

123rd Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia

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 member to be elected.

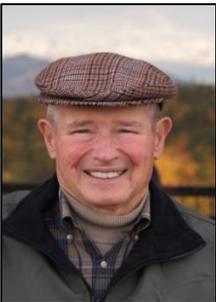
Mr. John Hadfield, All Saints', Virginia Beach



I am a member of All Saints' Church in Virginia Beach where I have served on its vestry several times most recently for the period 2009 - 2012. I have been Senior Warden at least five times. I have been a member of the Executive Board a number of years ago. I am a trustee of our parish. I have served on the Boy's Home Board of Trustees, a Board member of The Future of Hampton Roads and a graduate of CIVIC Leadership Institute. In my secular life I was Executive Director of the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) retiring in 2008 after serving a total of 30 years for that agency and a Board member of the United Way of South Hampton Roads. I am a registered Professional

Engineer and a Board Certified Environmental Engineer, twice a graduate of old Dominion University (BSCE and MBA). I am a retired US Army Captain.

Mr. Tom Metz, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach



Thirty six years of active and reserve military service including 5 years Army and 31 years Navy. Retired Navy Captain. Education: Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and Masters in Political History. Additional 30 graduate credits toward Masters in Aero-Engineering (ABD). Member of St. Aidan's since 2005. Served on St. Aidan's vestry from 2007 to 2009, including one year as Junior Warden and one year as Senior Warden. Have been teaching adult Sunday school for eight years. Presently serving on the Parish stewardship committee. I have been and will continue to serve our Parish and the Parish community to spread the good news of Christ to others. I believe that God is calling me to also work in a larger capacity within our Church community.

Ms. Cleo Shield, Johns Memorial, Farmville



I am a member of Johns Memorial Church in Farmville, currently serving on the Vestry. I am an EfM graduate and a mentor. I served as chairman of the transition committee during our recent search for a new rector. I am a delegate to Annual Council, the diocesan representative to Province III, and a lay Eucharistic minister. My professional career was in healthcare administration. I believe my experience in collaborative decision making both in my church and professional life would be an asset to the Standing Committee and it would be an honor to serve.

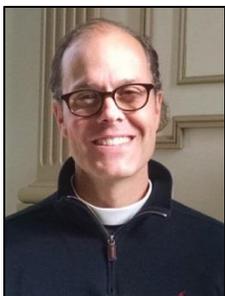
Clergy Nominees, *One member to be elected.*

The Rev. Terry Edwards, St. Augustine's, Newport News



After retiring as an educator, I attended Virginia Theological Seminary. Being called to serve at St. Augustine's Church in Newport News has given me the opportunity to demonstrate small church vitality through practice and service. I desire to serve on the Standing Committee because we are all called to share our talents to strengthen the diocese with a variety of voices. A member of the Daughters of the King; I am married, a mom and grandmom to three.

The Rev. Chris Epperson, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg



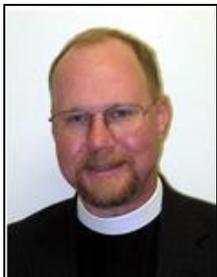
The Rev. Chris Epperson has served as rector of Bruton Parish since 2011. Prior to his time in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, he served parishes in the dioceses of East Tennessee, Atlanta and Rhode Island. In each diocese he embraced service on the diocesan level and to the wider Church. Chris served on the Camp and Conference Committee in East Tennessee. That work ultimately led to the purchase and development of a new camp and conference center. Chris came to camp work with experience running a camp in East Tennessee that serves economically disadvantaged children. He was Camp Director and following ordination, chaplain. In Atlanta as Associate Rector for Pastoral Care and Christian Formation at All Saints', Atlanta, Chris was a member of the Commission on Ministry. While serving St. Columba's, Middletown, RI, suburban Newport, Chris was a member of the Executive Board and the Diocesan Investment Trust. In addition to being rector of a busy parish, Chris spent a year as the Interim Chaplain at the St. George's School, Newport and assisted the school in the search for a permanent chaplain. In Southern Virginia, Chris has served on the Executive Board. He welcomes the opportunity to serve on the Standing Committee. When asked about a willingness to stand for election, Chris said, "I think we are called from our various parishes and places to offer ourselves for service to care for the whole." Chris is married to Laura and they have three children, ages three to eleven.

The Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti, St. David's, Chesterfield



Elizabeth has served as the Rector of St. David's since 2011. She served the diocese as Bishop Hollerith's first Ecumenical Officer from 2009 until 2012, a position devoted to advancing the cause of Christian unity. She has served as a faculty member of Fresh Start since 2010, a program for clergy new to their call. Elizabeth, who also served at Old Donation, brings experience from different types of parishes in different parts of our diocese.

