

Jenny George

I am a lay General Synod member from Melbourne. I have been to two previous General Synods.

I came to faith in a brethren church in New Zealand which my parents helped to plant. Being part of a vibrant lay-led community is something that has shaped the rest of my Christian life and meant that I have always expected to be deeply involved in the life of the church even though I've never been called to pastoral or ordained leadership. Seeing a church plant from the inside also ensured any idealism about the church was balanced by a robust realism about the sinful natures of the people who comprise it.



During PhD studies in the US, I attended a Presbyterian church and was a regular member there. When I moved to Melbourne, I was received into the Anglican Church. I met my husband, Matt Williams, through our involvement in the refugee ministry of St Jude's church in Carlton. Matt is now the vicar of St James' Old Cathedral in West Melbourne and I am the music director there. We have enjoyed building a community which combines traditional liturgy and classical Anglican choral music with lively orthodox preaching and a truly all-age congregation. We have a ten year old daughter.

In Melbourne, I am a member of Archbishop in Council, a director of the Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation, chair of the People and Culture committee of the Diocese and a member of the Synod Business Arrangements committee. I have previously also been a board member of Ridley College.

I work as CEO of Converge International (formerly called ITIM, the Interchurch Trade and industry Mission) which is Australia's leading provider of mental health care services to businesses. I was also formerly the Dean of the Melbourne Business School at the University of Melbourne where my academic area of interest was data analytics.