

# NOMINEES FOR DIOCESAN OFFICES

Report prepared for Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings  
October 2016

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## Deputies to the 79th General Convention (2018)

### 4 Clergy Deputies and 4 Alternates

#### Clergy Nominees:

The Rev. Bill Coyne  
The Rev. Wil Keith  
The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee  
The Very Rev. Rick Lindsey  
The Rev. Jean McGraw  
The Rev. Dr. Wilmot Merchant  
The Rev. Jeff Richardson  
The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor

### 4 Lay Deputies and 4 Alternates

#### Lay Nominees:

Maggie Dunlap  
Pam Guess  
Lonnie Hamilton  
Andrea McKellar  
Mark Szen  
Carrington Salley Wingard

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## Standing Committee (3 year terms)

### 2 Clergy Seats

#### Clergy Nominees

The Rev. Wil Keith  
The Rev. Jeff Richardson  
The Rev. Alastair Votaw

### 2 Lay Seats

#### Lay Nominees

Carol Grish  
Rebecca Lovelace

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## Diocesan Council (3 year terms)

### 2 Clergy Seats

#### Clergy Nominees:

The Rev. Jean McGraw  
The Very Rev. Chris Huff  
The Rev. Dr. Wilmot Merchant

### 2 Lay Seats

#### Lay Nominees:

Patricia Neumann  
Earle Blackmon Phillips  
Woody Rutter

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## Trustee, University of the South (3 year term)

### 1 Lay Trustee

#### Lay Nominees:

Jane Hart Lewis  
Thomas Miller

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Late nominations may be presented to the Nominations Committee on or before November 11, 2016, the first business day of Diocesan Convention. Late nominations must include 110 copies of each nominee's photo, nominator statement, and personal statement.

## Deputies and Alternates

Each diocese of The Episcopal Church is entitled to four clergy and four lay deputies at the triennial meetings of the General Convention. Deputies serve three-year terms and are eligible for re-election. The 79th General Convention will be held July 5- July 13, 2018, in Austin, Texas. Expectations will include attending the 2-day Province IV Synod meetings in Spring 2017 (June 5-8) and Spring 2018 at Kanuga Conference Center, as well as General Convention. There will be some diocesan funds available to offset the costs, but additional funds may need to be identified from local parishes and individuals.

## Standing Committee

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 Constitutions and Canons of The Episcopal Church, The Constitution of this Diocese (Article IX), and 2 its Canons, including giving consents to Episcopal elections elsewhere in TEC; 2) Act as a Council of advice to the Bishop; and 3) Act as Ecclesiastical Authority in absence of the Bishop

## Diocesan Council

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.

## University of the South Trustee

The University of the South, located in Sewanee, Tennessee, 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

## Deputy to General Convention 2018

### Clergy

**Name:** The Rev. William Coyne

**Church:** St. Stephens, Charleston

**Nominated by:** Andrea McKellar



**Nominators Statement:** I have had the pleasure to get to know Bill over the last couple of years. He has been supportive of our mission in the diocese even before he moved here. Bill brings incredible experience to South Carolina. He previously served as a deputy to General Convention multiple times from the Diocese of Western Massachusetts where he served as Archdeacon. He is well aware of the particular dynamics of General Convention and the unique circumstances in our diocese. Bill also has the amenable personality to work well with others while being a strong leader. His valuable experience and perspective would be a great asset to The Episcopal Church in South Carolina as a deputy to General Convention in Austin.

**Personal Statement:** I seek to represent South Carolina as we continue as a diocese to re-form and re-shape the Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We can be a model for innovation and imagination for a new day. I am able to bring collaborative skills and experience to the SC deputation.

I have been a seven-time General Convention Deputy (1988, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2006, 2009, & 2012) from Western Massachusetts. I was ordained in 1978 and have served congregations of various sizes and on diocesan staff.

As Archdeacon, I served at the invitation and call of the Bishop to undertake specific roles and responsibilities as a member of the executive team. The Bishop's vision for the executive team was to share 'episcopal oversight' with him for the mission and ministry of the Diocese. We acted and functioned as a team with each bringing particular wisdom, experience and knowledge to the conversations and deliberations. My area of responsibility was congregational development - what would it take for each of the 65 congregations to be 1) healthy and 2) mission focused. In a very real sense, there were 65 uniquely contextualized mission strategies - one for each location. I was available to work with every congregation, cleric and vestry to help discern the best path forward for them.

### Training

Mediation Training, Lombard Mennonite Center

Camp Improv, Church Leadership in the 21st Century, Dallas, TX

Clear Vision Conferences, Camp Allen

Stewardship and Evangelism Conference, Province I, Design Team

Congregational Development training (Bob Gallagher, Arlen Routhage)

Regional Associate for Evangelism Ministries, Episcopal Church Center 1983-90

At the 2012 General Convention - served on Structure Committee & as a Deputy Facilitator for House of Deputies Orientation.

## Deputy to General Convention 2018

### Clergy

**Name:** The Rev. Wil Keith

**Church:** Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawley's Island

**Nominated by:** The Rev. Chris Huff



**Nominator Statement:** Wil has been a past alternate deputy to General Convention and has attended the preparatory meetings and Province IV meetings for 2015. He is familiar with the process and now stands ready to represent us enthusiastically in 2018. He serves as Dean of the Pee Dee-Waccamaw Deanery and has been a valuable facilitator for the Diocesan Future Committee. I have worked with Wil on many diocesan leadership committees and in many collegial capacities. I find his wisdom and insight to be valuable assets to this diocese, and believe that they will serve us well in representing the Episcopal Church in South Carolina in 2018.

**Personal Statement:** What an honor it was to be selected as first alternate for the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention and to represent our diocese in that regard. I am also honored to be nominated for deputy for the upcoming 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention. I fell in love with The Episcopal Church anew during the preparation for last General Convention and certainly in being present for the duration of the assembly. It's an amazing gathering with great responsibility and one that I took very seriously as I approached it very deliberately. I offer the same this time around. While many denominations approach potentially divisive decisions through leaving them up to the individual parish or assembly, I find it very encouraging that we Episcopalians wrestle with them on a denominational level, making sure all perspectives are heard and discerned and striving for unity as the Body of Christ.

## Deputy to General Convention 2018

### Clergy

**Name:** The Rev. Canon. Caleb J. Lee

**Church:** Grace Church Cathedral

**Nominated by:** The Ven. Calhoun Walpole



**Nominator Statement:** The Reverend Canon Caleb J Lee is Canon for Worship and Parish Life at Grace Church Cathedral, doing everything from planning and executing Diocesan and Cathedral liturgies to working with the youth of the Cathedral and beyond. Not only does Canon Lee serve Grace in a full time capacity as a priest, but he also serves the wider diocese as College Ministries Liaison, and is a member of Diocesan Council and the Liturgical Committee. Additionally, he served his previous Diocese of East Carolina in various capacities and recently attended a Province IV Youth Network Meeting in Charleston where he organized an afternoon of reflection and worship for youth and their leaders which highlighted Bishop Guerry, Mother Emanuel, and efforts for racial reconciliation. Caleb's expansive and well-rounded ministry in our diocese is a great gift to us all; he will represent us well at the next General Convention.

