

St. Boniface Vestry Class of 2025 Nominees



Donna Conyers is a psychologist and pioneer in cultivating human potential through innovative applications of cognitive science. Former professor of psychology and university administrator, she is the author of 20 books and 75 articles. Donna serves as president of BrainSMART, a learning and development consultancy she co-founded in 1998. She has shared her work with over 100,000 participants live across the USA and Jamaica, and in Europe, Asia, Middle East, Australasia, and Canada. With Nova Southeastern University, Donna co-developed the first doctoral minor in brain-based leadership and the first master's in applied mind, brain, and education science. Currently, she is exploring connections between cognitive science and spiritual development. Having attended St. Boniface Church for four years, Donna serves as a member of the Center for Spiritual Transformation leadership team, reader and acolyte, steering committee member for Francis House, outreach team member, and greeter. Donna and her husband, Marcus, live on Siesta Key and recently renewed their marriage vows in community at St. Boniface.



Kay Goodman and her husband, Bob, began attending St. Boniface Church in 2015, first attracted by the hospitality extended to them as visitors and the inspirational music programming. Since 2016, Kay has been a connected member of the St. Boniface parish community having been confirmed in 2017. Kay's current participation in the ministries of St. Boniface includes Altar Guild, lector, Thursday Bible Study, and most recently as a member of the Congregational Team Building Committee, as directed by the Strategic Plan. In May 2022 she completed the four-year Education for Ministry program in theological education - an accomplishment of which she is most proud and one that transformed her spiritual being. A native Texan, Kay spent her career in the hospitality industry as a senior executive with global hotel companies in sales, marketing, strategic planning, and facilitating and managing customer advisory boards. She moved to Sarasota in 1997 and retired in 2014.



Justin Miller, along with his wife Nan, and sons Shen & Akio, started attending St. Boniface Church in June 2021, immediately after moving to Venice. Willing and ready to serve in St. Boniface's welcoming environment, the boys quickly jumped into vested ministry as acolytes, and parents quickly followed as readers...or whatever else was needed. Justin took on coordination of the vested layperson / readers ministry (worship team) in Spring 2022 and joined the vestry a few months later, to complete a vacated term. Justin currently serves as Director of the Office of Research Programs and Service at New College of Florida; Nan as the RN at Riverview High School; and the boys attend Venice High School. In their spare time, they can probably be found at Disney. They're very happy to have landed at St. Boniface after arriving on Florida and look forward to helping continue to fulfill our vision."



Rita Valenti Piovane was received into the Episcopal church in 1986 in the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem PA and has been a member of St. Boniface since 2017. She is married to the Rev. Canon Michael Piovane retired. Prior to their retirement in 2017 they served in the Diocese of Bethlehem, where Michael was pastor of St. Anne's in Trexlertown., and where on the parish level, Rita served on Worship teams, Adult Formation teams, Stewardship and Outreach teams as well as Altar Guild. She led retreats, worked with youth groups, and taught Confirmation classes. She was also licensed as a Eucharistic minister, chalice and lay reader. On the diocesan level Rita served on the Board of Discipline, the Commission of the Baptized, Diocesan Convention Liturgical planning, and as a Board member of New Bethany Ministries. At St. Boniface Rita serves as a lay reader and is a member of the leadership team for the Center for Spiritual Transformation, as well as enjoying the many opportunities for outreach and fellowship. Rita has a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy and had a private practice in Allentown. She also has a MA degree in Religious Education and was employed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown for eleven years. She worked for three large parishes, with congregations over 2,000 people, responsibilities included designing programs for the religious education of all age groups, the creation and training for Sunday and special liturgies, preparation classes for the reception of all sacraments, as well as the parish engagement of volunteers. Rita is honored to be called to serve St. Boniface on vestry, and quotes Julian of Norwich. "Where do we begin? Begin with the Heart"