



NOMINATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE 204TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Diocesan Council | Clergy Order (Vote for 2)

THE REV. STEVE RICE



RESIDENCE: Winston-Salem

POSITION: Rector, St. Timothy's, Winston-Salem

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Canon David F. Sellery

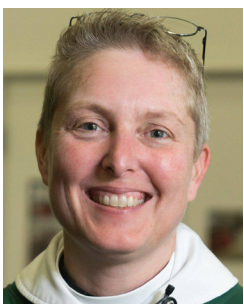
EXPERIENCE:

- Rector in the Diocese of North Carolina for 11 years.
- Served on Diocesan Council (Diocese of Georgia) and 2 terms on the Commission on Ministry (North Carolina), and the Bishop's Nominating Committee (North Carolina)
- Developed significant parish-based ministries for those on the margins of society - overflow homeless shelter (122 days each year), Abraham Project (Episcopal Service Corps), Society of St Joseph of Arimathea (infant burial ministry)
- Sponsored from the parish 5 individuals who now serve 3 dioceses as priests and deacons
- Theological minority

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

My contributions to Diocesan Council will be grounded in a perspective formed by many and diverse experiences as a rector in a healthy parish that has established ministries and practices that are both innovative and firmly rooted in the tradition of the Church. I am committed to the primacy of prayer and formation as the priorities of parishes and will advocate the same as diocesan priorities. As a theological minority, I will also provide an underrepresented voice, adding to the diversity needed for true discernment.

THE REV. GINNY WILDER



RESIDENCE: Winston-Salem

POSITION: Rector, St. Anne's, Winston-Salem

NOMINATOR: Nancy Young

EXPERIENCE:

- I served on the diocesan council in the Diocese of Delaware from 2014-2017 in a variety of capacities focusing on ministry beyond the walls and evangelism. While on the diocesan council I was also a part of the bishop's executive council.
- From 2012-2017 I was a member of the clergy development team creating programming for clergy in the Diocese of Delaware to continue their education and building up their skills in ministry.
- In 2016 I was elected to the Alumni Association Executive Committee for Virginia Theological Seminary and served as president 2018-2019. Together we implemented a strategic plan while seeking input on programming for continuing education opportunities.
- While on the AAEC I was able to serve on the Board of Trustees at VTS and learned again that the work that goes into creating budgets and making decisions is prayerful, holy, and helps us become beloved community.
- Prior to seminary I served for 10 years as a training and development manager at Biltmore Estate on-boarding new hires, facilitating programs for leadership development at all levels, and established career paths for career growth of employees.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

When considering the holy work and prayerful mission of the Diocesan Council, the competencies and skills I offer are a blend of my education and work experiences. I believe my background in human resource management and development in a privately owned company means that I understand when hard decisions are made, they aren't made in a vacuum; and tending to our relationships is valuable in good times and in times of discontent. I believe that a budget is an itemized account of our prayer life and that as a member of the Diocesan Council we will ask often, "Where do we see God reflected in this budget?" I am excited to partner with our bishops, priests and laypeople to create and implement innovative programs that reach beyond our church walls and keeps us moving forward in the Jesus Movement as we continue to become beloved community.

THE REV. REBECCA YARBROUGH



RESIDENCE: Charlotte

POSITION: Deacon, The Chapel of Christ the King, Charlotte

NOMINATOR: Alice Freeman

EXPERIENCE:

- Served on Diocesan Council for four years, and chaired the Outreach and Justice Department of Council. It has been a tremendous privilege and opportunity to contribute!
- One of the team that helped found Galilee Ministries of East Charlotte, and an ending term as board chair this December.
- Active in the Costa Rica Companion Diocese relationship since 2010, and served on the Costa Rica Committee for a number of years, and currently chair it.
- Served on the Bishop's Committee on the Diaconate off and on for the past 10 years.
- Deacon for 10 years at St. Alban's, Davidson, and currently deacon in a historically African American congregation

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I feel blessed to have served on Diocesan Council, and frankly, love the work and am excited about the direction we're headed. Coming from a 40+ years' experience in public sector facilitating community visioning and program development, I'm experienced in the very collaborative process we're using, looking holistically at issues with input from many different voices and perspectives. This approach is important not only for Council but also for our congregations and communities as we seek to bring about Beloved Community. Deacons also bring a particular practical perspective to work around outreach and justice, racial reconciliation, and vulnerable communities; as a deacon, I'm committed to building Beloved Community as truth-telling and reconciliation, AND in ways that are tangible in our very broken world. I hope to continue doing so on Council by working to support and expand our diocesan outreach and justice ministries, and helping to assist vulnerable congregations. Thank you!

