

NOMINEES FOR DIOCESAN OFFICES

Report Prepared for the 230th Diocesan Convention,
As of November 3, 2020



Diocesan Council

(Four seats for 3-year terms,
One clergy seat for a 2-year term)

**Clergy Nominees (3 Clergy Seats;
one for 2-year term):**

The Rev. Mike Szymanowski
The Rev. Fred Thompson
The Rev. Denise Trogdon

Lay Nominees (2 Lay Seats):

Josh Bullock
Earle Phillips

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.

Standing Committee

(3-year terms)

Clergy Nominees (2 Clergy Seats):

The Rev. Rob Donehue
The Rev. Cn. Jack Nietert
The Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych
The Rev. Dr. Michael Shaffer

Lay Nominees (2 Lay Seats):

Mary Dianish
Carrington Wingard

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 TEC;
- 2) Act as a Council of advice to the Bishop; and
- 3) Act as Ecclesiastical Authority in absence of the Bishop.

Trustees of the Diocese

(6-year terms)

Clergy Nominees (1 Clergy Seat):

The Very Rev. Mark Brinkmann

Lay Nominees (1 Lay Seat):

Bill Beak
Donald Lewis

The Trustees of the Diocese include 3 clergy and 3 lay members to serve 6 year terms. 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

(3-year term)

Lay Nominees (1 Lay Seat):

Kirk Battle

The University of the South, located in Sewanee, TN, 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.

Additional nominations (or self nominations) may be made between now and Friday, November 6, 2020 at 5 pm. Nominee must provide their personal statement and photo to the Secretary of Convention (along with a nominator statement, if applicable).

Diocesan Council

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Michael P. Szymanowski

Church: The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville

Nominated by: The Rev. Dr. James Taylor



Nominator statement: Fr. Michael will be a good member to serve on Diocesan Council. His advice and recommendations will be valuable for diocesan life. He will represent churches in the diocese that need to have a voice and participate in leadership.

Personal statement: I am currently serving as Priest Associate at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Summerville. I was ordained a deacon in 1987 and a priest in 1988. I have served in Upper SC as a parish priest, on Standing Committee, and as an Examining Chaplain. In the Diocese of South Carolina I've served as a parish priest, a professional hospital chaplain, and as a chaplain to police/fire/EMS and victims of crises. I have also served as Chair of Congregational Development, on Diocesan Council, Chaplain to the ECW, and as a theology instructor in the Deacons' Training Program. I was exceptionally active in Cursillo in both Upper South Carolina and the Diocese of South Carolina. If chosen for Diocesan Council, I will bring years of experience and a willingness to serve others.

Diocesan Council

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Fred Thompson

Church: The Episcopal Church on Edisto, Edisto Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Dr. James Taylor



Nominator statement: I strongly recommend Fr. Fred Thompson to be elected to Diocesan Council. Fr. Thompson is the Rector of The Episcopal Church on Edisto. His ministry at the church has been about building community, offering quality worship and new member incorporation. Fr. Thompson has a deep commitment and passion for diocesan ministry. He recently served on the Standing Committee for the diocese. He is also the Disaster Relief Coordinator and contact person for the diocese. Fr. Thompson is also employed as staff chaplain at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. His ministry gifts have been a vital asset recently during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Personal Statement: My full-time job as the Chaplain of MUSC's Hollings Cancer Center allows me to serve as the part-time Priest-in-Charge at the Episcopal Church on Edisto. The Episcopal Church on Edisto is part of the Western Charleston Deanery and has been providing services on Sunday mornings at 10 am through its Facebook page. Using Facebook Live, I also am able to provide Morning Prayer for staff and friends on a regular basis.

I have just finished a three-year term with the Standing Committee, which has served as the ecclesiastical authority as we search for a Bishop. Being the Diocesan Disaster Coordinator for the Diocese of South Carolina keeps me very busy during the hurricane season reporting to both the diocesan staff and the Episcopal Relief and Development storm team. Throughout this most recent Covid-19 pandemic, I have been reporting MUSC's numbers every Monday and Thursday to the Archdeacon and President of the Standing Committee.