**Personal Statement:** I am glad to accept the nomination to be a Clergy Deputy to General Convention in 2018. Being not too far removed from the seminary experience (VTS '12) and the contemporary issues the church faces, I feel that I can, if elected, offer a unique perspective and voice to our delegation.

I serve as Canon for Worship and Parish Life at Grace Church Cathedral. At Grace, I assist the Dean in planning cathedral liturgies and oversee ministries with children and youth. I also provide clergy support to the various guilds, committees, staff, and volunteers of the cathedral community.

I currently serve our diocese as a member of the Diocesan Council and Liturgical Committee. I also serve as Campus Ministries Liaison for the diocese and chaplain to The Citadel and College of Charleston.

Previously I was a priest associate at St. Paul's in Beaufort, NC. I served the Diocese of East Carolina as Spiritual Director of Happening and member of the Board of Directors for the Trinity Camp and Conference Center. Before ordination, I worked for that diocese as Campus Minister at UNC Wilmington.

I am happily married to Mrs. Allen Jordan Lee of Wilmington, NC and we have 3 young children: Cabe, Rhett, and Izzy.

## Deputy to General Convention 2018

### Clergy

**Name:** The Very Rev. Richard C. Lindsey

**Church:** All Saints, Hilton Head

**Nominated by:** The Rev. Mark Brinkmann



**Nominator Statement:** It is my pleasure to nominate the Very Rev. Richard C. Lindsey to be a deputy to the upcoming General Convention in 2018. Having served alongside Fr. Lindsey for nine years, I can attest not only to his commitment to parish ministry, but to his heart for the larger church and its work. He has played a significant role in the reorganization of our diocese having served on Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and the Commission on Ministry, as well as Dean of the Southern Deanery. Furthermore, he has valuable experience in the life of the national church having been a deputy at the previous General Convention in Salt Lake City. Given his dedication, skill and involvement, we would be well served to have Fr. Lindsey represent our diocese in this capacity.

**Personal Statement:** As a member of the diocese over the last 14 years, and in particular, over the last three and a half years, as our diocese reformed and moved forward as the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, I have served this diocese as a member of the Standing Committee and as deputy to General Convention in 2015. I currently serve on the Commission on Ministry; as a member of the Diocesan Council, and as dean for the southern region of the diocese.

I welcomed the opportunity to represent our diocese at the General Convention in Salt Lake City, and it was an incredible experience to participate in the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church in faithful response to Jesus Christ. I was and continue to be impressed with The Episcopal Church that is willing and able to labor and struggle and listen and respond to what it means to follow Christ in real terms in our own day and age. As a deputy for the 2018 General Convention, I wish to continue that commitment to grapple with those larger issues and opportunities that face our Church. The passions that fuel our life as a diocese resonate with people and dioceses throughout TEC, and I would welcome greatly the opportunity to represent our diocese as we share in that collaborative legislative venture. To be a deputy and to participate fully at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church is to experience the depth and breadth of faith and to know that our Church is wonderfully diverse and open to the power and mystery of Christ. Now that is exciting!

## Deputy to General Convention 2018

### Clergy

**Name:** The Rev. Jean McGraw

**Church:** St. Francis Episcopal Church

**Nominated by:** Andrea McKellar



**Nominator Statement:** Jean McGraw would serve our diocese well as a deputy to General Convention. She is a respectful listener, strong leader, and discerning decision maker. Jean is the Vicar of St. Francis Episcopal Church, where she has led the congregation since starting in her home in 2013. She has shown her leadership skills as the President of the Standing Committee for the past year including the search for our next provisional bishop. She served as an alternate deputy at the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention in Salt Lake City in 2015, and her experience would be a valuable asset for our 2018 deputation. Jean is a voice for our small and large churches and has connections around The Episcopal Church that would benefit our churches. I think it is important for us to have a balanced deputation and her female clergy presence is much needed.

**Personal Statement:** I very much want to be a deputy to our next General Convention. I am interested in being a part of decisions both for our diocese and for The Episcopal Church at large. Through my work as President of the Standing Committee, I have come to know Episcopalians throughout the US, and would like to work with them to help lead our church in a positive direction for the future.

I feel that the Episcopal Church in South Carolina is in a unique position to be an example and a leader for the rest of the Episcopal Church, as we learn new ways to spread the Gospel and live our faith. I believe my presence on the Deputation would allow our diocese to have a more diverse representation, because of my experience with churches both large and small throughout the diocese, my experience as Vicar of a mission and my being a female priest. These would allow me to represent a wide range of people in this diocese.

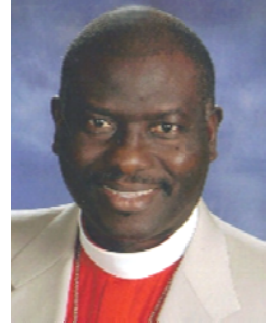
## Deputy to General Convention 2018

### Clergy

**Name:** The Reverend Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II

**Church:** St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, North Myrtle Beach

**Nominated by:** Peter Berthrong



**Nominator Statement:** Fr. Merchant has been a priest in this diocese since 1999 and has been the Rector of St. Stephen's since 2002. Prior to that he served in various ministries in the parish from October 1999 until 2001. He has served as a Volunteer Public Safety and Hospital Chaplain. He served as a Chairperson of the Faith Leaders Advisory Council for SC Coalition against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and was honored as 'Volunteer of the Year' of the Victim Assistant Network of SC in 2009. In 2008, Fr. Merchant was instrumental in casting St. Stephen's "Loris Vision" which was to start another Episcopal presence in the Loris area. Because of the economy, St. Stephen's refocused her attention on serving the community. We began a mentoring program at Loris Elementary School and in 2016 we began a free summer program. Fr. Merchant served as President of the Standing Committee of the diocese from 2013 to 2015.

**Personal Statement:** Originally from Liberia, West Africa, I have served churches in Liberia and the United States since my ordination in 1986. Beginning October 1999 until August 2002, I served St. Stephen's in North Myrtle Beach in various capacities, including Christian Education Director, Assistant Priest, and Interim Priest-In-Charge. In August 2002, I was installed as their third rector. I had been an active member of the Diocese of South Carolina until the disaffiliation of the Diocese. I am an active member of the Diocese of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, and I have served as President of the Standing Committee from 2013-2015. From 2004-2008, I served as the National Chairman of the Liberian Episcopal Community in the United States. From 2004-2015, I served on the National Board of the Union of Black Episcopalians. I served as a coach for the Black Ministries Office of The Episcopal Church. I am a Senior Fellow of the Waccamaw Chapter of the American Leadership Forum. Currently serving as its Treasurer, I am very active in the Upper Grand Strand Ministerial Alliance. The Clergy Covenant Group of the Upper Grand Strand was co-founded by myself in 2003 and I continue to host the group. In June 2014, I was appointed Priest-in-Charge of Calvary Episcopal Church in Charleston. I simultaneously served the congregations of the St. Stephen's and Calvary as an experiment of the changing times of the 'Church' until December 2014. I will be delighted to be given the opportunity to continue to serve the diocese.