The Rev. Mark Wilkinson, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach



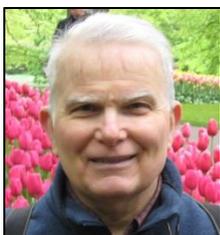
Education and Employment: Bachelor and Master of Music Education Kent State University; Certificate in Public Sector Labor Relations Cleveland State University; MDiv 2004 Virginia Theological Seminary. Church and Community Service: Executive Board of the Diocese for six years; Clergy Alternate Deputy for General Convention 2015; Vice President Seton Youth Shelters. I have served on the Executive Board for the Diocese for six years. I assisted Bishop Buchanan with diocesan financial matters during the transition. I chaired the Strategic Planning Group that developed our current mission statement. Most recently I have been involved with the Executive Board focus group that is working on Stewardship. I have an excellent understanding of how the diocese works. I would like to use that expertise 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 our Diocesan Canons, serves as the trial body for any member of the clergy charged under Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, which defines causes for which a member of the clergy may be brought to trial and outlines the rules and procedures that will be followed if such an action is initiated.

Lay Nominees, two members to be elected.

Mr. Edward J. Burchianti, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg



Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg, 2004 – present: Layreader; Eucharistic Visitor; Christian Education Committee; Coordinator of Outreach Drives (ERD Nets For Life/ Heifer Arks). Christ Episcopal Church, Garden City, Long Island, NY 1978-2004: Lay Pastoral Assistant 2001-2004; HS Sunday School Teacher (23 years); Layreader (25 years); Adult Bible Study Group Leader; Worship Advisory Committee (Chair); Vestry and Budget and Finance Committee. Citibank, Vice President, 1975-1998. Education: Certificate in Christian Studies (Mercer Theological School, Long Island)-2001; MA Mathematics (Hunter College, CUNY) 1973; BS (Fordham University) Magna cum Laude 1966.

Mr. Larry D. Clark, Trinity, South Boston



I am pleased to offer my name for consideration to fill the lay vacancy on the Diocesan Disciplinary Board. I am a confirmed member of Trinity Episcopal Church, South Boston, Virginia, since 1991. During that time, I have served on the Vestry as Senior Warden and a member of the Search Committee when we were seeking a rector. My professional career was in public education serving the Halifax County Public School Division for over forty years. I began my career as a classroom teacher and guidance counselor. Later I served as the high school principal for fifteen years and ended my career in 2011 as the Deputy Superintendent of Schools. In the community I have been active in several civic organizations including the local National Day of Prayer planning committee, the Halifax County Public Schools Education Foundation and the Community Criminal Justice Board. I also currently serve as a lay member of the Virginia Bar Association's Ninth District Committee on Lawyer Discipline. I welcome the opportunity to serve the Diocese in this capacity.

Mr. Albert H. Poole, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach



As a lawyer, I have handled litigation and transactional work over a 30 year period. I frequently advise many businesses on employee, administrative, and disciplinary matters. As President of my law firm, I have also had to directly handle personnel matters, so I understand both the legal and practical aspects of dealing with people. Thus, my background should be good for this position. I have been a member of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church since 1983 (served as Senior Warden twice).

Clergy Nominees, *one member to be elected.*

The Rev. Sandra B. Kerner, St. Luke's, Powhatan



I have served as Rector of St. Luke's, Powhatan (2011-) and St. Luke's, Blackstone (2005-11); as Chair of the Commission on Ministry – Diocesan Formation and Dean of Convocation VIII, both for 3 years. Currently, I am Spiritual Director for Cursillo in our diocese. With many years of experience in social services and education, along with Christian healing ministry, I believe I can be of service as a member of the Disciplinary Board.

General Convention

Our Diocese has four lay and four clergy deputies, and four lay and four clergy alternate deputies. Deputies will attend the 78th General Convention, June 25 – July 3, 2015 in Salt Lake City, Utah. 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.

Young Adult Alternate, *one to be elected.*

Lily Burroughs, Old Donation, Virginia Beach



Lily is an active member of Old Donation, Virginia Beach, where she has served as the Youth Representative to the vestry, and made a Pilgrimage to Ireland in 2014 with the J2A class. She has also been involved in diocesan youth ministry, as a representative to EYE in Philadelphia in 2014 and most recently as the Vicar for Happening #62. A senior at Cape Henry Collegiate where she has focused on Government and International Relations, she has participated in Model UN and travelled to Tanzania in 2013 with the Nexus program to promote health initiatives. She will attend American University in the Fall. Lily is particularly interested in the polity of the Episcopal Church and is excited to share her experiences at General Convention with other youth and young adults.