



Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia February 25, 2023

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 Episcopal Church.

Clergy Nominees, one to be elected.

The Very Rev. Dr. Susan Grimm, St. Timothy's, Clarksville, & Trinity, South Boston



Ordained since 2006, I currently serve St. Timothy's in Clarksville, and Trinity in South Boston in Convocation 9, as well as several other churches in Convocation 9 on an informal basis. I have been led to offer myself as a clergy candidate for the Standing Committee by several nudges of the Holy Spirit. As someone who has served the Diocese in lay and clergy positions for many years, I feel my breadth of experience would be helpful as the Standing Committee serves as a Council of Advice to the Bishop. A priest for 16+ years in a rural, underserved part of the Diocese, I bring an awareness of the many challenges faced by our smaller churches, rural, suburban, and urban. At the same time, I am excited by the possibilities being offered to all our congregations in new programs being offered at the Diocesan level, as the winds of renewal and growth blow around us. I have previously served on the Disciplinary Board and the Executive Board, and currently serve on the Chanco Board and as Dean of Convocation 9.

Lay Nominees, one to be elected.

Michele McCoy, Grace, Norfolk



I am interested in serving on the Standing Committee. As a cradle Episcopalian, I have an interest in the wellbeing and future of the Episcopal church. I completed my term on the Executive Board February 2021. I am currently serving as Junior Warden of my parish and Secretary of the James Solomon Russell Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians. I have served as Senior Warden twice, Secretary on Vestry, Layreader, Eucharistic Ministry, Daughters of the King, Sunday School Teacher, and Bereavement Committee. While employed with the Dept. of Commerce I was a Branch Chief in Acquisitions and reviewed, composed, and signed federal contracts. I supervised

a staff of 6 and retired with the Distinguished Career Award. I have served in numerous capacities with my national sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for the last 38 years. I currently work part time with George Mason University, PTAC Procurement Technical Assistance Center as a Procurement Counselor. In this capacity I counsel small businesses on how to work with the government on the federal, state, and local levels. In this position I conduct training as well as one on one sessions with a diverse group of people. In all of my experiences previously stated and current I have to be a good listener and offer my recommendations while keeping confidentiality. I never fail to ask questions on complex issues to gain understanding. I enjoyed working on the Executive Board and learned so much about the Diocese and its workings. It would be an honor to continue serving my Diocese.

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.

Clergy Nominees, two to be elected.

The Rev. Liam Muller, Good Shepherd, McKenney & St. Luke's, Blackstone



My name is the Rev. Liam Muller and I am the rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, McKenney and St. Luke's, Blackstone. I was born and raised in the Hudson Valley of New York. I am a remarried widower, currently married to Cindy, with three sons, a step-son and step-daughter. Prior to entering ordained ministry, I served in the US Army for four years, serving as a photo-journalist. After that I was employed by a local newspaper for 17 years, ending up as an assistant editor. I came to the Diocese of Southern Virginia in January 2020 from the Diocese of Vermont (6+ years), having served before that in the Diocese of South Dakota (8+ years). I have served on Diocesan Council in the Diocese of Vermont, and as a Dean in the Diocese of South Dakota, where I also served as Chaplain to Bishop Candidates during their Bishop election. I currently serve as a member of the Executive Board of the Diocese. I am honored to be considered to serve on the Disciplinary Committee inasmuch as I believe it is an important and necessary function of the Diocese. I believe my willingness to actively listen, my sense of fairness and my gentle nature would be an asset to the committee.

The Rev. Dana Van-Vliet-Pullin, St. Mark's, Hampton



I am assigned to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Hampton, VA as their Deacon and also Deacon Driver to Bishop Susan B. Haynes. I graduated from our local School for Deacons in 2011 and was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons, June 2012. I attended the University of the South School of Theology and graduated 2016. My ministry reached out to the Virginia Beach neighborhoods as a Virginia Beach Police Chaplain before moving to Hampton five years ago. I have ministered to our local homeless here in Hampton and will be starting in a new ministry to survivors of human trafficking and bringing awareness to our churches to help prevent human trafficking in our communities. As a former Virginia Beach Police Chaplain, a Spiritual Director, and a Deacon in the Diocese of Southern Virginia for the last ten years my strengths in

ministry have grown. I am truly honored and if elected to serve on the Disciplinary Board I believe it will give me the opportunity to share my gifts of seeing injustice, listening without judgement, and reaching out humbly in a difficult time when action is called for.