## Deputy to General Convention 2018

### Clergy

**Name:** The Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson

**Church:** St. Alban's, St. Catherine's, & St. Stephen's

**Nominated by:** Dr. Frances L. Elmore, St. Catherine's Episcopal Church



**Nominators Statement:** It is my honor to place in nomination the name of the Reverend Jeffrey R. Richardson as a Clergy Deputy for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina to the 2018 General Convention of The Episcopal Church. A seasoned cleric of the Diocese, Fr. Richardson is actively engaged in those challenges which represent the future of The Episcopal Church. He is a product of its historic churches, making a mature choice to attend one of its conservative seminaries, and yet, at present, is deeply entrenched in The Episcopal Church's developing future. At present, his pastoral and administrative duties include two active churches, an historic church property, and a growing mission group—each separated from the other by 30 to 40 miles, and each requiring the multiple services of priest, administrator and counselor. Additionally, Fr. Richardson serves on multiple diocesan committees, as well as being an Episcopal diocesan representative to the interfaith body LARCUM (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic & United Methodist). Further, as Vicar of his mission group, Fr. Richardson has practical experience in what for many Episcopal churches may be their future—the challenges of sharing with another denomination space, worship schedules and outreach goals. In our view the Reverend Jeffrey R. Richardson will bring a mature, experienced and imaginative approach to the multiple challenges likely to face the 2018 General Convention. It is with pleasure that we nominate him as a Clergy Deputy for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina at the 2018 General Convention.

**Personal Statement:** I am a lifelong Episcopalian, born and raised in the Washington, DC, metro area and active for many years in this diocese as a layman and now as a priest.

It has been my privilege to serve as Vicar of St. Alban's, Kingstree and St. Stephen's, St. Stephen for the past eleven years, and for the past three years to also serve as Vicar to St. Catherine's, Florence. In addition, it has been my pleasure to help in coordinating the efforts of our Diocese to supply part-time clergy to the mission churches of Good Shepherd, Sumter; St. Augustine, Wedgefield; and The Episcopal Church in Cheraw.

Over the last three years I have been grateful for the opportunity to have served on the Diocesan Council, The Future Committee, ecumenically on The SC Bishop's Public Education Initiative Steering Committee (LARCUM), and on the Diocesan Missions Council.

I would consider election as a Clergy Deputy to General Convention to be an opportunity to be a representative for the mission churches who have struggled and worked so diligently for the presence of the Episcopal Church in our diocese.



## Deputy to General Convention 2018

### Clergy

**Name:** The Reverend Dr. James Taylor

**Church:** St. Thomas Episcopal Church

**Nominated by:** Robert A. Moffitt



**Nominators Statement:** The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor has been Rector of St. Thomas, North Charleston for 13 years. He currently serves as diocesan Treasurer, and is a member of four diocesan committees (Grants Committee, Stewardship Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and Trustees). In 2016, Fr. Taylor helped develop, plan and implement the Under One Roof Conference of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Fr. Taylor was a deputy to the 78th General Convention in 2015. He was Vice-Chairperson for Stewardship Legislative Committee at that Convention as well.

**Personal Statement:** I am honored to be nominated to represent the diocese at the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention. I have held the office as Treasurer for the diocese and Trustees since 2013. I serve on the following diocesan committees: Stewardship and Development, Strategic Planning, and Mission Grants Committee. In 2015, I helped to develop and organize the Under One Roof Conference. I was a deputy to 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention in 2015. As a deputy, I served as Vice-Chair for the Stewardship and Development Legislative Committee. I look forward to representing the diocese once again.

## Deputy to General Convention 2018

Lay

**Name:** Maggie Dunlap

**Church:** Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

**Nominated by:** Andrea McKellar



**Nominators Statement:** Maggie is an enthusiastic hard worker who is committed to the future of The Episcopal Church. I have had the pleasure to work with her during youth events and diocesan convention. She brings a perspective that is often missing at General Convention. As a younger female lay leader who works with children, she is able to share what millennials are looking for in church. She is also fluent in Spanish which is a refreshing skill in the multi-lingual aspects of General Convention. I think Maggie would be a valuable addition to our deputation in 2018.

**Personal Statement:** In 2015, I moved to Pawleys Island to take a new job as a high school Spanish teacher. A year later, I was offered the part-time position of Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church. I'm a cradle Episcopalian with fond memories of the musty choir room at the Church of the Advent in Spartanburg, SC. In college, I worked as a sacristan in All Saints' Chapel at Sewanee: The University of the South. The liturgy of this special, flawed, and wonderful brand of being Protestant has been a home for me for as long as I can remember.

It's been a year since I came on staff at Holy Cross. I'm still learning to learn, listen, pray, and be with kids (6 is not the same as 16). At VBS this year, a 4-year-old looked up at me while we were singing and asked, "Why do you work here?" The first thing that popped into my head was, "Because I love Jesus." The potentially deep, deep truth in that response is astounding.

I want to represent The Episcopal Church in South Carolina at General Convention because I believe in where we are headed. This past June I attended a diocesan conference entitled "Under One Roof." Looking around at the passionate Episcopalians gathered to talk about everything we as churches fill our days with, I saw excitement for the future overshadow pain from the past. I want to be a part of that future.

## Deputy to General Convention 2018

Lay

**Name:** Pam Guess

**Church:** Christ Episcopal Church, Denmark

**Nominated by:** The Very Rev. Rick Lindsey



**Nominator Statement:** I am delighted to nominate Pam Guess as a Deputy to the General Convention 2018. Pam quickly volunteered her organizational skills, energy, and time to assist in developing an active and cooperative focus on communication between deanery participants. During this transitional movement within the diocese, Pam continues to seek and accept new challenges with the discipline and skills necessary for each assignment. Her thoughtful conversations and patient approach with the Federal Correctional Institution in Estill have yielded an ongoing outreach program within the Office of Religious Services. For the diocese, she actively participates on the Diocesan Council, Mission Grant Committee, Nominations Committee, Prison Ministry Team, and the Episcopal Forum. At the Still Hopes Retirement Community in Columbia, she is the Board representative for Bishop vonRosenberg. In Christ Church, Denmark, she serves as Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, a member of the Altar Guild, and Lenten study coordinator. Pam is a trained educator, who has worked in the fields of education and resource development. She is an associate member of St. Mark's Episcopal in Port Royal where she meets with the prison ministry team and All Saints Episcopal in Hilton Head.

