelor of Engineering (1st Class Hons & University Medal), and Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Queensland.

I am a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD), a Member of the Institution of Engineers, Australia (MIEAust), a Chartered Professional Engineer (CPEng), and a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ).

### Professional Experience

I have over 30 years' experience with industry, government and universities in Australia and overseas. My career has spanned a range of areas in a variety of capacities – highlights include Research Director of the CRC for Rail Innovation; test facility engineering projects for the UK Department of Defence and the aerospace industry. More recently, as the Director of Consulting and Research Expertise (CoRE) at the University of Queensland, I've managed consultancy contracts between the University and industry clients. My current role is the Chief Operating Officer of the Australian National Fabrication Facility.

### Other

I enjoy kayaking, walking, reading, travel, boats, history, building LEGO and railway models, and spending time with family.