Lay Nominees, one to be elected.

Vania Blaiklock, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg



My name is Vania Blaiklock. Currently, I am a third year PhD student at William & Mary, but prior to graduate school I was a general practice attorney in Norfolk and Richmond, Virginia. I am new to the Episcopal church, but I know that this is where God has directed me. In January of 2019, I had a crisis of faith. Although I had been a Christian for over twelve years, I became disenchanted with the evangelical church that I grew up in. Before this point, I knew very little about the Episcopal church. Thankfully, and somewhat miraculously, I happened to talk about my spiritual concerns with one of my law firm co-workers and she suggested that I visit Bruton Parish. I have been attending Bruton Parish ever since and was confirmed in 2021. Prior to my confirmation, I researched the history and the theology of the church extensively, but the emphasis the Episcopal church placed on community – not only practically but also liturgically – was the most important factor in my decision. Being able to share in the same declarations of faith, confessions, and prayers that other Christians have recited for centuries cultivates a sense of belonging that extends beyond not only myself, but also the current time. Once a part of this community, I wanted to participate in it fully and contribute to maintaining the community in love. For that reason, I joined the choir and other women’s groups, but I was still searching for a way that I could serve the church using my professional skills. When asked if I would consider serving on the Title IV Disciplinary board and explained what the role of a lay person would be on the board it seemed like a perfect fit. Serving on the disciplinary board would allow me to use my legal training in the service of cultivating a transparent and loving church community, a community I value very dearly.

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.

No nominations were received.

General Convention

Our Diocese has four clergy and four lay deputies, and four clergy and four lay alternate deputies. At this Council we will elect the deputies. Alternates will be elected at the 2024 Council. Deputies will attend the 81st General Convention, June 23-28, 2024, in Louisville, KY. Deputies are not elected to represent the views of their diocese or constituency, but should reflect the will of the whole Church, act for the whole Church, and speak to the whole Church.

Clergy Nominees, four to be elected.

The Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly, Hickory Neck, Toano



The Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly has been the rector of Hickory Neck, Toano, just outside of Williamsburg since April 2016. Within the Diocese, she served as the chair of the College Ministries Commission through 2019, a Clergy Alternate to General Convention in 2018, a Clergy Deputy to General Convention in 2022, and a clergy mentor for clergy new to the Diocese. In James City County, she served on the Workforce Housing Task Force, is a graduate of the LEAD program through the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance, and is currently serving on WJCC Schools Family Life Curriculum review committee. Prior to coming to the Diocese of Southern Virginia, she served on the Diocesan Commission on Ministry on Long Island, the Episcopal Ministries of Long Island Board of Directors, and was Rector of St. Margaret's in Plainview, NY. While there, she also served as President of the local interfaith clergy group. Before coming to Long Island, Jennifer served on Diocesan Council in Delaware. Jennifer has an M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary, a Master of Arts in Management from the University of Alabama, and a Bachelors from Duke University. Before ordination, Jennifer worked in the non-profit sector with a Food Bank and an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. In addition to legislative experience at the General Convention level, she brings a fresh set of eyes to the experiences in the wider Church and our local Church. As a deputy to General Convention, she will offer a voice from the next generation of Church leadership.

The Rev. Charlie Bauer, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg



Jesus calls us into community to engage in the work God intends us to do in the world. And while imperfect as any human institution is bound to be, General Convention brings together a wide range of voices, experiences, and expressions to help the Church be God's hands and feet in the world. In serving as a clergy deputy for last summer's General Convention, I was impressed by the ability of such a large and diverse gathering of faithful Episcopalians to hold and discuss a variety of challenging issues facing the Church and the world. I serve as the Associate Rector for Christian Formation at Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, where I am also the Chaplain to Canterbury: the

Episcopal Church at William & Mary. Within the Diocese, I serve on the Chanco Board of Directors; the Program Budget and Review Committee; and the Credentials Committee. I bring an understanding of the challenges and blessings in front of us as God's people, an appreciation of how the Episcopal Church is structured, and a desire to discover how we might best follow the Holy Spirit to live into a life in Jesus Christ and share the Good News to all. Having experienced the abbreviated General Convention in Baltimore last summer, I would be honored to serve again as a clergy deputy to the 2024 General Convention.