**Personal Statement:** As secretary of the Southern Deanery, I assist Rick Lindsey in promoting active communication between deanery participants. It is my goal to continue discussions that yield equitable resources to support the missions of each church, deanery, and the diocese. I actively participate on the Diocesan Council, Mission Grant Committee, Nominations Committee, Prison Ministry Team, Episcopal Forum, and as a Board representative for Bishop vonRosenberg at Still Hopes Retirement Community in Columbia. Since 2014, I have liaised with the Office of Religious Services at the Federal Correctional Institution in Estill, SC. Thereby, The Episcopal Church in South Carolina received an invitation to conduct Good Friday services in the prison chapel. In 2016, the Prison Ministry Team launched Changing Hearts and Minds, a faith-based Bible ministry. In Denmark, I serve Christ Episcopal as Eucharistic Minister and Visitor, altar guild member, Lenten Study coordinator, and delegate to the diocesan convention. I sit on the Board of the Tri-County Community Foundation: serving Barnwell, Allendale, and Bamberg counties. I am enthusiastic about the growth of our diocese and the leadership role The Episcopal Church is taking in local communities in South Carolina and our nation. I welcome the opportunity to serve The Episcopal Church in South Carolina as a Deputy to the General Convention in 2018, and thank you for your vote.

## Deputy to General Convention 2018

Lay

**Name:** Lonnie Hamilton

**Church:** Calvary Episcopal Church, Charleston

**Nominated by:** Walter H. Smalls, Jr.



**Nominator Statement:** Lonnie Hamilton, III has both the experience and proven capability to serve our diocese as a lay deputy to General Convention 2018. As our church prepares to embrace being the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement (Presiding Bishop Curry's Vision), including openness and trust (the "Way of Jesus") as a strategy for directing the future of the Church, Lonnie is in on the ground floor of this movement and can help our diocese stay in the forefront. He is a member of Calvary Church, where he serves as a member of the Vestry and as Choir Director. Lonnie has served the diocese as a member of the Standing Committee, the Diocesan Council, and the Future Committee. He has been a deputy and alternate at the General Convention. He is a retired administrator from Charleston County School District and former Chairman of Charleston County Council.

**Personal Statement:** I, Lonnie Hamilton, III, respectfully offer myself as a candidate for election as a lay deputy to the 2018 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, representing the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

I was designated by the president of the House of Deputies to escort to the stage Dr. Charles Willie, who was being honored, at the 2015 General Convention. This designation speaks volumes of the admiration the president of the House of Deputies has for our diocese. Furthermore, I am known by first name to the members of the Fourth Province and have been asked to lobby delegates on several issues during provincial meetings.

Recently, as an active 2015 deputy, I was invited by the president of the House of Deputies to view a two-hour webcast of the House of Bishops' meeting being held in Detroit, Michigan. This meeting gave insight as to the direction that Presiding Bishop Curry would like to take the Episcopal Church. My past experience as a deputy and as an alternate, and my relationship with others at the deputy level, could enhance our role as a deputation as the Presiding Bishop attempts to change the culture of the church.

The Jesus Movement is about to take off, and I want to be on board. Don't let this knowledge go to waste; I am ready.

## Deputy to General Convention 2018

Lay

**Name:** Andrea McKellar

**Church:** St. Francis Episcopal Church, Charleston

**Nominated by:** The Rev. Jean Q. McGraw



**Nominator Statement:** Andrea is an energetic, intelligent young woman who is a committed Christian. She is active in her local church, the diocese and TEC. She leads Christian Formation in her local church and is the youth leader for our diocese. She is active on the Committee for Christian Formation for TEC, and is a member of FORMA. She is a sought-after speaker and consultant. She has excellent leadership skills, is articulate, a good listener, and extremely creative and innovative.

She is a cradle Episcopalian, well-known and respected throughout The Episcopal Church. We could not find anyone to better represent our diocese at General Convention than Andrea.

**Personal Statement:** I was honored to serve as a lay deputy for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina to General Convention in 2015. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would be grateful to serve again in 2018. I am a member of St. Francis in Charleston. I have served as Senior Warden, Director of Children's Ministries, and a member of the Steering Committee, Vestry, and Finance Committee. My role as Ministry Developer in the diocese has allowed me to meet many of our parishioners and understand the unique needs of our parishes and missions. I represent our churches at the Province IV annual Youth Leadership and biannual Transition Ministers meetings. I have served nationally on the Standing Commission for Lifelong Christian Formation and Education from 2013-2015 and currently serve on Forma's Conference Working Group and Certificate Program Working Group. I love traveling to share the inspirational stories of our churches, and encouraging the rest of The Episcopal Church to learn from our experiences. I live in the West Ashley area of Charleston with my husband Mark and our two children.

## Deputy to General Convention 2018

Lay

**Name:** Mark Szen

**Church:** All Saint's, Hilton Head

**Nominated by:** The Very Rev. Rick Lindsey



**Nominator Statement:** Mark, and his wife and three sons, moved to Hilton Head in August of 2000. Mark immediately took an active role at All Saints and has been treasurer for 15 years. He has been active in outreach, having been on three mission trips to the Dominican Republic and worked on and off with the local Habitat for Humanity (All Saints has sponsored or co-sponsored 4 houses) and been on an international Habitat trip to Northern Ireland. Mark also chaired our diocesan convention committee in 2014, and served in varying positions with our vestry, stewardship, outreach, finance, All Saints Foundation and with two capital campaigns. He is active in our southern deanery. For our diocese, Mark co-chairs the Future Committee and serves on the Stewardship and Development, Strategic Planning, and Diocesan Grant Committees. He co-presented two workshops at Under One Roof this past June. A lifelong Episcopalian, Mark is excited about the future for our diocese and the national church and the role of our Episcopal Church in today's society.

**Personal Statement:** An Episcopalian from birth, and being freed from the old diocese, I have found the last three and half years to be an exciting time. As The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, we now have the opportunity to make our church what we want it to be. Additionally, with a new Presiding Bishop, and a new Provisional Bishop, we have the leadership to help us make it happen. As a treasurer totaling over 20 years at two different churches, I know that The Episcopal Church has a lot to offer. I am willing to work and want to help make our diocese and the Episcopal Church a part of the solution to the problems facing our troubled society.

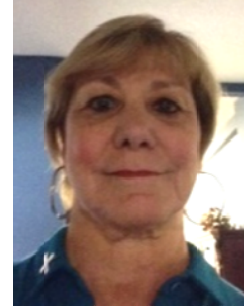
## Deputy to General Convention 2018

Lay

**Name:** Mrs. Carrington Salley Wingard

**Church:** St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Florence

**Nominated by:** Dr. Frances L. Elmore, St. Catherine's, Florence



**Nominator Statement:** It is a privilege to place in nomination for Lay Deputy to represent The Episcopal Church in South Carolina at the 2018 General Convention of The Episcopal Church the name of Mrs. Carrington Salley Wingard, St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Florence.

