

The Anglican Church of Australia

EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF GENERAL SYNOD - 2022

CANDIDATE PROFILE

FULL NAME OF CANDIDATE: Mark Steven Francis
DIOCESE: Canberra and Goulburn
HOUSE: Laity
PROFESSION: Chartered Accountant, Army Officer
AREAS OF EXPERTISE: Board Governance, Strategy, Finance, Defence Force

PROFILE:

I have over 35 years' experience in the Army Reserve in the Infantry Corps, with experience in command, training and personnel, across regiments, staff college and Army HQ, rising to the rank of Colonel.

I am currently working full-time in Defence as Project Director, Moral Injury, Joint Health Command. I previously worked full-time in Defence as Lead Capacity Planner coordinating a team of Reservists for CASG.

I have over 35 years' experience in the Not-For-Profit religious sector including working in Anglicare Canberra and Goulburn, United Bible Society, Bible Society Australia, and Sydney Anglican Diocese.

I have over 30 years' experience as a Board/Council member, including General Synod's Defence Force Board, Anglican Church Property Trust Canberra & Goulburn, UBS Asia-Pacific, Parish Councils (three parishes), and Church Warden (two parishes).

I am a Chartered Accountant, attended Mt Eliza Management College, GAICD (Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors), and was awarded an RFD for my Reserve service.

I am married with 2 adult children. We attend several Anglican Churches in Canberra, ACT (mostly by Zoom) including St. George's, Pearce, and previously attended Greyfriars Church of England, Reading, UK; St. Phillips Anglican Church South Turramurra, Sydney; St. Peters Anglican Church Cooks River, Sydney; and in my early years at St. James Anglican Church Turramurra, Sydney.