

NOMINEES FOR DIOCESAN OFFICES

Report prepared for the 228th Diocesan Convention
November 2018

Standing Committee

2 Lay Seats, 3 year terms

Lay Nominees

Thomas B. Richardson
Will Suggs
Diane Wilson

2 Clergy Seats, 3 year terms

Clergy Nominees

The Rev. Pam Fahrner
The Rev. Cn. Caleb J. Lee

The Standing Committee is comprised of six clergy and six lay members. The Standing Committee's responsibilities are: 1) Act as the Standing Committee of the diocese in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, the Constitution of this Diocese (Article IX), and its Canons, including giving consents to Episcopal elections elsewhere in The Episcopal Church; 2) Act as a council of advice to the Bishop; and 3) Act as Ecclesiastical Authority in absence of the Bishop.

Diocesan Council

2 Lay Seats, 3 year terms

Lay Nominees

Arenilla K. Bush
Charles Laffitte
Sally Mayes

2 Clergy Seats, 3 year terms

1 Clergy Seat, 1 year term

Clergy Nominees

The Rev. Matt McCormick
The Rev. Adam Shoemaker
The Rev. Roy Tripp

The Diocesan Council is responsible for the development, implementation and oversight of the diocesan program and budget. Between Diocesan Conventions, the Council functions much like the vestry of a congregation, establishing policies, planning the work of the church, and overseeing its administration.

Trustees of the Diocese

3 Lay Seats (terms vary)

Lay Nominees

Bill Beak
Doug Billings
Charles Carpenter
Lesley Gilbert
Barbara Mann
Bob Pinkerton
Douglas Roderick

3 Clergy Seats (terms vary)

Clergy Nominees

The Rev. Mark Brinkmann
The Rev. Dr. Philip Linder
Rev. Donald McPhail

The Trustees of the Diocese have previously been comprised of three clergy and five lay members. Updated Canons now call for 3 clergy and 3 lay members to serve 6 year terms. For the first 6 years, two members' terms will expire every other year. After convention, the newly-elected trustees will determine who will hold terms for two years, four years and six years, with one clergy and one lay Trustee designated for each of those term lengths. The responsibilities of the Trustees are in accordance with 1902 Act of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, and include quarterly meetings, and managing the investments, assets, and endowments of the diocese.

Trustee, University of the South

1 Clergy Trustee, 3 year term

Clergy Nominee:

The Rev. Rob Donehue

University of the South Trustee: Located in Sewanee, Tennessee, the university is owned by the Episcopal dioceses of the southeast, each of which elects two lay persons and one member of the clergy to its Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet once each year for two days. Between annual meetings, trustees serve the university by promoting its mission, encouraging enrollment, and supporting it financially.

**Late nominations may be presented
to the Nominations Committee
on or before November 16, 2018,
the first business day of Diocesan Convention.**

**Late nominations must include 110 copies
of each nominee's photo, nominator statement,
and personal statement.**

Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Thomas B. Richardson

Church: St. Catherine's, Florence

Nominated by: Matthew Robertson



Nominator Statement

I am pleased to nominate Thomas B. Richardson to serve on the Standing Committee.

Thomas is an active member of St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, serving on the Mission Council, the Finance Committee, organizing our Men's Group, and ushering at services

Cross and Crown Lutheran Church has graciously offered to share their building with St. Catherine's and we often share in outreach, Wednesday services and various committees. Thomas serves on the joint Buildings and Grounds Committee and regularly attends and supports our joint efforts.

Thomas is a cradle Episcopalian and was a long time member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Florence, serving on the Vestry there before the schism. He chose to help form St. Catherine's and he and his family have supported St. Catherine's from the beginning.

Thomas is currently serving as the Chief Compliance Officer for McLeod Regional Hospital in Florence.

His knowledge and support of the Episcopal Church and the Pee Dee will make him a valuable member of the Standing Committee.

Personal Statement:

I am a lifelong Episcopalian. I was baptized and confirmed at Christ Church in Kensington, Maryland and was married 35 years ago (to an Episcopalian) at The Church of St. Michael's and All Angels in Anniston, Alabama. We have a son in Charleston, SC and daughter and son-in-law in Greenville, SC. I am a lawyer and serve as the Chief Compliance Officer for McLeod Health in Florence, SC.

I have continuously worshiped in the Episcopal Church. I have served on past vestries and am currently serving on Mission Council for St. Catherine's. It is with profound sadness that I have watched the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of South Carolina separate and become embroiled in litigation. It is with great hope that we are on the path of reconciliation and that my service on the Standing Committee may in some way be a part of that process.

I have also served in leadership positions with various civic clubs and not-for-profits including a hospital board. I am comfortable serving with others to accomplish shared objectives. Thank you for your consideration.

Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Will Suggs

Church: Grace Church Cathedral

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee



Nominator Statement

It is a great honor to nominate Will Suggs to serve as a member of the Standing Committee. Will currently serves as Director of Employee Relations for the Charleston County School District; a position he has held since 2010. His professional expertise is impressive as he is responsible for ensuring that every employee, from the Superintendent down to the hourly cafeteria workers, is treated fairly under the policies of the district as well as under state and federal law. This entails conducting internal investigations, mediating disputes and resolving differences, determining disciplinary consequences for policy violations that are equitable/appropriate, and connecting employees with supports. Basically, he helps solve problems. He is beyond qualified to serve on such an important committee at such an historic time for our diocese. What I am most excited about this nomination is that Will is a great churchman. He has a servant heart and quiet, yet confident resolve that has, and will continue to serve the church for years to come. The diocese will greatly benefit from his service on Standing Committee.

Personal Statement

The various roles I have filled at Grace Church over the past twenty-four years have included the following: teaching Sunday School and assisting with EYC; serving as director of christian education; serving on vestry and on search committees for a youth minister, a director of children's ministries, and a rector; and participating in weekly worship as lector, intercessor, chalice bearer, and verger. As I have reflected on these roles, one thing has become clear for me: The Holy Spirit led me to each opportunity and then opened my heart and mind to the possibilities of doing God's work each time I was invited to serve.

Much of my Christian formation as a child and young adult was shaped by Proverbs 3:5-6 – in summary, "Trust God completely, and he will guide you." This passage has served me well in my personal life as a son, husband, father, and friend, and in my professional life as a teacher and administrator. It has also helped me maintain a sense of optimism during difficult times. Should it be God's plan that I serve The Episcopal Church in South Carolina as a member of the Standing Committee, I will approach the duties prayerfully, joyfully, and trusting in God's direction.

Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Diane Wilson

Church: St. George's, Summerville

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Chris Huff



Nominator Statement

Mrs. Diane Wilson is a long-time Episcopalian, having served on many committees in the church. She is savvy about local and national church policy and procedure, as well as those in the corporate world. She would serve the diocese faithfully and well as a member of the Standing Committee. She makes a dedicated, working member in any group, and I think the Standing Committee needs her proven leadership capabilities, especially in these times.

Personal Statement

My name is Diane Wilson and I am a member of St. George's in Summerville. I am honored to be considered to serve our diocese on the Standing Committee.

Because my father served 20 years in the Air Force my family had the opportunity to live in many countries. I was born in France and grew up in the U.S. and Europe. We settled in the Northern Virginia area where we lived for many years after my father's military retirement and subsequently moved to Summerville in 1989. This is where my son and I call home.

At St. George's I have been actively involved in many ministries: vestry, clerk of the vestry, directed the Outreach Committee, served on the Altar Guild, served on Cursillo teams, attended and hosted home groups, member of the Daughters of the King, and currently I am director of the Benedictine Oblates of St. George's. One of the most life changing opportunities in my life was serving on mission teams to Honduras. Outside of the church I serve Dorchester County as a volunteer guardian ad litem. All of these ministries have strengthened my relationships with people both in and out of the church. More importantly, however, these relationships have also strengthened my relationship with God.

I retired from a 34-year career with AT&T in 2010. During that span of time I worked in many different departments most of which were supervising and managing call centers. For the past eight years I have been serving St. George's as parish administrator.

Thank you for this opportunity to be considered to serve the diocese on the Standing Committee.

Standing Committee

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Pam Fahrner

Church: All Saints, Hilton Head Island

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Richard Lindsey



Nominator Statement

I heartily recommend The Rev. Pamela Fahrner to serve on the Standing Committee.

For more than five years, I have worked closely with her and she has served our parish, deanery, and diocese with great energy and faith. Her enthusiasm, organizational skills and collaborative attitude will be an asset in whatever role she fills. She is energized by new ideas and thinking “outside the box” which will be particularly beneficial in our diocese at this time of transition.

Personal Statement

As an active member of the Diocesan Council for the past three years, I look forward to bringing closure and peace to our diocese and the people of God in our beloved church homes. These are exciting and challenging times and I hope to serve well as I bring a spirit of mercy to our reconciliation process. I believe my organizational and multi-tasking skills will be an asset to the Standing Committee at this crucial time.

Ordained in the Diocese of Maryland, I came to the Lowcountry just as the diocesan separation took place. I am active in the mission and ministry of the Southern Deanery, serving at several missions, churches, and worshipping communities, both leading services and preaching, as well as being a pastoral presence as requested. I have participated every year in collaborating with lay and clergy leaders in planning and implementation of Lenten programs within our deanery. Last year, it was a joy for me to lead the orientation for those new to the Diocesan Convention and its processes. This year, I am a Diocesan Council representative at our pre-convention meetings and represented The Episcopal Church in South Carolina at one of the open discussion evenings for parishioners in churches who left The Episcopal Church. I am also pleased to serve this year as the chair of the Resolutions Committee.