Diocesan Council | Lay Order (Vote for 3)

SUE GUPTILL



RESIDENCE: Durham

CHURCH: St. Philip's, Durham

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Stephanie Yancy

EXPERIENCE:

- Current member of Diocesan Council
- Past member and chair of Bishop's Committee for Racial Justice and Reconciliation
- Facilitator for "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other" (now re-named Dismantling Racism: Reclaiming Our Baptismal Covenant)
- Senior Warden (3 times) at St. Philip's, Durham
- Stewardship Chair (2 times) at St. Philip's, Durham

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I have been deeply involved in the ministries of my parish for the past 36 years. I believe that lay ministry and engagement by lay members of each parish brings vitality to our life in Christ. I have also been involved with diocesan activities for about 10 years, and that has given me the opportunity to understand the strengths and challenges of large and small, urban and rural, parishes.

On Diocesan Council, I have been a member and Chair of the Congregational Support and Development Department, and I am committed to helping develop diocesan resources that will support the growth, engagement, and life of all parishes in the Diocese.

SHERRY OWENS



RESIDENCE: Oxford

CHURCH: St. Stephen's, Oxford

NOMINATOR: The Rev. James L. Pahl, Jr.

EXPERIENCE:

- Global Missions Committee Chairperson (Diocese)
- Parish Administrator
- Treasurer
- Vestry Member
- Search Committee Chairperson

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Sherry Owens would bring a wealth of local parish and diocesan experience to the council, and especially in regards to finance and administration. She has a great record of accomplishments at St. Stephen's, Oxford, and on the Global Missions Committee of the diocese. In addition, she is a great thinker and problem-solver who would delve into the many issues and opportunities that sit before the council.

JERRY PRICE



RESIDENCE: Charlotte
CHURCH: Christ Church, Charlotte
NOMINATOR: Reid Joyner
EXPERIENCE:

- Thompson Board member, Treasurer, Executive Committee, Chairman of Finance Committee
- Former Board member & current Treasurer of Galilee Ministries of East Charlotte
- Member of Outreach committee - Christ Church
- Finance member of Seeds of Hope
- Volunteered at Chapel of Christ the King

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I have been a CPA for over forty years and have worked both professionally and personally with various organizations in structure, organization and financial responsibilities. I believe that along with my past volunteer work I could be helpful to the church and the Diocesan Council especially in the area of finance and administration. In addition, I have interest in the other areas in which the Council is responsible and would like to do additional volunteer work in these areas. I recently retired, having sold my accounting practice, and would like to serve in whatever area the Council could best use my skills.

AL RAGLAND



RESIDENCE: Cary
CHURCH: St. Ambrose, Raleigh
NOMINATOR: The Rev. Jemonde Taylor
EXPERIENCE:

- Served as Senior Warden on multiple occasions and rectors
- Served as Junior Warden
- Served as Chair, Buildings and Grounds
- Co-led two searches for the rector position, including the current Rev. Taylor
- Served on the Vestry for over 20 years in total (in 3-year terms)

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

My background has been in human resources (HR) for over 25 years with progressive leadership roles in the private and public sectors. Have been an HR executive at the Senior Vice President/Chief HR Officer level globally, nationally and on the local level. Have volunteered for organizations, such as Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC for over 20 years and served as Chair during part of that time. Some other committees/organizations that I have served on: the Wake County Education Partnership, Blue Ribbon Commission on the growth of Wake County to name a few. Appointed by a former governor to chair the State Human Resources Commission, board member of Towne Bank (formerly Paragon Bank) have served on the Audit, Compensation and Loan Committees.