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

Diocesan Council

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Denise A. Trogdon

Church: All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Pamela H. Fahrner



Nominator Statement: It is my pleasure to highly recommend The Reverend Denise Trogdon to the Diocesan Council. Since her arrival in our diocese in 2019, she has demonstrated an incredibly wide skill set, managing the parish in unprecedented times. As a mental health professional in her prior life, she brought to our table a collaborative approach to leadership, the ability to deal with people and difficult situations with sensitivity, grace and intelligence while concurrently making tough business decisions and organization abilities nothing short of amazing. In addition, her spiritual leadership is filled with inspiration and compassion. She served in Connecticut and in Virginia prior to her call to SC and was instrumental in the delicate process of integration and reconciliation after their theological split. If elected, the Diocesan Council will be blessed by this remarkable priest.

Personal Statement: It would be an honor to serve on the Diocesan Council for South Carolina. I have worked in this diocese for one year as Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Hilton Head. I am currently on the new Transition Committee, which will welcome our new Bishop. In the Diocese of Virginia, I was Dean of the North Fairfax region that included 12 parishes, during my tenure as Rector of Holy Cross Episcopal in Dunn Loring, Virginia. I served on the Va Diocese Dayspring team, working with congregations displaced due to the theological split, and helped with reintegration as the buildings were reclaimed by the Diocese. I also provided mediation and consultation for the Diocese of Connecticut, when I was Associate Rector at Saint Luke's Episcopal, in Darien. Prior to my ordination, as a licensed psychotherapist and lifelong Episcopalian, I provided Diocesan workshops for Virginia in the prevention of sexual misconduct and abuse and consulted with the Diocesan Mental Health Committee. I believe that my leadership and organizational skills can be utilized to support the tasks of Diocesan Council.

Diocesan Council

Lay

Name: Joshua Bullock

Church: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Very Rev. William Keith



Nominator statement: Josh is well versed in all things Episcopal and I find him to be a very capable and attentive minister within the congregation. Our diocese would benefit greatly from his leadership on Diocesan Council. Josh's seminary background has equipped him for many ministries within the parish, and I find him very capable of following and understanding the role to which he is nominated. He is very dedicated to his faith and this is easily seen in his dedication to his church and his diocese.

Personal Statement: I am privileged to be nominated to serve on Diocesan Council. I have been a member of Holy Cross Faith Memorial in Pawleys Island for just over a year, however I am a life-long Episcopalian and was Baptized and Confirmed in the Diocese of South Carolina.

Presently, I am employed by the South Carolina Department of Administration in a local branch of the Disaster Recovery Office helping families and individuals effected by Hurricane damages. I have a BA in History from Gordon College in Wenham, MA and earned a Master of Theological Studies from Nashotah House Theological Seminary in 2007.

Over the years I have served in and worked for Episcopal churches in South Carolina, Massachusetts, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Kansas, and Maryland where I also served on the parish vestry of Mt. Calvary, Baltimore. From 2002-2003 I worked as an Episcopal Church Missionary in the Province of Uganda and during my time at Nashotah House I was the president of the Jackson Kemper Missionary Society.

Nothing could make me happier than participating in the work of the Gospel and the diocese of my home.

Diocesan Council

Lay

Name: Earle Phillips

Church: St. Catherine's, Florence

Nominated by: The Rev. Sandy Moyle



Nominator Statement: Earle Phillips is a faithful and active member of St Catherine's Mission Church in Florence and has been since its inception in 2013. She is one who believes strongly in servant leadership having served on the altar guild and the hospitality team, and she is an excellent lay reader. Currently Earle is Treasurer and therefore an ex officio member of the Mission Council. She has served on the diocesan level as well as a valued member of the Episcopal Forum. An energetic person, she was always on the teams that produced the Forum's diocesan events. She knows how to examine budgets, assign priorities, and she knows how to get things done. I believe Earle Phillips will be a good fit for the work of the Diocesan Council.