A practicing lawyer and former judge, Mrs. Wingard is well acquainted with the people of the Pee Dee-Waccamaw Deanery and diocese. She is a member of the diocesan Ecclesiastical Court, serves as a tireless member of St. Catherine's Mission Council, and as Junior Warden. Mrs. Wingard is an enthusiastic Episcopalian, a founding member of St. Catherine's and selflessly shares her leadership skills with Mission Council, Altar Guild and as Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer. A tireless worker, Mrs. Wingard is dedicated to The Episcopal Church and, in our opinion, would fulfill the responsibilities of Lay Deputy at the 2018 General Convention with intelligence and integrity.

**Personal Statement:** My late mother was fond of the idiom, "It's an ill wind that blows no good." Indeed the ill wind of the breakaway diocese has blown good for me personally. I was a fairly good Episcopalian. I went to church most Sundays, pledged a reasonable amount, and took my turn with Altar Guild duty and flower delivery to the shut-ins. Then came the great schism.

Personal reflection was required to find what was important to me. Take the easy road and stay with my parish or follow my conscience and figure out a way to remain with the National Church.

As a founding member of St. Catherine's Florence, I am fully committed to maintaining The Episcopal Church in the Northeast corner of South Carolina. I was a member of her first Mission Council and continue thereon as Junior Warden. While I still take my turn with Altar Guild (we don't have flowers to deliver), I am also a lay reader, chalice bearer and Daughter of the King. My spiritual growth has blown good.

I am a native South Carolinian, born and raised in Columbia and residing in Florence for the past 39 years. I graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1969 and USC Law School in 1972. My husband, COL (R) Barringer ("Barry") Fox Wingard, Jr. and I have a blended family of 3 adult children and 5 furbabies – 2 Westies, 1 Pound Puppy and 2 Foundling Cats. I practice family and criminal law as a sole practitioner in Florence. I am involved with various community boards including McLeod Foundation, Boys & Girls Club of the Pee Dee, and Florence Area Humane Society.

The wonderful congregants of St. Catherine's are truly a blessing in my life and are blowing good.

## Standing Committee

### Clergy

**Name:** The Rev. William J. Keith

**Church:** Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

**Nominate by:** Barbara Mann



**Nominator Statement:** Since coming to our Diocese, Wil has demonstrated remarkable leadership skills as well as sound judgement. He is committed to outreach ministries and community advocacy. He has led Holy Cross Faith Memorial as their first rector with great skill and compassion. He currently serves as Dean of the Pee Dee-Waccamaw Deanery, a facilitator of the Futures Committee, and a Trustee of the University of the South.

I believe the Standing Committee and the Diocese would benefit greatly from the skills and passion that Wil would bring to the table.

**Personal Statement:** I was born and raised in Western North Carolina, but more accurately was re-born (at baptism) and raised at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Asheville. The Episcopal faith has always been present in my life, even if at times I wandered as any good discerning heart must do. Call it the wilderness, call it college. I attended our diocesan summer camp as soon as I was old enough to go and continued through college as a counselor, assistant director and this past summer I was the chaplain. I arrived in this diocese after attending The School of Theology at Sewanee and a three-year call on Lookout Mountain, TN, as assistant rector. I have been the rector here at Holy Cross Faith Memorial for over four years now, arriving just before the diocesan schism. I am blessed to be a part of such a diligent and faithful group as we find here in The Episcopal Church in South Carolina and look forward to many years, God willing, ministering to the people who call Holy Cross Faith Memorial home, as well as to the community. I also proudly serve as chaplain to Midway Fire Rescue, ministering to the spiritual and emotional needs of our local "heroes" and furthering our churches connection to those both in our walls and beyond.



## Standing Committee

### Clergy

**Name:** The Rev. Jeffrey Richardson, Vicar

**Church:** St. Alban's (Kingstree), St. Catherine's (Florence)  
and St. Stephen's (St. Stephen) Episcopal Churches

**Nominated by:** Dolores J. Miller, St. Catherine's, Florence



**Nominators Statement:** It is my pleasure to nominate the Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson as a clergy member of the Standing Committee of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Fr. Richardson presently serves as Vicar of St. Catherine's and two other Episcopal churches in the Pee Dee - Waccamaw Deanery. In addition to his duties of leading multiple worship services at the three sites, chairing their governing bodies, and serving on numerous diocesan committees and other church bodies, Fr. Richardson may be considered most effective in his pastoral care. He is intensely dedicated to his ministry among the three church communities and has proven to be a caring, steady presence to those in need, in times of illness or death. Fr. Richardson is also extremely interested in and supportive of the future of this Episcopal diocese. Under his guidance, St. Catherine's is learning how to operate as a "real" church, maturing, developing goals (and, even achieving some), changing and adjusting to new circumstances, but constant in its Episcopal focus.

**Personal Statement:** Having the good fortune of faithful parents, I have been shaped by service to our Lord in the Episcopal Church. I was prepared for varied experiences of service growing up in the Washington, DC metro area: as a choirboy at St. Paul's K Street and as EYC president at Christ Church Kensington – with two entirely different approaches to being an Episcopalian. I believe this is one of the elements that have helped prepare me for my ministry in South Carolina with all its diversity.

It has been my privilege to serve as Vicar of St. Alban's, Kingstree and St. Stephen's, St. Stephen for the past eleven years, and for the past three years to also serve as Vicar to St. Catherine's, Florence.

More recently, with a keen desire to assist the rebuilding of the interior of the Diocese of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, it has been my pleasure to help in coordinating the efforts of Bishop vonRosenberg to supply part-time clergy to the mission churches of Good Shepherd, Sumter; St. Augustine, Wedgefield; and The Episcopal Church in Cheraw.

In the past three years it has been a great pleasure to have served on the Diocesan Council, the Future Committee, in ecumenical work with the SC Bishop's Public Education Initiative Steering Committee (LARCUM), and on the Diocesan Missions Council.

In many years of service as a layman, and then as a priest in South Carolina, working in numerous capacities at various missions and parishes and in diocesan positions, it has been an honor to serve the people of this diocese and I would consider it to be a privilege to serve on the Standing Committee.