My competencies/skills include: leadership, team player, collaboration, results orientation, employee relations, compensation, talent acquisition and management, negotiations, inclusion and a good listener/communicator.

RONALD SIGRIST



RESIDENCE: Winston-Salem

CHURCH: St. Anne's, Winston-Salem

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Ginny Wilder

EXPERIENCE:

- I served as a Vestry member for a number of years and church treasurer for two years.
- I served on the Diocesan Stewardship Committee in the past.
- I have been an Education for Ministry mentor for over 20 years and have a great deal of experience in worship, study and theological reflection.
- I have been learning to be a better speaker and presenter via membership in Toastmasters and earned the Distinguished Toastmaster award (DTM).
- I have been a Diocesan Convention Delegate for several terms.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

During the 35 years that I have been a member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church I have served four terms on the Vestry – two times during the interim between rectors. I am familiar with how to monitor financial information and understand how to administer a church. I dealt with the many day-to-day issues and problems that arise during church administration. Those were real learning experiences as I had great responsibilities during those times. I would like to use the skills and experiences that I gained during my church service to serve the Diocese on the Diocesan Council. I really enjoy such service and am retired, so I can devote the time needed for service.

BYNAM WALTER



RESIDENCE: Durham

CHURCH: St. Philip's, Durham

NOMINATOR: Sue Guptill

EXPERIENCE:

- Serving on the St. Philip's Vestry as Senior Warden (2019) and Clerk (2017-18)
- Chairing St. Philip's Campus Study Committee (2018-19) and serving on the Facilities and Grounds Utilization Taskforce (2017)
- Partnering with families that have experience homelessness through Circle of Support (2013-18)
- Representing St. Philip's as a Diocesan Delegate 2015 – 2017
- Cradle Episcopalian baptized, confirmed, and married at Christ Church, Raleigh

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Working for local government as a city planner makes me interested in and observant of organizational process and structure; representing St. Philip's as a diocesan convention delegate for four years – including the election of Bishop Rodman – has been a way to put those skills to use. Similarly, serving St. Philip's as a member of the Vestry and other committees has used different facets of my professional expertise related to physical planning. From an outreach perspective, Circle of Support has been an opportunity to connect with families transitioning out of homelessness, while also building relationships with fellow parishioners. This program provided me with the opportunity to be in relationship with four different families during their first 12 months out of the shelter as they acclimated to a new home and new jobs. Lessons learned from these varied experiences combined with my skills would be useful gifts to the Diocese.

Standing Committee | Clergy Order (Vote for 2)

THE REV. CATHY DEATS



RESIDENCE: Raleigh

POSITION: Self-employed; non-parochial

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Matthew Johnson

EXPERIENCE:

- Canon for Regional Ministry, Diocese of NC, 5/2016 - 9/2019
- Mentoring / Leadership groups for Postulants and Interns, 2014 - present
- Standing Committee, Diocese of Newark, 2007-2013 (President 2009, 2011, 2013)
- Execution of Capital Campaigns and \$1.2m Building Project

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

To the position of member of the Standing Committee I would bring my experience in contracts and property, involvement in the ordination process on many levels, ability to speak the truth in love, and good sense of humor. The qualities of knowledge would make the learning curve for Standing Committee business less steep; my ability to assess people and situations would be valuable in the task of discernment; and I believe a good sense of humor is necessary for any board with serious responsibility.