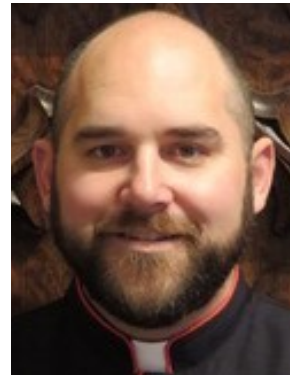
Standing Committee

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Cn. Caleb J. Lee

Church: Grace Church Cathedral

Nominated by: The Rev. Rob Donehue



Nominator Statement

I have served with Caleb in the past, and I think he is one of the most effective leaders in the diocese. He has served a term on Diocesan Council, and I think he would make an excellent addition to the Standing Committee. In conversations affecting the life of the diocese, I have found that Caleb brings a sense of stability, charity, and wisdom to the table. Being one of the younger priests of the diocese, Caleb's perspective is valuable because he intuitively understands the long-term needs we have for the future of the diocese. I've found him to be a priest dedicated to the spiritual growth and flourishing of the people of the diocese, and I sincerely hope that he will be elected to serve on the Standing Committee.

Personal Statement

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Standing Committee. If elected I look forward to continuing to serve the church in this way.

I currently serve as Canon for Worship and Parish Life at Grace Church Cathedral; responsible for assisting the dean with the liturgical life of the congregation as well as overseeing day-to-day ministries and providing spiritual and practical guidance for various committees, guilds, and groups.

As a priest within the diocese I serve on the Diocesan Council and Liturgical Commission. I am the clergy representative for Episcopal Campus Ministries on the Peninsula. One of the newest “cool” things I get to do is serve as one of the spiritual directors for the reboot of Happening in our diocese. I also serve on the Board of Trustees for Porter-Gaud School. It is a joy to serve and, if elected, you can count on me to do so with the long-term health and vibrancy of our diocese in mind.

Diocesan Council

Lay

Name: Arenilla K. Bush

Church: Calvary, Charleston

Nominated by: Jeannette Spencer

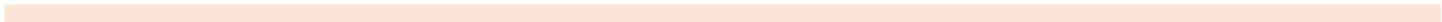


Nominator Statement

I am pleased to support the nomination of Arenilla K. Bush to serve as a Lay member of our Diocesan Council. Mrs. Bush is a native of Georgia, earning her master's degree in social work from the University of Georgia. Mrs. Bush's career spans thirty-eight years as a mental health clinician and manager at state government agencies. This gives her a unique perspective on the needs of our community in this area. Her insights into what the Episcopal Church can do to support efforts in this area would be invaluable. Arie has been married for forty-four years and has been a devoted member of Calvary Episcopal Church for thirty-six years. While there she has served as a member of the Altar Guild, the Finance Committee and the Rector Search Committee. She currently serves as a member of the vestry at Calvary Episcopal Church and works as the vestry clerk. I believe that her experiences and keen interest in serving the Episcopal Church will bring invaluable knowledge and dedication to the Diocesan Council.

Personal Statement

I am submitting my name for this position because of my interest in contributing to the Episcopal Church in South Carolina in any reasonable way I can. I grew up in Georgia and earned a master of social work degree from the University of Georgia prior to marrying and moving to Charleston in 1974. I am retired and worked for 38 years in state government as a clinician and manager mostly with mental health and mentally disabled clients. I have been married 44 years and we have two adult children. Currently I am a member of Calvary Episcopal Church. I serve as the vestry clerk with my term expiring at the end of 2018. I also serve on the Finance Committee, the Altar Guild and was on the search committee to call a rector.



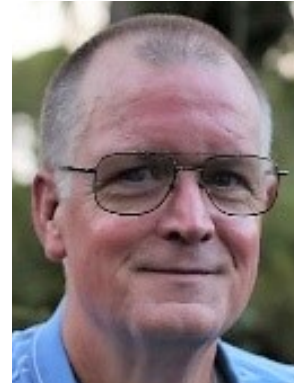
Diocesan Council

Lay

Name: Charles Laffitte

Church: All Saints, Hampton

Nominated by: The Rev. Jack Nietert



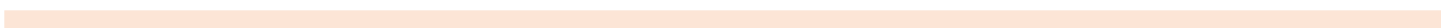
Nominator Statement

Charles Laffitte was baptized and grew up at All Saints, Hampton. Currently he is an usher and serves on the vestry and since 2014 he has been treasurer of the church. He participates in all the activities at All Saints and is fully aware of the needs of small congregations. Charles' work at Palmetto State Bank gives him valuable financial and people experience. He has an inquisitive mind, is thoughtful and often has keen observations. Charles is a faithful Christian and would be a great asset to our Diocesan Council.

Personal Statement

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Diocesan Council of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. I was born and raised in Hampton and attended All Saints in Hampton for 20 years. During this time, I was an acolyte for 10 years. Then for the next 20 years I lived in Beaufort, SC. In 2010, I moved back to Hampton and rejoined All Saints. Since my rejoining, I have been on the church's mission council and since 2014 the treasurer. I also am one of the church ushers and share in setting up the coffee for after the service. It would be my privilege to bring a voice for the small rural mission churches to the Diocesan Council. Plus, my personal commitment to the operation of our diocese is given with a dedication to the Episcopal Church's mission and a willingness to accept the responsibility that accompanies serving on the Diocesan Council.

In my personal life, I am a graduate of the University of South Carolina and also have graduated from the South Carolina Bankers School and the Graduate Bankers School at LSU. I have worked in the banking field for 27 years and as a residential real estate appraiser for 15 years. As a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, I have been chairman of several district and area committees and remain actively involved in my current district operations. I also am an avid cyclist and enjoy traveling to participate in different cycling events. I would be honored to serve as a lay member on our Diocesan Council.



