

# 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia

## Nominees for Election

### **Standing Committee**

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*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.**

#### **Vicky Koch, St. Paul's, Norfolk**



Vicky Koch, St. Paul's, Norfolk. I'm currently employed at St. Paul's in Norfolk as the Director of Christian Education for Children and Youth. Prior to working at St. Paul's, I was employed at Trinity Episcopal, Fredericksburg, for 12 years as the Director of Christian Formation for all ages. After living and working in Fredericksburg, I returned to Virginia Beach five years ago. At St. Paul's, I also serve on the Outreach Committee, lead our women's group, visit parishioners, and when needed, help out as a Lay Eucharist Minister. I currently serve the Diocese of Southern Virginia as co-chair of the Christian Education Network (CE-Net). I have served in the Diocese of Virginia as the chairperson of the Christian Formation Committee and was a member of the Native American Ministry, specifically working with tribes in Virginia. I am a

member of Daughters of the King, Grace Chapter, and am a graduate of the Ruah School of Spiritual Guidance, Richmond Hill, Richmond, Virginia. I believe my experience and skills in Christian Formation and my work as a spiritual director might be of use to the Standing Committee.

#### **Helen Sharpe-Williams, Grace, Norfolk**



I would be privileged to contribute to the responsibilities and the mission of the Diocese as a member of the Standing Committee. I bring a life of deep prayer, unwavering faith, spiritual discernment, a willingness and ability to hear what diverse voices are saying and help find common ground. I am able to make difficult decisions while striving to reconciliation. I feel that my involvement in the church (local and diocesan) has increased my knowledge and qualifications for this position. I am a thoughtful and understanding steward of our diocese. I currently serve in various positions in my parish: Lay Eucharistic Minister and Visitor, Stewardship, Bible Study, Food Pantry, Alzheimer's Association, Episcopal Church Women, the Union of the Black Episcopalians (local and diocesan), and the Daughters of the King (local and diocesan). On the Diocesan level - Past President of the Episcopal Church Women, United Thank Offering (UTO) Coordinator, and a member of the Executive Board. I am

serving on the Bishop's Search Nominating Committee.

## Clergy Nominees, *one to be elected.*

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



I am serving as Priest-in-Charge at Eastern Shore Chapel in Virginia Beach, following nearly seven years as rector of St. George's Parish on the Eastern Shore. I've completed two consecutive terms on the Executive Board of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. I am a committed member of Repairers of the Breach, a diocesan group devoted to racial justice and reconciliation; a member of the Addictions & Recovery Commission and a past member of the Mission Network and Church Planting Task Force. Long devoted to multicultural ministry, I am co-founder of Dos Santos Community Services, a non-profit organization created to serve the migrant and farmworker community on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Along the way, I have earned a

B.A. in history and English literature from Oral Roberts University; a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale; a Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Tulsa College of Law and a Certificate in International Human Rights Law & Practice from The University of London (The London School of Economics).

### The Rev. Frederick Walker, St. James, Portsmouth



The Diocese of Southern Virginia has been my canonical residence since 2010, when I was called as rector by the vestry of Saint Mark's, Suffolk. Subsequently, in 2014 I served as both rector and priest-in-charge for two congregations during a mutual ministry program [St. Mark's, Suffolk and St. James, Portsmouth]. It was a mutual understanding on the part of both congregations that said ministry end after two years of success in keeping both parishes afloat financially. I served as the rector of Saint Mark's from 2010 til 2016. Saint James asked me to continue on as their priest-in-charge. In 2015 I was elected at annual Council to Provincial Synod as clergy deputy for three years. I represented the diocese through constructive engagement

