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Dear Hector

Now that it is clear that Peter Ball is not going to Australia I wonder whether his name might be considered in connection with the Diocese of Leicester. My reason for suggesting this is a conversation that I had during the recent meeting of the General Synod with Archdeacon David Silk. If I understood him rightly, the needs of the diocese centre on two very different things, one being the substantial rural area and the other the large Asian population in Leicester itself.

It seems it is going to be difficult to find anybody who can meet both these requirements and it did occur to me that Peter has certain gifts which might be just right in that situation. He of course has a substantial number of villages in East Sussex and is greatly liked in them. It also seemed to me that the Asian population might respond very well to having a religious among them as I believe that professional "Holy Men" are greatly venerated in that cultural milieu.

I thought it worth writing to you about this as otherwise Peter might not be thought of in this context.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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