Standing Committee | Lay Order (Vote for 1)

CAROLYN BERANEK



RESIDENCE: Laurinburg

CHURCH: St. David's, Laurinburg

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Marty Stebbins

EXPERIENCE:

- Served on the Nominating Committee in the search for Bishop Sam
- Is currently their Senior Warden
- Served as Senior Warden at least three prior terms, as well as Junior Warden
- Has led both adult Christian formation classes and J2A

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I am a long-time Episcopalian and I have served as Senior Warden at least three prior terms, as Junior Warden, and am currently their Senior Warden. I have led adult Christian formation classes, youth Sunday School, J2A, and recently completed a Middlers class on making wise, God-inspired choices in exploring their sexuality. I am a member of the choir, a substitute organist, a graduate of EFM, and have also completed Cursillo. I also served on the Nominating Committee in the search for Bishop Sam. I feel that being on the Standing Committee would give a voice to the small and rural churches in our Diocese, and that I understand the particular difficulties small churches have in attracting members and maintaining budgets. I am retired from the Social Security Administration in 2018 after 40 years of service. I am married to John Beranek and have one adult son, and three cats.

MORRIS FRIEDMAN



RESIDENCE: Winston-Salem

CHURCH: St. Paul's, Winston-Salem

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Stephanie Yancy

EXPERIENCE:

- Current Diocesan Council member 2017-2019
- St. Paul's, Winston-Salem Senior Warden 2015-16, Junior Warden 2014-15, Vestry 2013-16
- Service on numerous St. Paul's Winston-Salem committees: Parish Discernment Committee, Capital Campaign Cabinet, Finance, HR, Outreach, past Annual Giving

Chair

- Past Board Member, Hospice and Palliative CareCenter Foundation, Winston-Salem, NC
- Past President of Medical Staff and Board Chairman, Novant Health Medical Park Hospital

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I have greatly enjoyed my service on Diocesan Council. Serving on our Standing Committee would further expand my involvement in the diocese. One of my most meaningful experiences— serving on a Parish Discernment Committee—will be applicable, as the Standing Committee has such a key role in the ordination process. As we move forward together, we must be ever mindful to ensure that the church remains relevant and inclusive in the 21st century. Looking to our savior Jesus Christ for guidance and direction, we can work together to make a positive difference and bring the Gospel to many who may have never had the chance to hear the good news. My past experiences and outlook have helped me facilitate bringing people with disparate opinions together and finding common ground. As a member of Standing Committee, with God's help, I would be excited to be a part of our shared future.

BILLY URQUHART



RESIDENCE: Tarboro

CHURCH: Calvary, Tarboro

NOMINATOR: Billy Urquhart

EXPERIENCE:

- Confirmed member of Episcopal Church 57 years
- Self-employed business man
- Vestry member and 3-time senior warden
- Past member of Diocesan Council
- Current member of Diocesan Insurance Committee

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I will use my experience and skills gained from vestry service and Diocesan Council to address issues presented to the Standing Committee.

Deputy to General Convention | Clergy Order (Vote for 4)

THE REV. SARA ARDREY-GRAVES



RESIDENCE: Winston-Salem

POSITION: Associate Rector, St. Paul's, Winston-Salem

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Nancy Vaders

EXPERIENCE:

- Commission on Ministry, Diocese of North Carolina, 2016-2018, Chair, 2018-present
- Committee for Christian Formation, Diocese of North Carolina, 2016-2018
- Pastoral Leadership Cohort participant, Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care, 2012-2014
- World Council of Churches steering committee member, Virginia chapter, 2013-2015
- Spiritual Director, trained through the Metagem Institute in the Diocese of Alabama, 2017-2019

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I would be honored to serve as a Delegate for General Convention and represent the Diocese of North Carolina in 2021. Through my experiences in lay ministry in this diocese, serving as a priest for the last nine years, and also serving several years prior to that as a United Methodist minister, I feel strongly that our sacramental identity is paramount in how the Episcopal Church will proclaim the Gospel and continue to move forward in a complex and ever-changing world. I am excited to represent our Church as we explore creative ways of serving Jesus Christ and worshipping him in the beauty of holiness for generations to come.