Diocesan Council

Lay

Name: Sally Mayes

Church: St. Mark's, Port Royal

Nominated by: The Rev. Roy Tripp



Nominator Statement

Sally Mayes has been active at St. Mark's for many years. She is involved in many activities which enrich the lives of members and those beyond our walls. She lives her faith daily whether by helping with Habitat For Humanity or other organizations. She has a keen sense of how faith and life intersect and her insights would be a valuable contribution to the council.

Personal Statement

I am not a charter member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, SC, but I got here as fast as I could! And what a blessing it has been to me: a home for my heart, a family to love.

I am a cradle Episcopalian. My love affair with the Episcopal Church began at a very early age. I was transported by the liturgy, the vestments, stained glass windows, the music – who could resist. But with maturity, I came to realize that I loved even more the mission and message of our denomination: that our actions and beliefs are guided by Scripture, Tradition and Reason. That makes sense to me.

My career in public education included high school teacher, educational consortium director and program coordinator. I retired after 38 years' service – the kids needed a break!

I serve St. Mark's in a variety of lay liturgical roles: Lay Eucharist Minister, sacristan, Gospel bearer, acolyte, lay reader and choir member. I am on the building and grounds committee and am an active volunteer locally and globally with Habitat for Humanity.

In this time of change, I believe one of our most valuable tools is the skill of listening; "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people." What people really need is a good listening-to. I can do that and would like to do so in service to our diocese, denomination and faith.



Diocesan Council

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Adam Shoemaker

Church: St. Stephen's, Charleston

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Chris Huff



Nominator Statement

The Rev. Adam Shoemaker represents an important younger, energetic voice in the Episcopal Church of today. He has a passion for mission, and a deep love for the Episcopal Church and its role among all faith communities represented in our shrinking world. He has experience in building bridges between church and community, and has served in a wide variety of church settings in several dioceses. Our continuing diocese has had to adapt and learn flexibility, given our fast-changing landscape. We will need more of these qualities in the immediate future. I am pleased and proud to nominate the Rev. Adam Shoemaker for Diocesan Council.

Personal Statement

I am running for a position on Diocesan Council because I care deeply about the life and ministry of our diocese. It is my great joy to serve as rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in downtown Charleston. We are an inclusive congregation of Jesus followers with a heart for social justice. My service on council would be most directly informed by my on-going experience of life and ministry there in the Ansonborough neighborhood of the city.

The coming years not only constitute a pivotal moment for the diocese but will also be an opportunity for new life and ministry. As one of the more recent rectors to arrive, I can offer my perspective, having served in the wider church in Massachusetts and later under now-Presidenting Bishop Michael Curry in North Carolina. In each of these dioceses I was formed and shaped by innovative clergy and served, in both places, as a member of the Diocesan Commission on Ministry. In Massachusetts I also helped the diocese to develop its urban strategy. I have a heart for mission and served as a missionary to the Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil prior to ordination. In addition, I've led several mission trips to North Carolina's companion Diocese of Costa Rica. I am a "cradle" Episcopalian and the product of a strong Episcopal campus ministry. I am an alumnus of an Episcopal Service Corps program and have been ordained for eleven years.

My wife is the Rev. Courtney Davis-Shoemaker, whom I met at General Seminary. We are the proud parents of three children. I am presently enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry program at Duke Divinity School where I am preparing to write a thesis detailing the history of integration at St. Stephen's.

Diocesan Council

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Roy Tripp

Church: St. Mark's, Port Royal

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Richard Lindsey



Nominator Statement

I am delighted to nominate The Rev. Roy Tripp, Rector of St. Mark's, Port Royal, to serve on the Diocesan Council. As a colleague in the Southern Deanery I have enjoyed and welcomed his ability to share the Gospel, and for him to be collaborative in creative ventures that speak of the ministry and mission of the Church. Roy is blessed with a keen mind, an expressive faith, and a willingness to be a servant leader. I am confident that Roy would serve faithfully and effectively as a member of the Diocesan Council, and share in the leadership of the Diocese as he has done throughout his ordained ministry and as he has demonstrated so ably in his active ministry in our deanery. I wholeheartedly recommend to the diocese Roy Tripp to serve on the Diocesan Council.

Personal Statement

A native of Maine, the Rev. Roy Tripp is the first full-time rector at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Port Royal. He is a graduate of The Church Divinity School of the Pacific and has served in ordained ministry for 22 years.

"I pledged to take part in the councils of the Church as part of my vows when I was ordained. It has been my good fortune to serve on two Diocesan Councils as well as a term on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Delaware.

"As we move into the period of welcoming back many parishes to our diocese, I believe the Diocesan Council will play a vital role in this process. Our diocese faces many challenges and opportunities. It is my hope that my passion for the Episcopal Church, my joy in sharing the Good News, and my skills acquired in the business world and as a parish priest will allow me to serve our diocese and parishes."

