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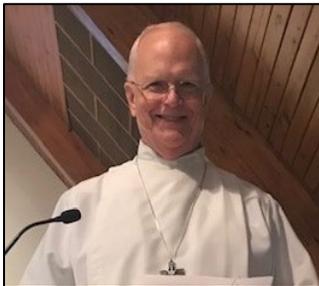
NOMINEES FOR ELECTION

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee is composed of three members of the clergy and three members of the laity. It acts as a Council of Advice to the Bishop and assumes many Episcopal duties for the diocese if there is a vacancy in the Bishop's Office, as outlined in the Diocesan Constitution Article XV, Diocesan Canon V and in the Canons of the National Church.

Lay Nominees, one to be elected.

William Wilds, St. Andrew's, Newport News



I am a retired Newport News Public School teacher and U.S. Navy veteran. I have served as past president of the Virginia Educators Credit Union, Newport News Host Lions Club, and the Virginia Choral Society. I was confirmed at St. John's, Hampton, in December 1980 and have been a member St. Andrew's, Newport News since September 1986. I served as Alternate/Delegate to Annual Diocesan Council 2018 - 2021 (participated in the election of Bishop Haynes), was elected three terms to the Vestry, and served as register for 17 years. I am currently the Lay ministry coordinator (Acolytes, LEMs, LEVs), Parish Sacristan, VBS Coordinator, and an Adult Choir member. I feel it would be a privilege to serve on the Standing Committee as my many years of membership and service in the Episcopal Church and at St. Andrew's have given me a broad and deep understanding and knowledge of the Church and the diocese.

Kathy Wootton, St. Luke's, Blackstone



I have been a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Blackstone, Virginia, since 1971. I am a graduate of Radford College and have completed Education for Ministry. I am a lifelong resident of Blackstone and Nottoway County, and I am retired, thus I have the time to travel and to attend meetings. In my parish, I have been involved with Christian Formation, liturgy decisions, and the Altar and Flower Guilds. I also serve as Lay Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, and Acolyte. Moreover, I am a member of a Discernment Committee, member of a Search Committee, and a delegate to Annual Council. I have served

several terms on the Vestry, and as Senior Warden during times when St. Luke's was without a priest, I assumed responsibility for all aspects of parish life. I have been actively involved in our response to the constraints of the Covid pandemic, helping to ensure the safety of our members while trying to sustain our congregational life. At the Diocesan level, I served as Chair of the Commission on Ministry – Ministry of the Baptized, Rector of a Women's Cursillo weekend, and I have attended Diocesan sponsored courses on congregational leadership and development. I believe the Standing Committee would benefit from the experiences and skills I will contribute as an active member of a small, rural parish. The most important quality I bring is a sincere desire to serve God, Bishop Haynes, and the people of the Diocese as an enthusiastic and fully-engaged member of the Standing Committee.

Clergy Nominees, one to be elected.

The Rev. Grant Stokes, Trinity, Portsmouth



After graduating seminary, I was called to be the Assistant Rector at Christ and St Luke's, Norfolk where I was also ordained to the priesthood on Holy Cross Day, 2013. During my five-year tenure at Christ and St. Luke's I began to fall in love with this area and the people of this diocese. I am now the Rector at Trinity, Portsmouth. I served on the Nominating Committee for the Bishop search process in 2018-19, and I am excited by the hopefulness and energy with which the people of this diocese undertook the election and consecration of The

Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes. I have rotated off as a deputy to Provincial Synod and I look forward to working more closely with Bishop Haynes on the Standing Committee.

Disciplinary Board

The Disciplinary Board is composed of nine members elected for three-year terms, five members of the clergy and four lay persons. The Board, defined in Canon XXII of Diocesan Canons, serves as the trial body for any member of the clergy charged under Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Lay Nominees, two to be elected.

Albert Banwell, St. Mark's, Hampton



I was accepted into the Episcopal Church in 1972 in the Diocese of Northern Indiana (Holy Family Episcopal Church, Angola, Indiana). I have served a term as Junior Warden at St. Mark's, Hampton, and am currently serving as a member of the vestry. I am actively involved with the St. Mark's food ministry. I spent my working career handling matters involving sensitivity and security. I retired from the City of Hampton Police Division with 31 years of service at the rank of Police Lieutenant. For eight years, I was assigned as a financial crimes investigator, preparing cases (finding of fact) for prosecution by the Commonwealth Attorney, and had subsequent assignments supervising investigations. I Retired from the Naval Reserve with 23 years of active duty and active reserve service at the rank of Lieutenant Commander. The last 12 years I was assigned as an agent with the Naval Investigative Service. I received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Tri State College (now Trine University), Angola, Indiana.