Personal Statement: Raised in the Baptist Church, I was confirmed in The Episcopal Church at St. Bartholomew's in Hartsville, SC at the age of 13. I attended the University of South Carolina in Columbia, receiving a BA in International Studies and a master's degree in Student Personnel Services. While living in Columbia during my career years, my late husband and I were members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. From 1968-1977, I was the assistant executive director of a large national association of 1,500 colleges and universities. From 1979-1989 I owned and operated a jewelry design company and fine collectibles retail shop. Between 1989 and 2004, I was the Business Manager of a law firm and then Chief Financial Officer for a personnel corporation.

Upon retirement in 2004, I moved back to Hartsville and renewed my membership in St. Bartholomew's, where I assisted with the interfaith soup kitchen. I was a member of The Episcopal Forum from 2009-2015 and served as a member of the Episcopal Forum Board from 2015 through its merger with the Diocese in 2018. In January of 2013 I became one of the original members of St. Catherine's in Florence. I have remained an active member of the church, serving on the Mission Council, chairing the Finance Committee, acting as St. Catherine's Treasurer, compiling and publishing the annual Directory, and serving on the Altar Guild and Hospitality Committee; I have held most of these jobs for 7 years. I am an avid traveler, reader, gardener and football fan.

Standing Committee Clergy

Name: The Rev. Rob Donehue

Church: St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Conway

Nominated by: Rick Stall



Nominator statement: The Rev. Rob Donehue is a product of this diocese. Born in Charleston, he grew up in Grace Church, now our Cathedral. He was the first seminarian the diocese sponsored after the schism in 2012, and his sense of loyalty and hopes for the future prompted Rob to serve in his home diocese. I came to value and admire Rob when he was our summer intern at Messiah, Myrtle Beach prior to his senior year of seminary at Sewanee. He was later called to serve St. Anne's, Conway, grew the congregation, and helped them achieve parish status. Earlier this year, they acquired property with an existing building and have undertaken a renovation project to create a church home. On the diocesan level, Rob is concluding a term on Diocesan Council. Rob's leadership and understanding of the challenges and opportunities our diocese faces would be valuable assets on the Standing Committee, especially as the diocese adapts further into being the church of the 21st century.

Personal Statement: I am honored to be nominated for the Standing Committee and eager to serve the diocese. As a lifelong child of this diocese - and now one of its priests - I am deeply committed to the mission of the church in South Carolina, and I have been privileged to serve in various capacities of diocesan leadership over the years. In November, I will be completing a three year term of service on Diocesan Council. In that time I have developed what I believe to be a good understanding of the challenges and opportunities that face the diocese.

I have also been blessed to serve at Saint Anne's in Conway for the past four years. My experience of helping Saint Anne's to grow will bring a valuable perspective to the work of the Standing Committee, particularly with regard to addressing the needs of growth in smaller congregations in the diocese. We are living in a time where creativity and flexibility have taken on a new level of importance for the church, and my hope is that I will be able to bring to the Standing Committee some of the lessons I've learned about adapting to change. My congregation is going through a major change at the moment. The people of Saint Anne's are in the process of having work done on a building we purchased in March. Once the pandemic ends, we will be overjoyed finally to have a space to call our own.

In a personal note about change, my wife, Davis, and I welcomed our son, David, into the world in December of last year, and he is an absolute joy. It has been fun to have him with me for Zoom meetings, and I think he's beginning to recognize some of the familiar faces. I hope he'll be able to meet more of the people of the diocese in the months to come.

Standing Committee *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Canon Jack Nietert

Church: Priest of the Diocese; serves occasionally at St. Mark's, Port Royal; All Saints, Hilton Head; and All Saints, Hampton.