Roy, his wife, Liz Devoir, and their son, Preston, live in Beaufort.

Diocesan Council

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Matt McCormick

Church: Calvary, Charleston

Nominated by: Jeannette Spencer



Nominator Statement

I am pleased to submit the name of the Rev. Matthew McCormick as a candidate for Diocesan Council. Father McCormick is serving as priest-in-charge at Calvary Episcopal Church in Charleston and has been serving in this position for six weeks. Calvary has been without a priest for at least six years so coming into this environment can be challenging. Father McCormick's transition has been smooth thus far; he has "hit the ground running" making great efforts to know his congregants and the community. We are optimistic about Calvary's growth under his leadership and ministry and inspired by his commitment to our church and to the Episcopal Diocese. I believe that his varied experiences and his focus on God's grace will serve the Diocese well and will benefit any committee on which he may be blessed to serve.

Personal Statement

I have the joy and pleasure of serving as the priest-in-charge of Calvary Episcopal Church, Charleston. I grew up a cradle Episcopalian in a coastal city of the Sunshine State. I have served as spiritual advisor for Happening as well as Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of Florida and the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. I attended St. Mark's Episcopal Day School and Episcopal High School in Jacksonville Florida. I am a graduate of both the theatre and history departments of the College of Charleston. I hold a master of divinity from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, where I studied under the wonderful Dr. Paul Zahl, and I hold a master of theology degree in systematics from Luther Seminary, St. Paul. I have served in ordained ministry in South Carolina since 2007 in a variety of roles. I enjoy southern cooking, jamming on the guitar, Charleston arts and music, great stories, and spending time with my wife Lisa and our precious son, Colson. The Episcopal Church in South Carolina means so much to me. I love its people. I love our Episcopal family. I love its focus on God's grace, which I hope defines my ministry. For me this is the greatest diocese in the country and my home. I am excited about its future and I would love to serve anyway that I am able. Thank you for taking time to read my letter and God bless you.

Trustees of the Diocese

Lay

Name: Bill Beak

Church: Grace Church Cathedral

Nominated by: Tom Tisdale



Nominator Statement

William Beak is highly qualified to serve as a Trustee of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina and I am pleased and honored to nominate him and support his election.

Some of his qualifications are: 1. He is a committed churchman. 2. He serves already on the diocese Finance Committee. 3. He is serving on the Investment Advisory Committee of our diocese. 4. He has served on the diocese's Strategic Planning Committee. His professional business background and experience prior to his recent retirement highly qualifies him to manage and protect the assets of our diocese. His talent is needed now more than ever to protect and invest the substantial assets we will soon be transitioning to our accounts from the breakaway diocese. I commend him to you for your serious consideration.

Personal Statement

I am committed and enthused about the future of our diocese. My background includes 35 years in global corporate real estate advisory services. Prior to my retirement, I was an international director (highest officer title) at Jones Lang LaSalle. Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL, listed on New York Stock exchange) has 70,000 employees in 80 countries. Among other responsibilities, I chaired the global corporate financial services practice. Within our diocese, I serve on the Finance Committee, Visioning Committee, Investment Advisory Committee and as a member of the former Strategic Planning Committee. I am a member of Historic Charleston Foundation's National Advisory Counsel and serve on the Finance Committee for The Country Club of Charleston. I have served as real estate advisor to the Archdiocese of Chicago (Cardinal Bernardin).

Trustees of the Diocese

Lay

Name: Doug Billings

Church: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Jason Roberson



Nominator Statement

I nominate Doug Billings for Trustee to the Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Doug brings an impressive set of leadership skills to our diocese, and he is dedicated to the building up of our parishes and communities through the mission of the Church. In many conversations here at Holy Cross Faith Memorial, I have seen in Doug an enthusiasm and passion for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina that is unique in my experience. His commitment to the diocese is evident in his work on the Standing Committee and in the Episcopal Forum. Doug's leadership experience over many decades in several Episcopal parishes, together with his professional and business background, make him an ideal candidate for Trustee.

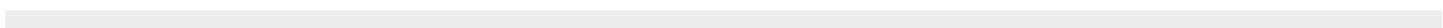
Personal Statement

I completed a three-year term on the Standing Committee in 2017. During my term, Bishop Adams was called and much attention was given to the legal work that resulted in positive outcomes for the ongoing diocese and The Episcopal Church.

I am a former president of The Episcopal Forum of South Carolina. When it became clear that the ongoing diocese would need support in growing the church moving forward, I led the Forum with the encouragement of then-Bishop Charles vonRosenberg to rewrite its mission statement to make its focus to provide education offerings open to all Episcopalians and interested people. The inaugural conference brought the Presiding Bishop and the President of The House of Deputies to the diocese as presenters.

In several parishes around the country, I have served as rector's warden, vestry member, leader of men's ministry, and lay director of Happening.

I believe that my business and real estate background will bring useful skills to the Board of Trustees. I would describe myself as a 'progressive' in both church and social issues. My wife, Annette, and I are active members of Holy Cross Faith Memorial in Pawleys Island.



