

126th 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 to be elected.

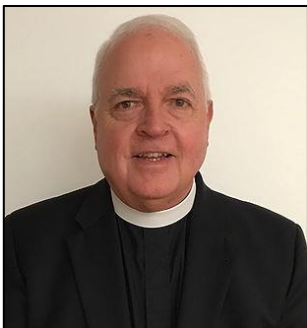
John Rector, St. Paul's, Suffolk



I am a 58-year old married man, the father of two children - one daughter and one son. I have been a member of the Episcopal Church since getting married in 1985. I have served and continue to serve my parish in a number of capacities. I served four terms on the vestry including three times as the junior warden and three times as the senior warden. I served as director of our parish EYC and chaired several stewardship campaigns. During two of my terms as senior warden I helped guide our parish through the transition of clergy. I currently serve on our finance committee, our endowment committee, as well as serving as president of St. Paul's Trustees, Inc. In addition I serve as Eucharistic minister, licensed to take communion to our shut-in parishioners. I have also served as a delegate to at least 10 councils. I currently serve on the Disciplinary Board of the diocese and am in the first year of my term. I believe my experiences over many years of parish leadership and council representation has lead me to a very good understanding of the Canons of the Diocese which in turn would make me a knowledgeable and sensitive counsel to the Bishop as a member of the Standing Committee.

Clergy Nominees, one to be elected.

The Very Rev. Stan Sawyer, All Saints, Virginia Beach



Ordained Deacon and Priest in 1976, I have served in Southern Virginia for 41 years – five years as assistant at Christ and Grace, Petersburg, and the past 36 years as Rector of All Saints', Virginia Beach. During this time, I have served the Diocese on many commissions and committees including the Executive Board, two terms on the Standing Committee, Chanco Board, Board of Trustees (chair) of Westminster-Canterbury, youth ministry at Camp Chanco, Camp Wakonda, Dean of Convocation II, and deputy to General Convention. Outside of the Diocese, I currently serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Theological Seminary. My committee assignments there are Academic Affairs and Institutional Advancement. In the local community, I served for 10 years as a member of the Virginia Beach

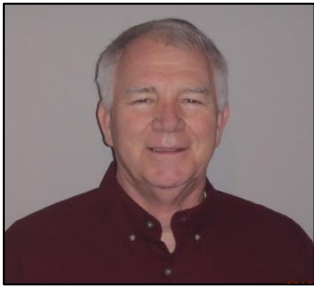
Community Services Board with two years as the chair of this state mandated, City Council appointed board. I also coached youth soccer for 11 years. What I have gained from all of this, and what I would bring to the Standing Committee, is a broad understanding of the mission, ministry, and organization of our church and a deep appreciation for the many individuals I have had the privilege to work with over these many years.

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.

Russell Bishop, St. Timothy's, Clarksville



I have been a member of the Episcopal church since 1994, initially in the Diocese of Washington (EDOW) until I transferred membership to St. Timothy's in 2015. I attended St. Timothy's part time (twice monthly) until my retirement and move to Clarksville in 2015. While a member of the EDOW, I served 12 years on parish Vestry, numerous years as delegate to Convention, 6 years on Standing Committee (2005-2011), and 3 years on the Disciplinary Board (2011-2014). I was assigned to two conference panels while on the Disciplinary Board, and had the leadership role for one of them. I attended the 2009 General Convention as an Alternate Lay Deputy. I have served as the St. Timothy's delegate to Council since transferring membership, and anticipate serving on Vestry in the year ahead. I would like to serve on the Disciplinary Board of our Diocese. I believe my experience speaks to my qualifications. I view this work as a ministry of healing for the Church.