THE REV. DEBORAH BLACKWOOD



RESIDENCE: Charlotte

POSITION: Retired, Holy Comforter, Charlotte

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Greg Brown

EXPERIENCE:

- Served on Bishops Staff for 2003 General Convention
- Volunteered at General Conventions 2003, 2006, 2009, Alternate Deputy 2012 & 2015
- Have been active as lay person [Diocese of WV, Diocese of Az, Diocese of SWFL]; Ordained to Vocational Diaconate 1995 and active in Diocese of SWFL and Diocese of NC; served multiple parishes from 2 start-up [AZ, NC] to established parishes
- Worked as the Shepherd for those entering ordination discernment process as Dean for Schools for Ministry [DSWF; was the Bishop's Visitor to seminaries where we had seminarians 1995-2004]
- Worked as Liaison for Refugee Ministries for Diocese of NC for past 5 years

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I am a skilled "observer" and "reporter," have been through multiple communications and mediation trainings; was a national and local Safe Church and Seeing the Face of God programs; was an educator and administrator for 54 years; have worked on diocesan committees and commissions since graduate schools. As a life-long Episcopalian who has lived/worshipped and worked in multiple dioceses since my youth - I have a pretty broad spectrum from which to view this "Mother Church". I have seen it as an anti-war "protector" in the '60, a life-long civil rights advocate, and now as a retired Vocational Deacon still working in the Refugee/Immigration field in both the Charlotte, NC area and the wider Diocese of NC and with EMM at a national level. Having been to General Conventions since 2003 ... I have an understanding of the time/commitment needed and prepared briefing materials for 2016 GC for DNC.

THE REV. JAMIE (L'ENFANT) EDWARDS



RESIDENCE: Greensboro

POSITION: Rector, St. Clement's, Clemmons

NOMINATOR: Martha Alexander

EXPERIENCE:

- General Convention Deputy (2015, 2018)
- Standing Committee (2010-13, last year as president)
- Botswana Link Committee (2008 to present, 2013-14 co-chair)
- Diocesan Council (2006-10)
- Safe Church Trainer (2005-17)

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Unlike other church bodies, which benefit from not electing the same familiar faces over and over, a General Convention deputy needs to be experienced to be effective. New deputies are mainly observers--rarely even assigned to a committee--and second time deputies are new to committee work. General Convention is a huge investment in time and resources, and after having shared in that commitment both in Salt Lake City in 2015 and in Austin in 2018, I am able to fully offer a meaningful contribution. I have served as a priest in this diocese for 23 years in a variety of settings, and I have a long history of diocesan involvement. I am organized and detail-oriented. Please allow me to provide a proper return on the investment that the diocese has made in me--and I have made to the Church--by electing me to serve again as a clergy deputy.

THE REV. SALLY FRENCH



RESIDENCE: Chapel Hill

POSITION: Associate Rector, St. Philip's, Durham

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Jemonde Taylor

EXPERIENCE:

- President, Standing Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina, 2019
- Member, Standing Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina, 2017-2019
- St. George's College, Jerusalem: Exhibitor representative at General Convention 2018

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

As a priest in the Diocese of North Carolina, I have truly loved serving on the Standing Committee, this year as president. Under my leadership, this year's Standing Committee has worked to review our bylaws and practices to diminish barriers to participation and increase diversity among our membership. We've taken steps to address systemic bias in the ways that we and other governing bodies respond to parishes and individuals, and we've been able to strengthen our work and processes as we've dealt with our canonical responsibilities. It's been a busy year, and I have loved it! I have gifts for organization and administration and I'm one of those rare folks who actually love meetings. I spent some time last summer at General Convention in Austin and I could see the energy and enthusiasm of our delegates. I would love to be a part of that process!

THE REV. KEVIN MATTHEWS



RESIDENCE: Greensboro

POSITION: Campus & Young Adult Missioner, St. Mary's House, Greensboro

NOMINATOR: The Rev. James Franklin

EXPERIENCE:

- Deputy to General Convention, 2009-2018, including most recently as chair of our deputation
- Ordained priest since 1985
- 12 years experience on Commissions on Ministry in 2 dioceses
- 16 years in college chaplaincy
- Member, Union of Black Episcopalians

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

One of my first experiences in the Episcopal Church came when my family integrated the local parish. That experience led to a lifetime of advocating for us to keep opening our doors to everyone. As a deputy, I have used my experience on General Convention committees which dealt with same-sex marriage, prayer book revision, and new church plants. My ministry has ranged from cathedral and diocesan staff to mission congregations. I love our tradition and also see our need for change. Now, as a college and young adult missioner, I listen to young people inside and outside of the church who seek a connection to God but don't find it in churches that have ignored them and sometimes told them they are not welcome. Finally, as an experienced church person and deputy, I know how General Convention works and therefore how to get things done.

