

Elected to Diocesan Positions

Nominees were asked to respond to the following: 1. In a brief paragraph, please give a sense of the vision and gifts/ skills which you would bring to the position for which you have been nominated. 2. List the ways you have lived out your gifts/ skills in the past, such as committees and organizations, as well as relevant job/ life experiences.

Diocesan Council

Elect one clergy, one lay, to serve as at-large representatives for three years

The Council is similar to a parish vestry or bishop's committee, functioning in the place of Convention when Convention is in recess. Its responsibilities include administration of the budget and management of business and secular affairs. Council is also charged with activities that promote unification, development, and prosecution of missionary work, church extension, and Christian education. There are fifteen members, nine of them elected by the three convocations to represent those three constituencies, and six elected at-large to represent all the congregations. Council usually meets on the third Tuesday evening of the month, usually ten times a year, in Easton. It may also conduct other meetings as diocesan business requires, including a retreat, usually in the spring. Members need to be able to commit to regular attendance, and have a genuine interest in the ministry of the entire diocese. No member may also be a member of the Standing Committee. Some vestry and parish experience is desirable.

Clergy

Nanese Hawthorne, St. Luke's/St. Andrew's, Church Hill/Sudlersville



I have spent my adult life in ministry either at the diocesan or parish level. My gifts/skills include an ability to encourage others to discover and develop their gifts/skills to strengthen faith and growth by serving others. Small groups often enable faith and ministries to grow so that all can be nurtured and become stronger. My gifts/skills are to work with others in creative ways so that the work of the church can progress and develop.

While serving as Rector of St. Luke's Parish in Queen Anne's County, I presently serve as a member of the Board of Camp Wright, as diocesan representative to the Interfaith Resource Center, and on the Queen Anne County Ethics Commission.

Lay

Pamela McCloud, Christ Church, St. Michaels

Pamela McCloud has been involved in international development in one form or another from college on. She joined the Peace Corps out of college and went on to live and work in Afghanistan and Egypt, among other places. She has focused primarily on education, women's empowerment, and youth development in international settings, primarily in central Asia and the Middle East. She's now a consultant, and is involved

in Habitat for Humanity as chair of the partnership committee, where she sponsors a family. She is also co-team leader for Christ Church, St. Michaels/Talbot interfaith homeless shelter, and is the parish liaison for Episcopal Relief & Development.

Standing Committee

Elect one clergy, one lay, to serve for three years

The Standing Committee's principal ministry is to be a council of advice for the bishop. There are six members, all elected at-large at the annual Convention. In the event there is no bishop, the Standing Committee becomes the ecclesiastical authority. Among its other ministries is to assure a candidate for holy orders has fully met all the canonical requirements, to give or withhold approval for transfer of real property by congregations, and to consent or not to the elections of bishops in all other dioceses of The Episcopal Church. It usually meets on the third Monday afternoon of the month, or at the request of the bishop, in Easton. Some vestry and diocesan experience is valuable.

Clergy

David Dingwall, St. Paul's by-the-Sea, Ocean City

During my 20 years of ordained ministry, I have served parishes in resort communities, small towns, and Indian reservations in three dioceses and two countries. In each of these places, I have strived to bring unity out of division. Every parish I have served has been emerging either from a difficult relationship with its previous clergy or a difficult time in the life of the parish. These experiences have helped me to develop a keen understanding of what brings division to a parish, and how healing is facilitated, both for the congregation and the clergy person.

My service in the Anglican Church of Canada has given me the experience of serving in a church with a very different polity than ECUSA. This experience helps me to understand the perspective of those provinces that expect our Episcopal bishops to be much more powerful and commanding than our canons allow. In these days of increasing tension between the various, and varying, provinces of the Anglican Communion, I believe such insight would be beneficial to our bishop and the Standing Committee. Most importantly, I bring a strong commitment to our shared unity in Christ and to our collective mission to share the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

I have served on numerous diocesan and provincial committees and task forces covering subjects including aboriginal

ministry, clergy continuing education, diocesan budget development, diocesan programs, evangelism, provincial synod, and youth ministry. More importantly, I have served parishes in communities that have been scarred by the church, in small congregations that felt ignored and/or threatened by their diocese, and I have experienced parish/priest/bishop conflict from the inside. I believe these experiences make me qualified to serve on the Standing Committee and look forward to the opportunity to serve if elected.