The Rev. Jan Brown, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg



I have served our Diocese as a Deacon beginning April 16, 2016. Prior to Ordination I was an active lay member of the Diocese serving as Verger at Bruton Parish Church and on the Vestry at Hickory Neck, as well as involved with the Youth Groups in both parishes and teaching Sunday School at Hickory Neck. In 2019, I served on the Bishop Consecration Liturgy Task Force which was responsible for planning and coordinating all the details of the ordination and consecration of Bishop Haynes. In 2020, I was appointed Archdeacon of the Diocese by Bishop Haynes. In addition, within the Diocese, I serve on the Commission on Ministry as well as Co-Chair of the Addictions & Recovery

Commission. I served on the Province III Opioid Response Task Force and on the General Convention Task Force to Respond to the Opioid Epidemic. In 2016 I was appointed by the Presiding Bishop to serve on the Commission on Impairment and Leadership. I formerly served as Vice President of the Board of Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church. In 2022, I served as clergy deputy to the 80th General Convention. Beyond the walls of the church, I am the Founding Executive Director of SpiritWorks Foundation, a recovery community organization with a 18-year history of providing recovery support services to individuals, families, clergy and communities affected by addiction and other drug problems. I serve on various local, state, national and international boards, and committees as a subject matter expert on addiction and

recovery. I believe I am a good candidate and would be honored to serve our Diocese as a clergy deputy to the 81st General Convention.

The Rev. Ashley Urquidi, All Saints', Virginia Beach



It has been an honor and joy to serve in ordained ministry for what has now, amazingly, been eight years— all in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, who welcomed me from my home Diocese of Maryland. I first served as Associate Rector at Old Donation in Virginia Beach for seven years, and am now Priest-in-Charge at All Saints' Virginia Beach. In addition to parish ministry, I serve on the Executive Board and the Commission on Ministry for the Diocese. It would be an added pleasure to be able to represent the Diocese as a clergy delegate for General Convention. I have so much hope for the future of the Episcopal Church, and want to participate any way I can to help us continue to grow and thrive, not for our

denomination as an institution but because I believe that we have the ability to play a unique and impactful part in transforming how the world sees Christianity. Our honoring of tradition combined with our willingness to embrace new and innovative forms of ministry allows us to share the heart of God with a broad spectrum of individuals. I would love to both participate and have a voice in what the National church is doing, and then do my part in communicating and supporting those efforts at the Diocesan and parish levels.

Lay Nominees, four to be elected.

Abigayle Cheney, Christ & St. Luke's, Norfolk



I'm Abby Cheney (they/her), I am 16 years old and I attend Christ and St. Luke's in Norfolk. I am running to be a lay deputy at General Convention 2024 due my love for the Episcopal Church and previous delegate experiences. At the age of 7 my family joined the Episcopal Church after being Quaker for many years. My parents believed in my sibling and I exploring our own faiths freely and having religious autonomy. This led to my decision to be baptized into the Episcopal Church at the age of 9 and my religious journey has only grown from there. Within my church I have done everything from acolyting, reading, singing in choirs, and

being a die hard member of our youth group. In 2021 I joined the EYC Board of the Southern Diocese and have learned so many skills for public speaking, leadership, and faith work. Outside of the church I have represented the state of Virginia at the National Junior Classical League Convention, I am an award winning Model United Nations delegate (aka I know how to participate in formal debates and work with other delegates in tense situations), and I have participated in many other public speaking, debate, and leadership activities. I would love to represent the Diocese of Southern

Virginia at General Convention 2024 to have experience, understanding, and influence in a Church that I hope to be a part of for the rest of my life. The delegate experiences I have had and my passion for the Episcopal Church make me a qualified candidate to be one of your lay deputies for the Diocese of Southern Virginia at General Convention 2024.

Faye Felton, St. James', Portsmouth



I am a cradle Episcopalian at St. James, Portsmouth and school principal for Hodes Manor Elementary School, City of Portsmouth. I am a Lay Eucharistic Minister, chorister and registrar at St. James Church. I attended General Convention 2022 in Baltimore as a Lay Alternate. I am prepared to represent our diocese at 2024 General Convention as Lay Deputy with your votes.

Madeline Hanlon, Hickory Neck, Toano



I believe that I am qualified for this position by attending 2022 General Convention with my church. I learned so much about the Episcopal Church and what impact we have on the community. It was an eye opening experience on what work needs to improve in the Church and how hopefully next Convention I can speak to these issues and vote.