with clergy and lay deputies from Province Three over the last three years. My term as clergy deputy ended in 2018. I initiated three successful over-seas mission trip to the West African State of Ghana in 2015, 2016, and 2017. We were opportune to dialogue with fellow Anglicans from Ghana on matters of spirituality and liturgy. I am presently looking at the possibility of a mission team to visit Liberia, where the Episcopal Church first established an Episcopal Diocese in Africa. Interestingly, I have been invited to give a presentation in the Diocese of Liberia and served as Guest Preacher at Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in Monrovia on October 21, 2018. Prior to my call in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, I served the Church of the Ascension, Gaithersburg MD for three years. I also served as Assistant Priest at Good Shepherd Church, University Blvd, Md. Both Churches are in the Diocese of Washington. I did a one year Anglican Study Program at Virginia Theological Seminary in 2005. I graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary with a MA in theology. I am currently fulfilling my doctoral degree program in "Soul Care" at Wesley Theological Seminary in NW. Washington DC. I am asking for your votes to elect me to serve on the Standing Committee, as a source of diversity for the committee and the diocese at large.

## **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, one to be elected.**

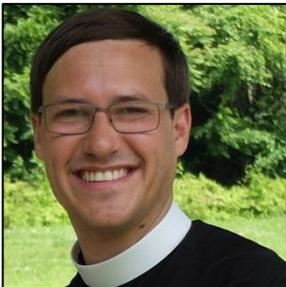
Robert S. Motley, Ascension, Norfolk



Service has always been central in my life's journey. In High School and College I participated in Student Government. I served our county for twenty years as a Marine Corps Officer and for the next 22 years the Port of Virginia. I have been a Warden both at Emmanuel, Virginia Beach and Ascension, Norfolk. I have served on the Dioceses Executive Board, Dioceses Stewardship Commission, and presently serve on the Board of Directors for Chanco on the James. I have always believed that disciplinary action should be about healing, reconciliation, and justice, and I would bring that belief to my role on the Disciplinary Board.

### **Clergy Nominees, two to be elected.**

The Rev. Charles Bauer, Hickory Neck, Toano



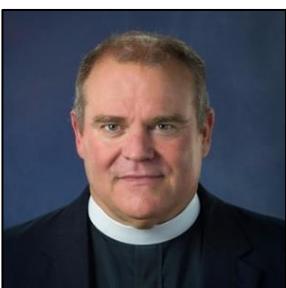
Jesus Christ calls us all together in loving relationship, and one such means of relationship is through the Church. While the Church ought to consistently reflect God's love, we are a group of humans, complete with human fault. I believe that through the work of the Disciplinary Board, we as a Church can enclose God's love is visible and felt by all, allowing an equal and fair voice for all God's people. As a follower of Jesus in this Diocese for over a decade, I now serve as the Curate at Hickory Neck Episcopal Church in Toano. I am also a member of the Chano on the James Board of Directors, and have served as a member of the Mission Share Task Force which completes its work at this Council.

The Rev. Lauren McDonald, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg



The Rev. Lauren McDonald serves as the Associate Rector for Outreach and Women's Ministries at Bruton Parish and as Director of Community and Spiritual Programming for SpiritWorks Foundation Center for the Soul, a recovery community organization for individuals and families healing from the disease of addiction. She received her M.Div from Seabury Western Theological Seminary and her B.A. in Theatre from Sewanee. Previously she has served as Associate Rector at Hickory Neck Church and as the Episcopal Chaplain to Christopher Newport University. At the diocesan level, Lauren has served on the Commission on Ministry and is currently the Co-Chair of the Addictions and Recovery Commission. She is pleased to serve the diocese in any way that she can.

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



As a lifelong Episcopalian, I feel doubly blessed to have been able to have received my formative education in an Episcopal school in Baltimore, MD. In concert with my spiritual growth in faith, I was expected to lead a life of mutual respect, responsibility, treasuring integrity, and living with honor as I developed in to the deeply authentic, compassionate, honest and fair individual God calls each of us to be. These values

were instilled at a young age, and along with service, the responsibility of loving others included maintaining a level of honor and accountability to self and to each other. Serving in a similar role then engendered the values of accountability and reconciliation; as well, the burden of loving in fairness. To be able to serve the Diocese of Southern Virginia in a similar capacity would be a distinct honor, guided with the hope and in prayer that my service is never required.