Lay

Ruth Kemp, St. Paul's, Berlin For the past twelve years, the Diocese of Easton has been my home. The diversity and history that is demonstrated in the parishes of the diocese were unique to my past experiences in the Diocese of Maryland. During those twelve years I have been aware of and invigorated by the changes, challenges, and growth within our Episcopal Church. I have had the opportunity and the privilege to worship and meet some of the congregations, in many of these beautiful facilities throughout the diocese. As a retired Baltimore County teacher, I have experienced and been challenged by many changes and differences of opinion over the duration of my career. I had served on many committees designed to weigh, discuss, and access the diversity of planning, programming, philosophy, and implementation. I believe, with some understanding of the diocese, I could offer these gifts to our Standing Committee.

I have served on the Teacher's Association of Baltimore County; President and State Chair of Educational, Philanthropic Organizations; Various officer positions and committee chairs in the American Association of University Women; church vestry; Christian education and Vacation Bible School teacher and organizer; secretary and program chair for the ECW, Diocese of Easton; representative to Provincial Synod; the Search Committee for the Diocese of Easton; Diocesan Council; delegate to Diocesan Convention; deputy to General Convention; graduate of Education for Ministry (EFM).

Board of Managers

Elect two lay to serve for three years

The Board of Managers consists only of lay persons, except the bishop, who is chair ex-officio. Although not required by the diocesan Constitution, they traditionally are persons with strong backgrounds in investment practices. The Board's mission is to manage the invested funds of the diocese and of parishes whose portfolios are entrusted to the Board. It meets quarterly in Easton.

Peter Metcalf, St. Paul's-Kent, Chestertown

Peter Metcalf, Ph.D., has retired from a career in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry. He is currently an investment advisor located here on the Eastern Shore. He has served as treasurer of St. Paul's Parish, Kent, and has taught as a member of the Practitioner Faculty of the Finance Department of Johns Hopkins University. He is registered as an Investment Advisor with the State of Maryland and is a CFA charter

holder. He holds a B.S. degree from the California Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. degree from Cornell University.

Al Smith, Holy Trinity, Oxford Over ten years experience with the Board of Managers, as chair of the Finance Committee, Standing Committee representative during the transition, appointed member, then elected member. Participated in choosing the present manager and renewal of that manager. Drafted the investment policy.



Currently co-chair of diocesan Stewardship Committee; Development and Finance chair, Camp Wright; and senior warden, Holy Trinity, Oxford.

Served on the publicity committee for Bishop Sorge. Elected to the Standing Committee, and served as Vice President. Have served as president of Talbot Mentors, the Oxford Community Center, and the Historical Society of Talbot County. Currently the vice-president of Talbot Hospice Foundation and was co-chair of the Oxford Fire Company building fund.

Ecclesiastical Court

Elect one lay to serve for five years

The Ecclesiastical Court meets rarely. It goes into session only if there are serious charges against a priest or deacon and the accused refuses to accept the bishop's finding of guilt and his or her proposed punishment. The Court's members then convene to hear evidence and decide whether the clergy person is guilty or not guilty. There are five members, three clergy and two lay, with one elected each year in a rotation. In the event of a trial, knowledge of Title IV of the Episcopal Church's canons would be essential.

Bonny Anderson, St. Andrew's, Sudlersville

As a person who has been involved on both the parish and diocesan level, I am aware of many governance and canonical regulations. This background is necessary for anyone on the Ecclesiastical Court. Members must be able to listen with an informed mind.



My volunteer work in the church has been a centerpiece of my adult life to date. I have been a Sunday School teacher, vestryman and senior warden, member of Diocesan Council, treasurer and chairman of the Camp Wright Committee, member and president of the Standing Committee, member of the Finance Committee and currently communication coordinator for the diocesan ECW. All of these experiences have informed the rest of my volunteer and work activities. In addition, I find that church attendance gives me a sense of meaningful community and a focus for organizing my thoughts and deeds.