

Called to Serve: Bruton Parish Vestry Nominees, 2021-2023 Term

From September 15-October 15, nominations were open for vestry service. After that time, the Nominating Committee met to compose the slate of five persons presented below. Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their efforts, and to those who were brought forward and willing to serve. The Nominating Committee members are Bill Armbruster, Rick Boye, Meghan Brewer, Ginny Elwell, Marty Jones, Lori Forcucci Smith, John Snead and Spence Webster.

This year, you will vote **at home**. We'll provide a ballot form, on paper and online, on which you may indicate approval of the slate. This form will be mailed and available online beginning Tuesday, November 17.

Vestry Nominees



Collison P.E. "Colly" Burgwyn, Jr. is a committed Christian, a lifelong Episcopalian and member of a family that is rich in the Episcopal tradition. He began his service to the church when he was very young as an acolyte at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Newport News. He has also been a lay reader, a chalice bearer, and served on a vestry. He serves as an usher at Bruton Parish. Colly taught a wide variety of middle and high school history courses for 35 years at several independent schools and developed his leadership skills by working in a variety of school administration positions. Colly and his wife Kitty have one son actively serving in the Coast Guard.



Margaret M. Driscoll was born and raised in Atlanta and attended the Cathedral of St. Philip. She previously served on the Bruton Parish vestry and was Senior Warden when then-rector Holly Hollerith was elected Bishop. Margaret was a member of the Search Committee that called our rector Chris in 2011. She has been an usher; a member of the Kitchen Ministry and Property Committee; and volunteered for the Winter Shelter. She has lived in Williamsburg for 20 years and worked in Development for Colonial Williamsburg and for Sweet Briar College, her alma mater.. Margaret and husband Sean have two children who attended Episcopal High School: a daughter who graduated from Sewanee and a son currently at UVA.



Leith M. Mullaly: Leith Mullaly is a "cradle Episcopalian" who comes from a family of clergy (husband, father, uncle and brother!). She has been actively involved in different parishes as a youth group leader, choir member and altar guild member. Since coming to Bruton Parish in 2012, Leith has served on the Newcomers Committee, Shop Committee, Kitchen/Funeral Ministry, and Flower Ministry. Leith and her husband Chuck have chaired the Winter Shelter week. Leith is a retired nurse with specialization in maternity-newborn areas and has served as national president of her nursing association, and on the faculty of the UVA School of Nursing. Chuck and Leith have two children and three granddaughters.



Richard L. "Rick" Powell has been a member of Bruton Parish Church since 2016, and a regular visitor for another 30+ years. Since becoming a member of Bruton Parish, Rick has participated in the Music Ministry through choir and by ushering for Candlelight Concerts. He is a member of the Altar Guild and is humbled and honored to prepare the Lord's table for the celebration of the Eucharist. He has also participated in Winter Shelter by preparing meals. Elsewhere in the community, Rick volunteers at Historic Jamestown and with the James City County Stormwater Program Advisory Committee. His background and life experience are primarily technical, having worked as a professional civil engineer and as an aviation electronics technician in the Naval Reserve. Rick and wife Claudia have two adult children, five grandchildren, and three dogs.



Christopher J. "Chris" Chavez is nominated for a two year term to complete the unexpired term of Jessica Pierson. Chris enlisted to serve his country a few days after 9/11. After several years, he was chosen to attend West Point, graduating in 2009. He is currently actively serving and has developed experience leading organizations through difficult times. He recently completed an MBA at William & Mary with a concentration in finance. He has co-chaired the annual Book Sale, been involved with Canterbury, and trained new acolytes. Chris and his wife Ashley have two young daughters and are active in Children's Church. They intend to make Williamsburg their permanent home when Chris retires in a few years.