Nominated by: The Rev. Roy Tripp



Nominator statement: Jack brings extensive experience, and a keen sense of the history of our diocese. His skills in listening add a depth of communication to meetings with individuals and groups. His ministry as priest, is rooted in pastoral care which fosters deeply meaningful relationships. His experience as interim clergy at many churches throughout our diocese, along with his service as Trustee of the Diocese, regional Dean, and ice-chair of Diocesan Council, gives Jack a unique perspective that will prove a valuable addition to the Standing Committee.

Personal Statement: I have served our Church faithfully as a priest since 1966, and except for an eight and a half year calling to a church in Kansas City, MO, I have been canonically resident and active in our diocese since 1975. At one time, I was Dean of the Charleston Deanery and have served on Diocesan Council, have participated in three General Conventions, and am a former Trustee of the Diocese. In West Missouri, as Rector of a Church I led the congregation through a capital funds campaign and expansion of the church's parish hall and office area. The congregation almost tripled in membership. I served on the Standing Committee, chaired the search for a new Bishop and chaired a long range planning committee for the diocese. I am an honorary canon to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City. I am somewhat retired and live with my wife, Chris, and our dog in Beaufort, SC. I have a depth of knowledge of our diocesan history, The Episcopal Church, and an awareness of the scope of ministry possibilities. I am still active in the Beaufort Deanery and work with churches in our area. I look forward to the future of our Diocese.

Standing Committee *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych

Church: Calvary Episcopal Church, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Courtney Davis-Shoemaker



Nominator statement: Ordained for over 30 years, The Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych has served in a variety of ways in the Diocese of South Carolina. Currently serving as Interim Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Charleston, Dr. Olbrych has also served at St. James-Santee, McClellanville, Porter Gaud School, and St. Stephen's, Charleston, among others. Dr. Olbrych has also served on a variety of commissions. Dr. Olbrych's knowledge of the diocese makes her an excellent candidate for the Standing Committee. As Archdeacon Callie Walpole noted of Dr. Olbrych's call to Calvary: "Jennie has long been a strong and steady rock of our diocese." I believe Dr. Olbrych will bring that same presence to her work on the Standing Committee.

Personal statement: It is humbling to be asked to offer for the Standing Committee of our diocese given that I am now in the "retired clergy" category. And, yet, like others in my category, I am not actually retired and am presently serving as the Interim Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in Charleston. I would be honored to serve if elected.

I am a native of Columbia, SC and have lived in the Charleston area since 1979. Married to John, we are parents of five young adult children. My academic work is as follows: University of SC- BA; Virginia Theological Seminary – M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary – D.Min., and, most recently a graduate certificate in Spiritual Direction from St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. I also have a long association with Mepkin Abbey. I have served the Diocese of South Carolina as clergy since 1988 and in lay ministry (ECW and Christian Ed) prior to that time. Ministry experience includes serving diocesan congregations of many sizes, ("retired" from St. James-Santee, McClellanville), Canon for Interim Ministry under Bishop Salmon, and a fair amount of other diocesan committee work over the course of the past thirty plus years. Our diocese is beginning a new chapter, and I would hope to bring a passion for church growth and development, the benefits of some experience, and a listening heart to any deliberations.

Standing Committee

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Dr. Michael Shaffer

Church: St. Francis Episcopal Church, Charleston

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Christopher M. Huff



Nominator statement: In this time of continuing transition in the Diocese of South Carolina, I enthusiastically nominate the Rev. Michael Shaffer to the Standing Committee of the Diocese. Michael is uniquely qualified for this work, being expertly familiar with the Canons of the Church. Having practiced law for 33 years, and having been ordained for 20 years, and having served in several Diocesan capacities, including Intake Officer for the Diocese of Western Missouri, a position which applies the Canons and Constitutions of the Episcopal Church to a variety of ethical situations, Fr. Michael has much to offer to the work of our Standing Committee.