THE REV. LINDA NYE



RESIDENCE: Eden

POSITION: Rector, Church of the Epiphany, Eden

NOMINATOR: Rob Martin

EXPERIENCE:

- Diocesan Council member
- Legislative Aide to 2018 General Convention
- Diocesan Fair Share Appeals Board
- Board member of community organizations including Hospice of Rockingham County, Aging-Disability-Transportation Services, and Eden Rotary Club

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

As a Legislative Aide to General Convention in 2018, I learned how General Convention works, how resolutions come to committees, are dealt with there, and go on to the Convention floor. I believe that this experience reduces the "learning curve" that is inherent in a first-time General Convention attendee in any capacity. As a member of Diocesan Council, I am familiar with the governance of our diocese, which is a good preparation for similar work on a church-wide level. I would be honored to represent our diocese as a deputy to convention.

THE REV. HELEN SVOBODA-BARBER



RESIDENCE: Durham

POSITION: Rector, St. Luke's, Durham

NOMINATOR: Phillip Bass

EXPERIENCE:

- General Convention Deputy, Alternate, Observer, Volunteer 1985, 2000-2006, 2018
- General Convention House of Deputies Special Committee on Sexual Harassment and Exploitation, 2018
- General Convention Anti-Sexism Task Force 2018-present
- Diocesan Credentials committee 2017 (Chair 2018-present)
- Diocesan Council, Ohio 2009-2014

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I have had the opportunity to be at General Convention as a deputy, volunteer and youth observer from the Dioceses of Kansas, Ohio and North Carolina. I find the Holy Spirit showing up in the intense long days on the legislative floor, in the passion of early morning hearings, in the diversity of vendor booths, and during the heartfelt worship. Having served congregations of various sizes in three dioceses, I bring a depth of knowledge of congregational life as well as connections with many in the wider church. I want the concerns of our congregations to reach General Convention, and the work of General Convention to strengthen our congregations. I would be honored to serve the Diocese of North Carolina as a deputy.

Deputy to General Convention | Lay Order (Vote for 4)

MARTHA ALEXANDER



RESIDENCE: Charlotte

CHURCH: Christ Church, Charlotte

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Henry H. "Chip" Edens

EXPERIENCE:

- Trustee of the Church Pension Fund
- Board Member of the Global Episcopal Network
- Companion Diocese Coordinator for Province IV
- Chair, Dispatch of Business for Diocesan Convention
- Member of the Botswana Companion Diocese Committee

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Since 2003 I have been a deputy from the Diocese of North Carolina to the General Convention. At the 79th General Convention I was a member of Legislative Committee 06 The Episcopal Church in Cuba and served as Chaplain to the Committee.

I am presently a member of the Executive Council Committee on the Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

One of the skills I bring is the knowledge and workings of the General Convention and The Episcopal Church. I am committed to learning, discussing and reflecting on the issues brought before us, as well as keenly listening to the many creative voices within the church, as we work together to solve them. I will bring careful and prayerful consideration to all matters. And, I will work with the others within our deputation. It would be a privilege to serve you as one of the Deputies to the 80th General Convention.

MEGAN CARLSON



RESIDENCE: Durham

CHURCH: St. Stephen's, Durham

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Sarah Woodard

EXPERIENCE:

- Served 1 Term on Vestry with 1 year as Clerk. I will be seeking a second term in the spring. I am also on our church Financial Committee.
- Served for 3 years on the Committee for Campus and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of North Carolina.
- Attended the Young Adult Festival at the last General Convention to both advocate for young adult ministries and get an introduction to General Convention and how it operates.
- Led efforts with A Moveable Feast and establishing a young adult cross-parish initiative in Durham County
- Have served on my parish delegation for Diocesan Convention

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Megan is a young adult in a church seeped in traditions looking to the future. She has matured in a church mired by division seeking reconciliation. She was born into a faith that knows that differences exist only to show us the many faces of God. Megan is grounded in the freedom of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement. This foundation allows her to see the possibilities that change affords while remembering the road which we have walked. Megan is ready to listen, but not afraid to jump. As for practical skills, she is well-versed in current technological advancements, budget planning, and has an aptitude for legal comprehension. Megan is driven to use her skills to help the full convention delegation as needed. She is a faithful, intelligent, articulate leader and a team player.