Monica Flynn, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach



I have been a member of St. Aidan's for nearly 15 years, during which I've taught Sunday school, volunteered with many youth group activities, and served on the vestry. I've served as the Junior Warden and I lead the effort to make St. Aidan's a welcoming church. I have also worked on most of our major fund raising activities from the Fall Fair to many Mission Trip dinners. In my professional life, I am currently an Administrative Law Judge with the Social Security Administration. I conduct disability appeal hearings in Richmond, VA, and I am forced to make tough decisions every day that affect people's lives. Prior to this appointment, I was an attorney with the U.S. Navy, in private practice in Virginia Beach, and a U.S. Coast Guard JAG officer for 21 years. Throughout my legal career, I have served in various roles: I've been a prosecutor, defense attorney, a government acquisition attorney, EEO and civil rights attorney, and an ethics and standards of conduct attorney. I have taught literally hundreds of military members and federal civilian employees the rules concerning everything from gift acceptance, inappropriate relationships, the rules regarding outside employment, and a host of other ethics rules. I can say that I truly know, understand, and practice on a daily basis, the rules governing ethical and appropriate conduct. As a judge, I am held to the Judicial Canon of ethics for the federal judiciary, and I understand the meaning and effect of these rules and how to abide by the professional conduct that is expected by a person who holds an office of trust. I take my ethical duties seriously both in my professional and personal life. I would apply the same ardor to my duties on the Disciplinary Committee. I have heard that the Disciplinary Board is not a duty for the faint of heart, but I have prayed on this and felt that my experience and my dedication to this Diocese would be useful to this committee and I seek to serve all of us for the greater good.

Tina Wright, Epiphany, Norfolk



Ministries and positions held at Church of the Epiphany, Norfolk: Elected to Vestry, served a three-year term; Elected as Treasurer, served a five-year term and wrote a finance manual; Appointed as Head of the Audit Committee for fiscal year 2016; Appointed as the internal auditor for 2017 and 2018; Appointed as a Trustee Serve on the Altar Guild and wrote an instruction book; Serve as lector at the 8 AM Sunday service. I believe I am qualified for the position because I am dependable, focused, pay attention to detail, and am a good listener. I enjoy engaging with individuals whose backgrounds and perspectives are different from my own. I was blessed to spend my 26-year career at Landmark Communications (parent company of The Virginian-Pilot) working with and learning from executives with high morals and integrity. I was trusted for my discretion and confidentiality. I now volunteer

my time to multiple civic and community organizations, including serving as an Officer of the Election, Norfolk's Community Emergency Response Team, the Sheriff's Project Lifesaver, and the Slover Library, which involved a background check, drug testing and fingerprinting. I am willing to serve on The Disciplinary Board because it would be an opportunity to devote additional time to the Church and to the community. I am certain that interaction with the Board would allow me to grow spiritually and intellectually. Thank you for your consideration.

Clergy Nominees, *one to be elected.*

The Rev. Robert J. Randall, Jr., Old Donation, Virginia Beach



Rector of Old Donation Church since 2004, former chair of the Standing Committee and chair of Commission on Ministry. I am pleased to support the work on the diocese in any way that I can.

General Convention

Our Diocese has four lay and four clergy deputies, and four lay and four clergy alternate deputies. Deputies will attend the 79th General Convention, July 5-13 in Austin, TX. 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.

Lay Young Adult Nominees, one to be elected.



Clare Harbin, St. John's, Portsmouth

I would like the position of the Young Adult delegate to General Convention because I desire to be a voice for the youth of this diocese at such a large legislative event. I believe I am qualified, as I have attended Annual Council for three consecutive years, this year included. Attending Annual Council has allowed me to understand how the local church legislature works, and how to retain and understand difficult amendments and ideas. In addition to serving at council, I have also served as an EYC Board member for two years, which has strengthened my leadership and public speaking abilities. I have attended Camp Chanco since 2012, and the youth retreats there since 2014, and I have a deep sense of love for my diocese. Last summer, I was given the opportunity to represent our diocese at the Episcopal Youth Event in

Oklahoma City, which allowed me to see the Episcopal Church as a whole and explore the many wonderful ministries we take a part in. Looking at a parish level, I serve as a catechist for level one children (potty trained to reading) through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Throughout all of my experiences, I have gained a strong set of skills that have prepared me for this opportunity to serve this diocese at General Convention.