## Standing Committee

### Clergy

**Name:** The Rev. Alastair Votaw

**Church:** Good Shepherd, Summerville

**Nominated by:** Virginia Wilder



**Nominator Statement:** Al Votaw has been the Priest in Charge of Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville since October 2013. He has led us liturgically and organizationally through the throes of becoming a church. He has been in parish ministry for more than 50 years. He “retired” in June of 2003 when he arrived in Charleston. He was part-time associate at Grace Church, Charleston for seven years. He has served as Chaplain to Retired Clergy, Spouses and Survivors for three and a half years and as a member of the Diocesan Council for one term. Al is also a member of the Bishop Gadsden Board of Trustees. In Connecticut, Al was the Rector of Trinity Church, Southport for 14 years, chairman of the Diocesan Council Management Committee, and served as Dean of his convocation several times. Al is a logical thinker, a good listener, and understands well church organizational and political systems. He has an active sense of humor. Most of all, Al is faithful pastor and confident proven leader in the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

**Personal Statement:** In my life in the Episcopal Church I have served seven congregations large and small, worked with six Bishops, served on the diocesan council for three dioceses, and as a recording secretary at three General Conventions. That said, being part of the development of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina is the most interesting and engaging moment in my organizational history. Currently I am the priest-in-charge at Good Shepherd in Summerville, Diocesan Chaplain to Retired Clergy, Spouses, and Surviving Spouses, and am completing my term as a member of the Diocesan Council.

Bishop vonRosenberg’s vision and leadership led us in a vibrant direction of Reconciliation that inspired me to become canonically resident in this diocese. We all have made a great beginning; and the whole church is looking to see what we will become.

However, we are not finished. Like children, congregations and dioceses have a developmental cycle before they are mature. Like children and other organizations, we want to jump ahead to new stages before we finish the one we are in. We have grown and developed but we are still developing. We are still experimenting with structure and goals. Other than to exist and thrive, we have not yet charted our direction as a diocese.

Bishop Adams will help us discover a clearer vision of our diocese and its mission, and the organization we need to make those a reality.

I want to be part of the Standing Committee to lend my strength, experience and the commitment I have to this diocese to help those healthy directions emerge.

## Standing Committee

Lay

**Name:** Carol Grish

**Church:** All Saint's, Hilton Head Island

**Nominated by:** The Rev. Rick Lindsey



**Nominator Statement:** I nominate Carol Grish for Standing Committee of The Episcopal Church of South Carolina. She is a cradle Episcopalian with deep roots in the church and strong experience with church governance. She is currently serving on the All Saints Hilton Head Vestry and is our Stewardship Chairperson. On the Diocesan level, she is currently serving on the Diocesan Council and the Personnel Committee. She has also served previously at the Diocesan level in the Diocese of Virginia. With her energy and knowledge of church governance, she is an excellent candidate for the Standing Committee.

**Personal Statement:** After serving on the Diocesan Council, I believe that I am well prepared for serving on the Standing Committee. In the next couple of years, the Standing Committee will be making many important decisions to move forward after the court cases are settled. I understand the issues caused by churches leaving our Diocese and everything that has been done to create this new and vibrant new Diocese. I am a delegate from All Saints in Hilton Head. I serve on the Vestry and am the Chairperson of the Year-Round Stewardship Committee that oversees the 80+ ministries at All Saints and the Annual Giving campaign. As a member of the Diocesan Council, I served on the Personnel Committee, making decisions on the manpower needed to move forward as a diocese. I would be humbled to serve on the Standing Committee for this Diocese at such an important time.

## Standing Committee

Lay

**Name:** Rebecca Smith Lovelace

**Church:** St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Conway

**Nominated by:** Dr. Frances L. Elmore St. Catherine's, Florence



**Nominator Statement:** It is an honor and a privilege of St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Florence, to place in nomination for election to the Standing Committee for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, the name of Mrs. Rebecca Smith Lovelace, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Conway. Upon the former diocese's separation from The Episcopal Church, Mrs. Lovelace worked vigorously to establish the first continuing Episcopal worship group, now the thriving St. Anne's, Conway. She encouraged others to do likewise and was instrumental in founding St. Catherine's, Florence, to which she has proved a steady supporter, adviser, and friend. Mrs. Lovelace's energy, drive and devotion to The Episcopal Church are well reflected in her willingness to serve among leaders of the Pee Dee-Waccamaw Deanery and the Diocese. She previously served on the Standing Committee, and in our opinion, would again bring many strengths and in-depth thinking to the Committee.

**Personal Statement:** When our diocese was left without an ecclesiastical authority in October, 2012, I became a member of the Steering Committee that re-organized the diocese, and served until the January, 2013 convention. At that convention, I was elected to the Standing Committee, and drew a two-year term. I very much enjoyed working with other members in the diocese and Bishop vonRosenberg as we accomplished the task of creating and administering a continuing Episcopal diocese in lower South Carolina. I was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Conway, SC, where I twice served as senior warden. I left that church in October, 2012, and helped found St. Anne's Episcopal Church, also in Conway. I have served as senior warden of St. Anne's for the past two years, but I rotate off the mission committee in January, 2017, thus being freed up to get re-involved in work on the diocesan level again. I am retired, and have the time, the commitment, and the energy necessary to once again (if elected) serve The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, and work with our new bishop to continue to build a healthy and thriving diocese. I am proud to be a member of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement!

## Diocesan Council

### Clergy

**Name:** The Rev. Jean McGraw

**Church:** St. Francis Episcopal Church

**Is nominated by:** The Rev. Chris Huff



**Nominator Statement:** I have worked with Jean McGraw for the past three years on the Standing Committee of the diocese, and have personally experienced her tenure over the past year as president of the Standing Committee, where she did an outstanding job guiding us and the diocese through the process that led to the election of Bishop Skip Adams as our new Bishop Provisional of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Jean is dedicated and hard-working. In everything she does she seeks the will of God. No quick decision-maker, she seeks consensus with her colleagues and works for high principles. I highly recommend her to election to Diocesan Council as one who will continue to work closely with our bishop in our next steps as a diocese

**Personal Statement:** I would very much like to serve the diocese as a member of the Diocesan Council. The diocese has done so much for all of us, parishes and missions, and I would like to give back by giving my time and talents to help this diocese to continue moving in a positive direction. Our diocese is a community, a family, and it takes all of us, giving and serving as we are able, to allow it to serve our wider community as a part of the Body of Christ.

## Diocesan Council

### Clergy

**Name:** The Rev. Chris Huff

**Church:** St. George's Episcopal Church, Summerville

**Nominated by:** The Rev. Jean McGraw



**Nominator Statement:** Fr. Chris has been very active in our diocese, and has worked hard to lead it in a positive direction. He has served with much dedication on the Standing Committee and as Dean of the West Charleston Deanery. He is competent, dedicated, hard-working, compassionate, and above all a committed Christian. He is both a global thinker and attentive to details, both of which make him an excellent candidate for the diocesan council. I whole heartedly endorse his nomination.

**Personal Statement:** Having served the past 3 years on the Standing Committee, and having served on the subcommittee that recommended Bishop Adams to the Standing Committee and subsequently to the diocese for nomination as our next bishop provisional, I am eager to bring continuity of leadership as we transition from Bishop von Rosenberg to Bishop Adams. I have also served on the Future Committee to recommend our way forward toward permanent diocesan structure. I serve as Dean of the West Charleston Deanery and as Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in Summerville.