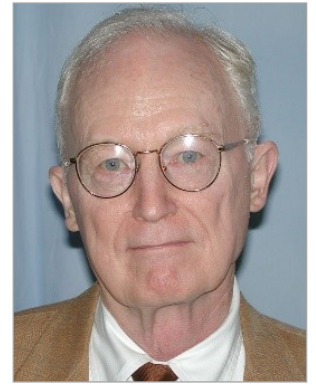
Trustees of the Diocese

Lay

Name: Charles Carpenter

Church: St. Catherine's

Nominated by: Nancy Bailey



Nominator Statement

Dr. Carpenter was a founding member of St. Catherine's in Florence, at a time when six Pee Dee counties were without an Episcopal Church. He has worked tirelessly at St. Catherine's, serving on the Financial Committee, ushering, and doing anything else he can do to help. He is a brilliant man, and understands the nuances of financial documents. He is a CPA, has a PhD and is an emeritus professor of accounting at Francis Marion University. He has been a trustee for our diocese, and needs to continue in that position, particularly at this time when we will begin reviewing financial actions taken by Mark Lawrence and his followers.

Personal Statement

Dr. Carpenter, a life-long Episcopalian, has been a founding member of St. Catherine's and the foundation, both created as a consequence of the schism. Dr. Carpenter seeks to continue his membership as a Trustee of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

Previously, he was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Oxford, Ohio for over twenty years during which time he served two three-year terms as a member of vestry, one three-year term as senior warden, and Finance Committee chair for fifteen years. He also served on the Budget Committee for that diocese, Southern Ohio.

Professionally, he had been a career long academic, having retired May 1. He is a PhD and a CPA. He served on the faculties of Penn State, Miami University [Ohio], Berry College [Georgia], and most recently Francis Marion University, where he continues to teach on a part-time basis. He was active in a number of professional organizations, including service as president of the Administrators of Accounting Programs, and vice-president of both the American Accounting Association and the Ohio Society of CPAs.

Trustees of the Diocese

Lay

Name: Lesley Gilbert

Church: All Saints, Hilton Head Island

Nominated by: Mark Szen



Nominator Statement

I offer Lesley Gilbert of All Saints in nomination for trustee to the Diocese. Lesley is a valued member at All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head. I have known her for many years as she served on, and then chaired, our finance committee. During that time she has helped lead us through many accomplishments including a capital campaign, Hurricane Matthew, and the rewriting of our personnel manual, and she has been the key person for our outside annual audit.

Lesley has also been our delegate to diocesan convention and several times has gone to the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) annual event.

I heartily endorse her for trustee, and know that she can help lead the diocese through the challenges of the next several years of growth and reconciliation.

Personal Statement

Upon retirement, a key goal was to find an Episcopal parish that would provide spiritual growth, strong community, and an avenue to use my previous work experience and talents. I certainly found all of these at All Saints in Hilton Head. Since volunteering to be a member of the Finance Commission at the new member dinner, to advancing to the chairmanship of that commission for four years, I have been able to leverage my previous corporate finance experience. This timeframe took us through a successful capital campaign, the Hurricane Matthew recovery effort, and support for the diocese, The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

I have also had the privilege of serving as a delegate or alternate to the Diocesan Convention for the last four years. These have been a series of affirming experiences as I have travelled to other churches, met strong supporters of TECSC, and strengthened that critical sense of community.

Another special opportunity I have taken advantage of is attending the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) for three years. These broadened my perspective of the Episcopal family and reinforced my pride in being an Episcopalian.

Besides these commitments, I have also served on the vestry and the ECW Board, including as president, for three years. Looking forward, I am now actively engaged as a member of the search committee for our next Rector.

It would be an honor and a privilege to serve the diocese in this role as we move toward reconciliation within South Carolina.

Trustees of the Diocese

Lay

Name: Barbara Mann

Church: Grace Church Cathedral

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Chris Huff



Nominator Statement

I have worked with Barbara on the Standing Committee of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, and on the Finance Committee of our diocese. I also worked with her on the sub-committee of the Standing Committee that searched for and recommended Bishop Skip Adams to the Standing Committee as Bishop Provisional to replace Bishop Charles vonRosenberg. Barbara is an experienced church leader in all aspects of the institution, both locally and nationally. She has a keen and experienced eye for financial management and would be a faithful and trustworthy manager of diocesan assets in what will prove a most important and challenging period in the history of our diocese. It is my honor and pleasure, therefore, to place Barbara Mann in nomination for Trustee of the Diocese.

Personal Statement

I am a retired CPA with extensive experience in The Episcopal Church, particularly in the areas of Finance and Administration.

In this Diocese I serve or have served on

- The Standing Committee 2015-2018
- The Finance Committee 2012-present
- Diocesan Council 2012-2015
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I also bring my extensive experience in The Episcopal Church nationally, regionally and locally. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Six years on the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church
- Member and Chair of the Audit Committee of The Episcopal Church
- Member and Chair of the Structure Commission of The Episcopal Church
- Five time Deputy to General Convention
- Treasurer of Province IV (20 southeastern dioceses) for 21 years
- Founding member and past president of the Episcopal Forum of South Carolina

I am a member of The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross and serve on the Finance Committee and as Chair of the Budget Committee.