ALICE FREEMAN



RESIDENCE: Wilson County

CHURCH: St. Mark's, Wilson

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Philip R. Byrum

EXPERIENCE:

- Currently serving on Diocesan Council
- Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry Board of Directors
- Senior Warden
- Five-time Deputy to General Convention
- Currently serving on Executive Council of The Episcopal Church

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I love the Episcopal Church, and this is an especially exciting time to be a part of a movement that proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ.

My career experience has mostly been in the area of administration, budgeting, strategic planning and thinking. I have tried to use that experience in the church, serving in many capacities.

Being elected by Diocesan Convention to be a Deputy to General Convention and now serving on Executive Council, I have gained greater insight into the overall structure and workings of the church. It has enabled me to be a more effective advocate for inclusion of all to be at the table. I believe in consensus building and look for ways to make things happen instead of looking for reasons why things won't work. Through God's grace, I seek to build relationships and trust.

DELOIS WARD



RESIDENCE: Raleigh

CHURCH: Christ Church, Raleigh

NOMINATOR: John H. Gray

EXPERIENCE:

- Commission on Ministry - Diocese of North Carolina - 2007-2018
- Board of Trustees - Kanuga Conferences - 2011-2017
- Member and President of the Standing Committee - Diocese of Washington, DC - 1999-2002
- Coalition for Human Needs - ECUSA - 1984-1992
- Union of Black Episcopalians - Washington Chapter - 1984-1986

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Delois Ward (Dee) has an extensive background serving others, through both volunteer and professional experiences. Her volunteer experiences are vast and have benefited multiple dioceses within the Episcopal Church. Professionally, she has directed organizations supporting children and families at risk. Her volunteer and professional accomplishments point to her lifelong commitment to helping those in need.

Her experiences as an administrator provide her with a perspective based in reason. Her experiences leading various organizations provide her with an understanding of legislative operations in a large, complex organization. Most importantly, in all of her experiences, her passion and commitment to helping others demonstrate her eagerness, as both a leader and a tireless worker, to further the Kingdom of God. As a delegate to General Convention, she would conscientiously seek opportunities to help the marginalized and the hopeless and to further the work of our church in the world.

Board of Trustees, University of the South (Sewanee) | Lay Order (Vote for 1)

GEORGE BRINE



RESIDENCE: Durham

CHURCH: St. Joseph's, Durham

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Karen Barfield

EXPERIENCE:

- Former Senior Warden, St. Joseph's
- Former Treasurer, St. Joseph's
- Delegate/alternate to numerous Diocesan conventions
- Former Diocesan Liaison to the North Carolina Council of Churches (appointed by Bishop Johnson)

- Current and past member of the Board of Trustees, the University of the South

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I am a 1967 graduate of the University of the South. I was the third generation of my family to attend the university. Ever since my graduation I have been proud to be one of the "never failing succession of benefactors." I presently serve as a trustee from this diocese. I serve on the Orientation and Trustee Development Committee and on the Constitution and Ordinances Committee. I have worked to improve communications between Sewanee and this diocese, and I am a participant in the Sewanee Project on Slavery, Race and Reconciliation. I pledge to work hard to ensure that the University of the South (College and School of Theology) continues to be a successful and highly respected institution of higher learning. I would be honored to once again serve the University of the South and the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina as a lay trustee.