## **Provincial Synod**

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*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.

**Alice Webley**, All Saints, Virginia Beach



In feeling the continued call on my life to serve the church in the Lay order, I am seeking election for Delegate to Provincial Synod. I believe that my varied background in the local and national levels of the Episcopal Church as well as my clinical experience as a registered nurse, has prepared me to serve well in this position. I am a child of God and thus use the gifts given to me to serve my parish; All Saints' Virginia Beach as, Delegate to Diocesan Council, member of the Altar Guild and occasional presenter at our Sunday School Adult Forum. In the Diocese of Southern Virginia, I am a Trustee of the Diocese, member of The Commission on Ministry, and serve on the current Bishop Search/Transition Committee. I am honored to be elected in 2014 & 2017 serving as a Deputy to General Convention. On the national level I have served as a member of The Episcopal Women's History Project and as an Episcopal representative to the National Council of Churches in Christ, The National Standing Commission of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations and National Secretary and Registrar for The Union of Black Episcopalians where I am also a Life Member. In my prior diocese of Western Michigan, I was the First Alternate Deputy to the 2000 & 2003 General Conventions, Diocesan Dispatch of Business, Vice President and Secretary of the Standing Committee, as well as many positions in my home parish of St. Philip's Grand Rapids.

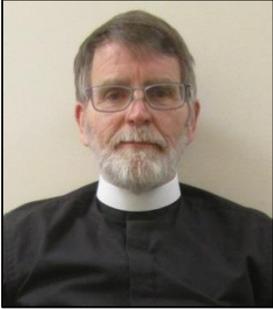
**Sue Davis**, St. David's, Chesterfield



Sue is a member of St. David's Episcopal Church in North Chesterfield. She has been active in leadership roles at St. David's for 28 years. She has been a vestry member and a delegate to diocesan council several times. She is currently the Director of Child and Youth Formation at St. David's, a position she has held for 22 years. In addition, Sue is a full time teacher at Good Shepherd Episcopal School in Richmond. Sue appreciates the help she has received from the church and would like to offer her time and talents to the wider church community.

**Clergy Nominees, one to be elected.**

**The Rev. Leslie Ferguson, St. John's, Suffolk**



I have been a member of the Diocese of Southern Virginia since 1998, first as a lay person at Church of the Ascension, Norfolk; as a candidate for Holy Orders and Seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria Virginia; and since December 2010 as Rector of St. John's Suffolk. Prior to ordination I learned how to share ideas and create collaborative solutions during my 22+ year Navy career. Since being called to minister with St. John's, I have been instrumental in the constitution of a multi-denominational poverty alleviation organization in Suffolk, the Suffolk Clergy United for Interdenominational and Interracial Reconciliation, and the Greater Chuckatuck and Oakland Ministerial Association. Most recently, I have been appointed as assistant Spiritual Director for Cursillo in the Diocese of Southern Virginia and as the

Chaplain for the Bishop Search Transition Committee. I believe this experience has prepared me for service on the Provincial Synod.

**The Rev. Grant Stokes, Trinity, Portsmouth**



After graduating seminary, I was called to be the Assistant Rector at Christ and St Luke's where I was also ordained to the priesthood on Holy Cross Day, 2013. During my five-year tenure at CSL I began to fall in love with this area and the people of this diocese. I am now the Priest-in-charge at Trinity, Portsmouth. I serve on the Nominating Committee for our next Bishop and I am excited by the hopefulness and energy with which the people of this diocese are undertaking this project. I am also on the Chanco board and there I see the many ways our diocese is making a difference in the lives of our youth. It would be a privilege to take that information to share with others in our Province and to bring back opportunities and ideas from

their dioceses as well.