Because of these experiences I would bring a broad understanding of The Episcopal Church and The Episcopal Church in South Carolina and be an asset to the Trustees in their responsibility for the management of all the assets of the diocese. My background would be very helpful as we rebuild our diocese in conjunction with The Episcopal Church and its leadership.

On a personal note, my husband, David, and I have been married for 53 years. We have two wonderful grown children and four terrific grandchildren.

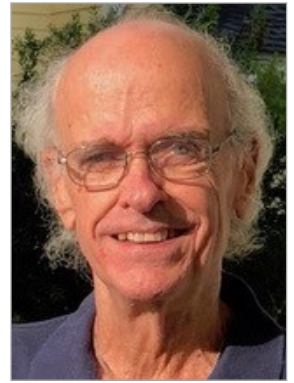
Trustees of the Diocese

Lay

Name: Bob Pinkerton

Church: St. Mark's, Port Royal

Nominated by: The Rev. Roy Tripp



Nominator Statement

Robert (Bob) Pinkerton has been active in the life of our diocese since 2003. He has served the diocese as a trustee. Bob has contributed to St. Mark's, where he and his wife, Barbara, have played prominent roles in the life and growth of our congregation. For several years, Bob was our treasurer and guided our parish to repeated years of fiscal responsibility. He has a deep commitment to the Gospel and to the Episcopal Church. He would continue to be a valued member of the Trustees of the Diocese.

Personal Statement

I have been a trustee since the first reformed diocesan convention in March 2013 and was subsequently elected legal secretary for the trustees. I also am the author of the investment policy that was adopted and now in use by the Board of Trustees. I would be honored to continue my work with the Trustees; especially, as the job of identifying and integrating the assets of the full diocese is undertaken. I believe my management and financial experience will be very useful.

A "cradle" Episcopalian, I am a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Port Royal and have served as its treasurer since a year after it was founded in 2003, and also served a term as senior warden. My day job is that of owner and president of Athena Corp. a manufacturer of kitchen and bath surfaces and fixtures headquartered in Beaufort with a plant in Hardeeville. Another financial activity has been my cofounding of and membership on the boards of directors of Coastal Banking Company and CBC National Bank, with locations now in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. I have also served with numerous public service organizations, e.g. Rotary (as president), Beaufort Redevelopment Commission (as chairman), etc.

Prior to coming to South Carolina in 1990, I had jobs of increasing responsibility in Michigan, Ohio, and finally New York where I was CEO of a company with plants on four continents providing automobile manufacturing customers with engine cooling and climate control systems. I have a law degree and two engineering degrees.

Trustees of the Diocese

Lay

Name: Douglas Roderick

Church: St. Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach

Nominated by: Gary Kumerfield



Nominator Statement

It is a privilege for me to nominate Doug Roderick to serve as a Trustee of our Diocese.

As an active member of St. Stephen's and personal friend, I have witnessed Doug's dedication to our Parish as well as the Diocese. A few times in one's life you meet someone that really makes a positive impact on friends, associates & organizations. Doug is one of those remarkable persons. I have served with him on committees such as Stewardship, Trust and Endowments and Triple "T" (Treasure, Talent & Time). I continue to be impressed with his financial and business skills as he evaluates all situations and plans for the future. Doug is very active in many community affairs and gives much time to local charities. I truly believe that given the opportunity he will serve the Diocese well; I strongly encourage Diocesan Delegates to vote for him.

Personal Statement

I have been a member of St. Stephen's for a number of years and I have served in many positions including senior warden of the parish. It was during my time as senior warden when the diocese split. Having had the opportunity to serve leadership in the parish and our diocese; as we move toward a reunion of the 29 parishes, I feel my cumulative knowledge will aid me in helping the diocese to move forward. Currently, I am serving on the Diocesan Investment Advisory Committee and the Diocesan Insurance Committee. At the parish level, I am currently serving on the Finance Commission and Trust and Endowment Board. I have represented our parish as a delegate to Diocesan Conventions. I have a BS in business administration from Eastern Michigan University and a MBA from Golden Gate University. I have held and presently hold many leadership positions in military, civic, and homeowner associations. I retired from the mortgage banking business after extensive representative positions in property associations.

Trustees of the Diocese

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Mark Brinkmann

Church: All Saints, Hilton Head Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Dr. George Moyser



Nominator Statement

Fr. Brinkmann has served in the diocese for many years both at the parish level as associate priest and at the diocesan level, currently on the Standing Committee until November 2018. As such, he has acquired a wide and deep experience of the needs of the diocese. I have, therefore, no hesitation, and indeed great pleasure in nominating him to serve as a Trustee of the Diocese at the forthcoming Diocesan Convention. He would provide sound advice and support in all that committee's varied discussions and decisions.