I am strong in collaboration among colleagues both clergy and lay, and always seek to include as many people as possible in the decision-making structures of our wonderful diocese. Those who know me know that I am all about openness and full disclosure in all matters diocesan. I have been ordained for 28 years and have served as rector of St. Paul's, Bennettsville, rector of St. Peter's, Charleston, vicar of West Shore, Charleston, as well as currently rector of St. George's.

I would very much look forward now to working directly with Bishop Adams and other members of Diocesan Council as they seek new and further development of the vision of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina and his tenure among us.

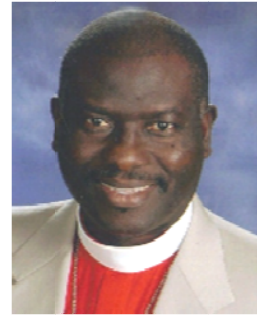
## Diocesan Council

### Clergy

**Name:** The Rev. Dr Wilmot T. Merchant II

**Church:** St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, North Myrtle Beach

**Nominated by:** Peter Berthrong



**Nominator Statement:** Fr. Merchant has been a priest in this diocese since 1999 and has been the Rector of St. Stephen's since 2002. Prior to that he served in various ministries in the parish from October 1999 until 2001. He has served as a Volunteer Public Safety and Hospital Chaplain. He served as a Chairperson of the Faith Leaders Advisory Council for SC Coalition against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and was honored as 'Volunteer of the Year' of the Victim Assistant Network of SC in 2009. In 2008, Fr. Merchant was instrumental in casting St. Stephen's "Loris Vision" which was to start another Episcopal presence in the Loris area. Because of the economy, St. Stephen's refocused her attention on serving the community. We began a mentoring program at Loris Elementary School and in 2016 we began a free summer program. Fr. Merchant served as President of the Standing Committee of the diocese from 2013 to 2015.

**Personal Statement:** Originally from Liberia, West Africa, I have served churches in Liberia and the United States since my ordination in 1986. Beginning October 1999 until August 2002, I served St. Stephen's in North Myrtle Beach in various capacities, including Christian Education Director, Assistant Priest, and Interim Priest-In-Charge. In August 2002, I was installed as their third rector. I had been an active member of the Diocese of South Carolina until the disaffiliation of the Diocese. I am an active member of the Diocese of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, and I have served as President of the Standing Committee from 2013-2015. From 2004-2008, I served as the National Chairman of the Liberian Episcopal Community in the United States. From 2004-2015, I served on the National Board of the Union of Black Episcopalians. I served as a coach for the Black Ministries Office of The Episcopal Church. I am a Senior Fellow of the Waccamaw Chapter of the American Leadership Forum. Currently serving as its Treasurer, I am very active in the Upper Grand Strand Ministerial Alliance. The Clergy Covenant Group of the Upper Grand Strand was co-founded by myself in 2003 and I continue to host the group. In June 2014, I was appointed Priest-in-Charge of Calvary Episcopal Church in Charleston. I simultaneously served the congregations of the St. Stephen's and Calvary as an experiment of the changing times of the 'Church' until December 2014. I will be delighted to be given the opportunity to continue to serve the diocese.

## Diocesan Council

### Lay

**Name:** Patricia Neumann

**Church:** The Episcopal Church on Edisto

**Nominated by:** James T. Gettys III



**Nominator Statement:** Pat has served the Episcopal Church on Edisto since its formation. Pat was elected to the first Mission Committee and served as the Senior Warden for three years. Pat undertook the job of forming a church from scratch, chairing the committee for writing the By Laws and Constitution of the church. She has been totally committed to helping all mission churches in their struggle to establish themselves. Pat is recognized throughout the Diocese as a true leader and would be a great addition and asset to the Diocesan Council.

**Personal Statement:** I am a member of The Episcopal Church on Edisto where I served as the first Senior Warden of our continuing worshipping community, now a Mission Church, for 3 years. Serving our church as well as our diocese in this position has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. I would be blessed to have the opportunity to bring to the Diocesan Council the knowledge I acquired as Senior Warden in a church which learned to start over and thrive.

My husband, Jeff, and I joined Trinity Episcopal Church after we moved to Edisto Island 10 years ago. While at Trinity, I was a Lay Eucharistic Minister, chairman of the cookbook committee, co-chairman of Martha's Ministry and a member of the vestry. We joined The Episcopal Church on Edisto in 2013. In addition to my service as Senior Warden, I am a Lay Eucharistic Minister, a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, an usher and a Prayer Partner, and also served as Chair of the Calling Committee and the Music Director Search Committee. I am in my 4<sup>th</sup> year as a participant in the Education for Ministry seminar group on Edisto.

Born and raised in St. George, SC. I graduated from Clemson University with a BS in Microbiology. While living in Massachusetts, I worked for DuPont, Genzyme and Becton-Dickinson in a research role as well as in sales and marketing. I have been honored to serve as a board member in numerous volunteer organizations and commissions.



## Diocesan Council

### Lay

**Name:** Mrs. M. Earle Blackmon Phillips

**Church:** St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Florence, SC

**Nominated by:** Dr. Frances L. Elmore, St. Catherine's, Florence



**Nominator Statement:** Mrs. Phillips is a seasoned business woman, tried and tested by major markets, and now retired and living in Hartsville, SC. She retains her remarkable business acumen, as well as her strong interest in the financial world. And, as a member of St. Catherine's Finance Committee, Mrs. Phillips helped to establish the Church's sound financial goals. Although she travels extensively, Mrs. Phillips has proved generous with her time and support for St. Catherine's where she also serves on altar guild, as a coffee hour hostess, and is a lively and inquisitive member of the adult Christian education class. Being familiar with the work of Diocesan Council, I am pleased, on behalf of St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, to nominate Mrs. Phillips as a person uniquely qualified and interested in serving on Diocesan Council.

**Personal Statement:** Although not a cradle Episcopalian (she was raised in the Baptist Church), Earle was confirmed in The Episcopal Church at St. Bartholomew's in Hartsville, SC at the age of 13. She attended the University of South Carolina in Columbia, receiving a BA in International Studies and a master's degree in Student Personnel Services.

In January of 2013 she became one of the original members of the worshipping group which is now the mission of St. Catherine's in Florence. An active member of St. Catherine's, Earle serves on the Altar Guild, the Hospitality Committee and the Finance Committee, is a Lay Reader, chairs St. Catherine's Stewardship Campaign and publishes their annual church directory. Also active in the Diocese, Earle has attended all but one of the Diocesan conventions and conferences since Bishop von Rosenberg's installation in January 2013.

Earle has been a member of the Episcopal Forum of South Carolina since 2009 and has participated in all Forum events since then. As a member of the Forum's Board of Directors since December 2014, Earle has handled registration for all of the Forum's conferences.