Diana Moreland, Emmanuel, Virginia Beach



Diana Moreland is the Director of Christian Formation at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach and a Substitute Teacher in Newport News. She has a B.A. in Religious Studies from the University of Arizona and an M.A. from Virginia Theological Seminary. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in Practical Theology at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Her focus is on rural congregational development. While working on her B.A. she was the treasurer for the campus Canterbury ministry and ran and was elected Deputy to the General Convention in 2012 from the Diocese of Arizona. After graduating, she served as the

Director of Christian Education for two yoke parishes, St. Stephen's Douglas and St. John's Bisbee. Following the General Convention of 2012, Diana became Secretary of the Standing Committee on Small Congregation until July 2015. She took a full-time position as Youth and Family Minister at St. John's Sharon, Pennsylvania, from 2013-2015. While in the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania, she served on the Formation Advisory Board and was a summer camp counselor. After working at St. John's Sharon, she went to work with a church plant, Resurrection in Hermitage, before heading off to get her M.A. While at VTS, Diana served as the Vice President of the M.A. class for the 2019-2020 year and was the M.A. representative to the Masters' Curriculum Committee. After moving to the Diocese of Southern Virginia, Diana has served as the Co-Chair of the CE-Net for the Diocese from spring 2021 until fall 2022. Diana has loved serving the Episcopal Church at every level. After serving at a General Convention in 2012 and on the Standing Committee on Small Congregation, she felt a call to step back from the work of the wider church and work more locally. However, as she settled into Southern Virginia and began work on her Ph.D., she felt a call back to the work of the wider church. She feels one way she can best help local congregations of the church is as a voice at the General Convention.

Pam Pringle, St. John's, Hampton



I have been a member of the Anglican Communion since childhood. I have always been an involved member of my church. As a teenager in Ireland I taught Sunday School and was the youth representative to The Dublin Synod for three years. Since moving to Virginia in 1999 I have served on the Congregational Development Committee (10+ years), chairing the sub-committee that organized the Bishop's Days with Vestry and Clergy. I co-chaired the Clergy and Spouse Nag's Head retreat for 3 years. At the parish level I have served as a youth choir director, taught Sunday school, served on altar guild, participated in mission trips, served on the needlework guild, senior choir member, lay reader and chalice. I also completed the 4 year EFM program. Most recently I chaired the Nominating/Search Committee for the 11th Bishop of this

Diocese. I am now a trainer in the DCDI program for the diocese. I taught in the Luter School of Business at Christopher Newport University from 2001 and from 2011 served as Assistant Director and then Director until my retirement at the end of 2017. I am married to Derek Pringle, an active retired priest in this Diocese. We have three children and 4 grandchildren. I have a desire to see the Episcopal Church grow in strength and believe that I have skills and talents to offer. I am very interested in expanding my understanding of the US Episcopal Church at the national level. I was a delegate at the shortened General Convention in 2022 and would love to be a part of the full experience in 2024.

Helen Sharpe-Williams, Grace, Norfolk



I had the great joy and privilege in representing our Diocese at the 80th General Convention this past summer. Having gained first-hand knowledge of how Convention works, I would love the opportunity to be more involved in moving the mission of our Church, to continue to transform our structures and policies so that we might be a more adaptive and agile community, allowing more voices to be heard so that together we can follow Jesus and His way of reconciliation and love. I left this experience with renewed hope and enthusiasm. 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 would be honored to serve the wider Church on behalf of our Diocese.

Current & Outgoing Members

Standing Committee

The Rev. Andie Wigodsky Rohrs, *Diocese of Southern Virginia*

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

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

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

The Rev. Grant Stokes, *Trinity, Portsmouth*

Ms. Kathy Wootton, *St. Luke's, Blackstone*

Outgoing members: The Rev. Andie Wigodsky Rohrs, Mr. Rusty Bishop

Disciplinary Board 2022-2023

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Tom McSweeney, *St. Martin's, Williamsburg*

The Rev. Donna Hines, *Glebe, Suffolk*

The Rev. Grace Rigby, *Redeemer, Midlothian*

Mr. Albert Banwell, *St. Mark's, Hampton*

Outgoing members: The Rev. Jacqueline Soltys, The Rev. Charlie Bauer, Ms. Carolyn Kelly

Provincial Synod

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

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

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

Outgoing members: Mr. Rusty Bishop