Clergy Nominees, two to be elected.

The Rev. Donna Hines, Glebe, Suffolk



I am delighted to currently serve as Priest-in-Charge at Glebe Episcopal Church in Suffolk, Virginia. Before my call to Glebe Church, I served as Priest Associate at Christ and St. Luke's, Norfolk, after graduation from Virginia Theological Seminary. Prior to seminary, I served five years as a Staff Chaplain at Williamsburg Landing and hold National Church Endorsement for Healthcare Chaplaincy. My training includes five units and a Residency Certificate in Clinical Pastoral Education. In addition, I served on the Riverside Health System Pastoral Advisory Board and Riverside Regional Medical Center's Ethics Committee. Service in a variety of leadership roles, and the synergy of a collegial, creative team approach to ministry are opportunities I value and enjoy. Such experience would guide

my service on the Disciplinary Board, if elected. My husband, Ben, and I live in Yorktown, Virginia. We have three terrific adult sons, and live with our funny shelter pup, Bayley.

The Rev. Grace Rigby, Redeemer, Midlothian



As a newly ordained priest in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, it is an honor to be considered for one of the clergy positions on the Disciplinary Board. I have been the associate rector at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Midlothian for over a year. In this role, I share in pastoral and liturgical duties with Redeemer's rector and my area of ministry focuses on pastoral care and outreach. Although I have not been elected or appointed positions on either the diocesan or national church level, I have fresh eyes and a unique perspective that can enrich our diocese's Disciplinary Board. If elected, I hope to develop new skills and uphold the Title IV canonical

process that promotes accountability, reconciliation, and pastoral response.

Provincial Synod

Our Diocese has three deputies to Provincial Synod (two lay persons and one cleric) who serve three-year terms. They are responsible to the Bishop and the Executive Board and report to the Board following Synod meetings. One of these deputies is also appointed by the bishop to serve a three-year term on the Provincial Council.

Lay Nominees, one to be elected.

Helen Sharpe-Williams, Grace, Norfolk



I am committed to learning, discussing, and reflecting on the issues brought before us as well as keenly listening to many creative voices within the church, as we work together to solve them. I will bring careful and prayerful consideration to all matters presented. I have gained greater insight into the overall structure and working of the church from my collective experiences of having served in the parish and diocese. I am deeply involved in various ministries in my parish and diocese: LEM and Visitor, Verger, Bible Study leader, Food Pantry, Daughters of the King (DOK), Episcopal Church Women (ECW), Vestry, Union of Black Episcopalians, Bishop Search Nominating Committee, Executive Board, Standing Committee, and Trustee. In each role I have striven to be responsive to the needs of those I am representing. I believe that lay ministry brings vitality to our life in Christ.

Clergy Nominees, one to be elected.

The Rev. Marc Vance, St. Andrew's, Newport News



Over the course of twenty-four years in parish ministry, I have always felt an obligation to be involved beyond just the parish: we are part of something larger than ourselves - a church, a diocese, a national church, a global tradition. My service has included being a deanery Dean, a camp chaplain, serving on a Camp and Conference Board, on a Reimagining Task Force, and Commission on Ministry. I am currently serving on the committee to form a diocese-wide Confirmation process, on the Repairers of the Breach Committee (and on the subcommittee to design the diocesan anti-racism training), and in a mentoring capacity with the Peninsula Ministry Partnership. I would be honored to represent the Diocese of Southern Virginia to bring resources and opportunities from the Province back to the Diocese.

Current & Outgoing Members

Standing Committee

The Rev. Cameron Randle, *Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach*

Ms. Helen Sharpe-Williams, *Grace Church, Norfolk*

The Rev. Andie Wigodsky Rohrs, *St. Andrew's, Norfolk*

Mr. Rusty Bishop, *St. Timothy's, Clarksville*

The Rev. Samantha Vincent-Alexander, *St. John's, Hampton*

Ms. Rose Parker, *St. Augustine's, Newport News*

Outgoing members: The Rev. Cameron Randle, Ms. Helen Sharpe-Williams

Disciplinary Board 2021-2022

Mr. Bob Motley, *Ascension, Norfolk*

The Rev. Lauren McDonald, *Bruton Parish, Williamsburg*

The Rev. Charles Bauer, *Bruton Parish, Williamsburg*

The Rev. Jacqueline Soltys, *Good Shepherd, Norfolk*

The Rev. Grant Stokes, *Trinity, Portsmouth*

Ms. Carolyn Kelly, *St. James', Portsmouth*

The Rev. Mark Riley, *St. John's, Hampton*

Mr. John Rector, *St. Paul's, Suffolk*

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