Earle would like to serve the Diocese as a member of its Diocesan Council as a voice for the growing number of missions in the Diocese as well as a voice from Diocese's "hinterlands" – the Pee Dee area.

## Diocesan Council

Lay

**Name:** Joseph Wood "Woody" Rutter

**Church:** St. Mark's, Port Royal

**Nominated by:** Pam Guess



**Nominator Statement:** I am nominating Woody Rutter for the office of Diocesan Council. Woody, is a life-long Episcopalian, born in Baltimore, MD. He is the senior warden at St. Mark's in Port Royal where they have moved from Mission status to Parish status. They are now seeking their first full-time rector. Woody's career focuses on administration. He served as Director of Admissions, Director of Development, and as Assistant Headmaster at Salisbury, an Episcopal School for Boys in Connecticut. He retired in 2004, as the headmaster of Beaufort Academy(1998-2004). Woody has been a member of St. Paul's, Nantucket (summers), St. Luke's in Darien CT (where he was confirmed in 1957), St. John's in Salisbury, CT (1967-1998), where he served on the Vestry and the Search Committee; St. Helena Episcopal Church in Beaufort (1998-2012), and St. Mark's in Port Royal.

**Personal Statement:** I am a lifelong Episcopalian and have served on the Vestry and the Search Committee at St. John's in Salisbury, Connecticut. I now act as the senior warden at St. Mark's in Port Royal where we have moved from Mission status to Parish status. We are now proudly seeking our first full-time Rector!

My education was at Phillips Exeter Academy, Washington & Lee University, and UNC-Chapel Hill. Following my graduate degrees, I began teaching at Salisbury School in Salisbury CT, an Episcopal boarding school for boys. I taught French and Spanish, coached many different sports, was a dorm parent and spent most of my career in administration as Director of Admissions, Director of Development, and Assistant Headmaster. I am a Trustee of Salisbury School and ASSIST, INC. In 1998, after 31 years at Salisbury, I accepted the offer to become Headmaster of Beaufort Academy.

After retiring in 2004, I remained in Beaufort to become a full-time volunteer. I am currently the chairperson of "Thumbs Up Children's Learning Center." My volunteerism involves serving as Secretary of the Public Library Foundation of Beaufort County, acting as an active member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army of the Lowcountry and engaging as a Development Committee member to Beaufort Academy. I am on the "Listening Committee" of the Coastal Community Foundation, Scholarship Committee Chair of the Rotary Club of Beaufort, and serve the Diocesan Development Committee.

I am passionate about the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, a staunch admirer of Bishop Charlie vonRosenberg, and I look forward to working with Bishop Skip Adams in any capacity that I can! I am honored to serve, if elected, to the Diocesan Council.

## Trustee of University of the South (Sewanee)

Lay

**Name:** Jane Hart Lewis (Mrs. Donald W.)

**Church:** St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Florence

**Nominated by:** Dr. Frances L. Elmore, St. Catherine's, Florence



**Nominator Statement:** During the past three years Mrs. Lewis has served as an enthusiastic member of the Board of Trustees for Sewanee: University of the South. Despite her busy career operating a private behavioral health practice and fulfilling the expectations of a loving mother and grandmother of four, Mrs. Lewis has managed to be present at all Board meetings held since her election. As an enthusiastic Sewanee alumnae, she remains constant in her loyalty to both the University and to family tradition, which includes members serving as Sewanee trustees. Mrs. Lewis frequently speaks to congregants and others in the Diocese about Sewanee's academic offerings, as well as its many attractions on campus. It is our pleasure to nominate Mrs. Jane Hart Lewis for re-election to the governing board of Sewanee for another three-year term.

**Personal Statement:** I am a member of St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Florence, and a 1977 graduate of Sewanee: The University of the South. A lifelong Episcopalian, I have served as Senior Warden at St. Catherine's as well as a Sunday School teacher and Children's Chapel leader at my former parish of St. John's. I am also a member of the Commission for Ministry for the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

A licensed professional counselor and supervisor, I have worked in private practice for many years following two decades of experience with the Department of Mental Health. I am a certified Dialectical Behavior Therapist, a Nationally Certified Counselor and have also been an adjunct instructor at Francis Marion University in the graduate and undergraduate programs. I am married to Donald, mother to adult daughters Jane and Anne, and grandmother to Alden, John, William and Caroline.

I am currently serving as a trustee of the University, working on both the Orientation and the Growth and Development Committees. As an alumna, and the daughter and niece of alumni trustees, I understand what makes Sewanee special. By working to bring the vision developed 150 years ago by the original owning dioceses into the 21<sup>st</sup> century world, I hope to assist in Sewanee's becoming a stronger, truer version of itself and asks for the opportunity to continue as a trustee for another term.

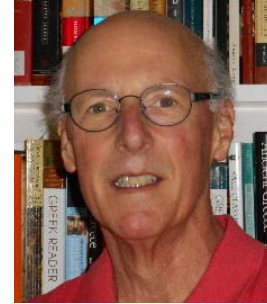
## Trustee of University of the South (Sewanee)

Lay

**Name:** Thomas Miller

**Church:** St. Mark's, Port Royal

**Nominated by:** Jonathan Coffey



**Nominators Statement:** My name is Jonathan Coffey and I am the Interim Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Port Royal. I am nominating Thomas Miller to be a Trustee of the University of the South representing our diocese. Tom is a graduate of Sewanee and he has been an active alumnus all of his adult life. He has been recognized by the University for his exceptional efforts to recruit good students and his 36 years of service in the investment business positions him well to assist in endowment development. Tom served many leadership roles at the Episcopal Cathedral in Kansas and serves on the Outreach Committee of St. Mark's.

**Personal Statement:** A lifelong Episcopalian, I am a graduate of Sewanee, and have been admitted to the Certificate of Higher Education Program (History) in Oxford University's Department of Continuing Education. I have been a longtime supporter of Sewanee financially and by actively participating in recruiting efforts and counseling high school graduates who have accepted invitations to attend Sewanee. I am also the recipient of the 2013 'Alumni Arcadian Service Award'. The Arcadians are Sewanee alumni who volunteer their time to attract and connect with exceptional prospective students. As a member or chair of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral's finance, investment, audit, discernment, and nominating committees, I have extensive experience in parish oversight and leadership positions. I have also served as a Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister for more than 25 years. Now officially retired, I am a tutor in Beaufort's 'Thumbs Up' program, which is designed to assist at-risk students in being successful in their elementary education development. I am also an active member of the Outreach Committee of St. Mark's Parish, Port Royal, which guides the mission program of the parish. My membership at St. Mark's Parish follows a 36-year career as a financial advisor. As a senior member of an investment team that held fiduciary responsibility for the stewardship of endowment, foundation, pension and private investment assets, I have an extensive knowledge base that is directly applicable to duties and responsibilities of a Trustee of Sewanee.