



Please fill in an answer to each question.

Keep your answers fairly brief, ideally 2/3 sentences maximum.

Your name, your age and your home town/city:

Answer: My name is Victor Sohail. I am 50 years old and I live in Nelson in Lancashire.

The church you are serving:

Answer: Great Marsden St. John the Evangelist with St. Philip Nelson.

Tell us about your family:

Answer: I am married, blessed with three children. I have two daughters and a son. My son is the youngest in the family. My eldest daughter is 26 years old and she is in the university studying medicine, and she is finishing her fourth year. My second daughter is 21 years old and she is a dental nurse working in Birmingham, hoping to go back to university for further education. My son is 20 years old and he is also in university finishing his second year of medicine.

Former job before entering ministry?:

Answer: Working as a carer.

Why did you decide to get ordained?:

Answer: It was not my decision, it was calling for me from God. My journey was started in 2006 and I have given up lot of things for the fulfilment of God's calling.

What's been the best thing about your training?:

Answer: Throughout training engaging with different critical exercises helped me in growing academically. But it was also a very difficult experience at some stages; which helped me by exposing my limitation of my understanding of lot of topics.

What's the most important thing you have learned?:

Answer: I have learned about church and different church models. I have learnt about my own church and which model it fits. I have learned different models of leadership and which leadership model I want to work on to develop for my future ministry. As I came from a very different church background. I have learnt about how to reflect theologically on different issues.

What is your hope for your future role?:

Answer: I still have to learn a lot for my future role. My hope and prayer is that my future ministry become a fruitful in saving souls for Jesus Christ.

Your favourite quote:

Answer: A fundamental argument for collaborative ministry is that God collaborates with us, and that this is the pattern we are offered in the New Testament (Nash, Pimlott and Nash)

How do you hope to support the new Diocesan vision of 'Healthy Churches Transforming Communities' at parish level?

Answer: As a church our church is fully committed in addressing all three main areas of Diocesan vision, although 'growing leaders' is bit more intentional thought and action. At present the church is doing this by building relationships and through encouragement. We have a history of growing leaders and exporting them to the wider church. My hope is to become a bridge in between church and a big Asian community.

How do you relax?:

Answer: By listening and playing South Asian music. Reading good suspense novels. Watching good movies and cricket with family and friends.