LIZ DALRYMPLE



RESIDENCE: Pinehurst

CHURCH: Emmanuel, Southern Pines

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Mary Balfour Dunlap

EXPERIENCE:

- Emmanuel Episcopal Church Vestry member, 1 three-year term
- Episcopal Day School Board Member, 12 years, 4 three-year terms
- Episcopal Day School Search Committee for a Head, 3 different searches

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

As a lifelong Episcopalian and parent of two Sewanee graduates, I have a deep connection to the University. I believe deeply in the values that embody the life at Sewanee and as a lay Trustee I would be committed to seeing that these values are maintained for generations to come.

I have been blessed to have the opportunity to serve on the Vestry of my church, the Board of the Church Day School and the Altar Guild. In each role I have strived to be responsive to the needs of those I am representing. I understand the importance of being able to work well with others and thoughtfully listen to all perspectives on an issue.

Sewanee is a special place which fosters a strong academic environment, grounded in faith. It would be a privilege to have an opportunity to further my connection to Sewanee and serve as a lay Trustee.

GREG DAYNES



RESIDENCE: Wilson
CHURCH: St. Timothy's, Wilson
NOMINATOR: The Rev. Marty Stebbins
EXPERIENCE:

- Currently Provost and VP of Barton College
- Teaches Adult Formation
- Licensed Lay Preacher
- Prior Senior Warden

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Gary Daynes is a member of St. Timothy's Episcopal in Wilson, NC. There, over the past five years, he has served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden. He is a lay preacher, and he has taught adult formation classes on immigration and scripture, and with his wife Kristine, on holiness and worship.

Gary has worked in higher education since 1996, for the past six years serving as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Barton College. He is a historian by training. He teaches and writes on the ways that colleges and communities work together to build healthier, wiser places. He is on the board of the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, and chairs the board of the St. John Community Development Corporation. It is these things--his love for the church and his commitment to education--that make him excited at the possibility of serving on the Board at Sewanee.

CAROLINE HUFFMAN



RESIDENCE: Raleigh
CHURCH: Christ Church, Raleigh
NOMINATOR: Nell Joslin
EXPERIENCE:

- I am an honors graduate of the University of the South, Class of 1986.
- I have been a faithful volunteer for Sewanee ever since my graduation, planning Sewanee club events in the Triangle and attending college fairs.
- I have been an active member of Christ Church, Raleigh, since 1998, volunteering in parish ministry and with the ECW and currently Chair of Altar Guild IV.
- I am currently on the Board of Visitors of Kanuga.
- I'm currently a volunteer with Episcopal Campus Ministry in Raleigh.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Attending Sewanee in the 1980s was the most transformative experience of my life. I was a small town girl who found the confidence to write and think on the holy mountain. I am forever grateful for the experience. If elected Trustee, I would bring the passion of that young woman combined with experience of 30 years working in academia and the corporate world. Despite the fact that the student population is over 50% female, and has been for a long time, male trustees far outnumber female trustees. We need more female representation, and I would be honored to be one of those voices. Listening to faculty and students would be part of my advocating for what's best for Sewanee. Small liberal arts colleges are in danger of dying out and preserving Sewanee and seeing her thrive for generations would be my goal. *Ecce quam bonum.*

GILES RHODENHISER



RESIDENCE: Raleigh

CHURCH: St. Joseph's, Durham

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser

EXPERIENCE:

- Trustee, Episcopal Diocese of Michigan
- Investments Committee Member, Episcopal Diocese of Michigan
- Attorney licensed to practice in North Carolina and Michigan
- North Carolina Court of Appeals staff member
- Clergy spouse and child

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

As a lifelong Episcopalian, attorney, and clergy spouse and child, with experience as a Trustee and Investments Committee Member in the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, I am devoted to diligently and faithfully building up the kingdom of God.

I am particularly interested in stewardship to the Church and its institutions and their needs and to the world God created.

To that end, I am proud of the progress made towards fossil fuel divestment while lowering administrative costs and preserving (and increasing) expected portfolio returns during my service as a Trustee and Investments Committee Member of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

I would apply this specific experience along with the rest of my experience as an engaged Episcopalian and practicing attorney while serving as a Trustee to the University of the South.