Personal Statement

While currently in my eleventh year as the associate priest at All Saints, Hilton Head, I have previously served in three other dioceses (Los Angeles, Spokane and Utah) in the course of more than thirty years of ordained ministry. My experience in the larger church includes: Evangelism Commission in Los Angeles, Liturgy and Music commissions in Los Angeles and Utah, Commission on Ministry in Spokane and Utah, and the Office of Evangelism in The Episcopal Church. I also represented the Diocese of Utah as an Alternate Deputy at the General Convention in 2003. In this diocese, I previously served a term on Diocesan Council, and my current three-year term on the Standing Committee is now ending. It has been my privilege to be involved in diocesan work during these years since the re-organization and I would welcome the opportunity to offer my broad experience and knowledge as a member of the Trustees.

Trustees of the Diocese

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Dr. Philip Linder

Church: St. Mark's, Charleston

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Michael Wright



Nominator Statement

Phil brings a great deal of experience as a faithful priest, rector, dean and colleague to this important ministry of the diocese. As a proven leader, he offers a context that includes service in multiple settings within a number of dioceses. Phil will build upon the good work he has already begun at St. Mark's and share it in the service of our wider diocesan family.

Personal Statement

I have now served as the priest-in-charge of Saint Mark's in downtown Charleston for almost two years. This call came following my first retirement after 31 years of active parish ministry in five different churches, with budgets that ranged from \$200,000 to \$3,000,000. Throughout those years, I have served on numerous committees and bodies in the Dioceses of Long Island, Atlanta, Upper South Carolina, and Lexington. I am so grateful to now be canonically resident here, and hope to give of my time and abilities in ways that serve The Episcopal Church in South Carolina at this critical and very hope-filled point in our history. My priesthood is grounded in the compassion, justice, acceptance, and love of Jesus Christ.

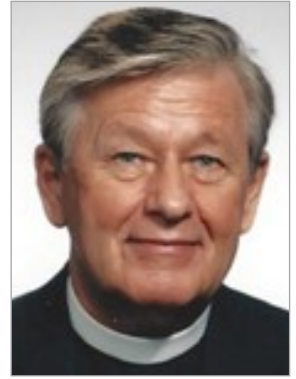
Trustees of the Diocese

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Donald S. McPhail

Church: Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Chris Huff



Nominator Statement

I have known and worked with Don in this diocese for 28 years. He is past rector of Grace Church, and served on the Board of Examining Chaplains with me for 15 years. It was there I came to know his vast knowledge of the church and his wide experience. He is an incumbent Trustee of the diocese, and I believe that we would be served well by the continuity he would bring in a time when our asset structure is sure to undergo much change. It gives me great pleasure, therefore, to nominate the Rev. Donald S. McPhail for Trustee of the Diocese of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

Personal Statement

Following college in Montreal, where I was born, I began a business career in purchasing for Quebec Utilities. After several years in this job, I began to search for answers to basic questions about life and encountered an Anglican (not to be confused with ACNA) priest who was rector of a downtown parish and professor of history at McGill University.

He suggested I be confirmed in the Anglican Church of Canada, which I did, and then several years later he suggested I consider a vocation to the priesthood, and because of my involvement in Montreal he recommended I study in the United Kingdom.

I went to England and studied at The College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, Yorkshire and was there for two years. CR Mirfield wished me to remain in the Church of England; the Bishop of Long Island, who had sponsored me, wanted me to return to the United States to study for one year in an American seminary. I chose The General Theological Seminary, from which I received an M Div. Degree. I was made a deacon and ordained priest in the Diocese of Long Island.

I became curate of St. Peter's, Bay Shore, NY and seven years later became rector. The parish was experiencing explosive growth and became the largest parish in the diocese. During that time I served in the department of Program and Budget, Youth Commission, and Deputy to three General Conventions.

In 1980, I was called to be Dean of St. John's Cathedral, Denver, Colorado. During my time in Denver, St. John's Cathedral experienced significant growth. I served on the Commission on Ministry, and was Deputy to two General Conventions.

In 1991 I was called as rector of Grace Church, Charleston. I was a member of the Commission on Ministry, and Examining Chaplains. I retired in 2006 and have served on the Trustees of our diocese. I am also licensed in the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, where I do some supply ministry.

The Lord willing, I would like to continue serving on the Diocesan Trustees and to contribute all that I can to the strengthening of the mission of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

Trustees of the University of the South

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Robertson (Rob) Donehue
Church: St. Anne's, Conway
Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Caleb J. Lee



Nominator Statement

Father Rob is a logical choice for this position as he has recently graduated from Sewanee with an M.Div and is currently completing his STM (Master of Sacred Theology) at Sewanee's School of Theology. Over the past few years, Rob's responsible and theologically sound voice has helped our diocese move forward with hope and confidence. I currently serve with him on Diocesan Council and his presence and work there affirms my nomination of him as Clergy Trustee of the The University of the South.

Personal Statement

I am a recent graduate of the School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee, T'16). I have maintained many contacts art both the university and the School of Theology, and I remain deeply committed to Sewanee's mission. I am also currently enrolled in the School of Theology's Advanced Degrees Program. Being a recent graduate, I think I would bring a useful perspective to the Board of Trustees because I am not far removed from the realities of life at the university and how decisions can impact students and faculty currently living "on the mountain." It would be an honor and a privilege to serve the institution that continues to play an important role in my formation as a priest of the church.