His call to serve as Priest-in-Charge of St. Francis Episcopal Church in West Ashley in 2017 places him at the very pulse-point of the continuing parishes in our Diocese whose faithful journey through and beyond the yet unresolved outcomes of litigation has led them to deeper mission and purpose as congregations who are centered on the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ. Fr. Michael has personally deepened his own commitment to St. Francis, as well as to our Diocese, by moving his canonical residency to South Carolina. He is faithful and articulate as a Christian, intelligent and warm as a servant of God. He will be a tremendous asset among the leadership of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina.

Personal Statement: Like many of my clergy colleagues, I chose to move to South Carolina and become a canonical resident of this Diocese. Like just a few however, I chose to do so in the midst of schism. A cradle Episcopalian, I did so because I saw an opportunity to be part of the great Easter story and live among Easter people.

A practicing trial attorney for 33 years, I am familiar with both the idiosyncrasies and uncertainty of litigation. Having served as a vocational deacon for 14 years prior to my ordination to the priesthood, I understand the importance of making Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example, to those among whom I live, work and worship, while interpreting to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. Having previously served on the Board of Examining Chaplains and as Intake Officer in the Diocese of West Missouri, I have a working familiarity with the Canons and Constitution of the Episcopal Church and the checks and balances provided by our episcopal polity.

While the Standing Committee has specific canonical responsibilities, I believe its central mandate is to maintain organizational continuity and integrity so that the church may carry out its mission through the ministry of all its members. For all these reasons, I believe I am uniquely qualified to serve as a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina, particularly in this important time of transition and transformation.

“And if the problems about schism and reunion mean dying and rising with Christ, they will not be solved through easy humanistic ideas of fellowship and brotherhood, but by the hard road of the Cross.”
— Arthur Michael Ramsey -100th Archbishop of Canterbury

Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Mary Dianish

Church: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Very Rev. William Keith



Nominator Statement: Mary Dianish is a wonderful example of competent and passionate lay leadership. She has a lifelong love of the Episcopal Church, its worship, and its governance. I can rely on her to know the proper decorum, meaning behind symbols, culture and many other important bits of information about our denomination that must be experienced and deduced. Also, she is often on hand to introduce me (her rector) to the visiting retired bishop in the congregation, as they often "go way back." As a diocese, we would be privileged to have her serve on our Standing Committee

Personal Statement: As a cradle Episcopalian, I have always found my spiritual expression in the Episcopal Church. Living out our vocation to follow Christ, I believe this Church endeavors to include all people - to reflect the children of God. I also firmly believe our baptism calls each of us, lay and ordained, to ministry as expressed in our Baptism Covenant. That is why in my Virginia Seminary office I hung my baptism certificate, when my colleagues hung ordination certificates.

My ministry at the Virginia Theological Seminary was a treasure. VTS is an entity of the national Episcopal Church and serves all dioceses, the national Church and the wider Anglican Communion. As Assistant to the Dean for Special Events and Facilities my duties were myriad and varied. But essentially, anything the Very Rev Martha Horne needed me to do to further the mission of the Seminary, I did.

An exceptional part of my position came with the hosting of national and international meetings like the Inter-Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission and Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission and ARC-USA, to our own Board of Trustees. This meant welcoming visitors to the Seminary such as Archbishops of Canterbury and Presiding Bishops of the United States to honorary degree recipients to invited lecturers. VTS also hosted two episcopal elections where the Rt Rev F. Clayton Matthews and the Rt Rev David C. Jones each were elected. After facilitating those events, I then had the pleasure of serving as the MC for the consecrations of both Clay and David at the National Cathedral.

In SC, home has been Holy Cross Faith Memorial, where I have served on vestry, taught adult education, and instructed LEMs. Currently I support our Invite "Welcome" Connect and head the lectors/chalice bearers. My experience at HCFM and VTS accords me the blessing of total immersion in the life of the Church, with a perspective from parish to worldwide Communion. Experience that equips me well to serve the Diocese of South Carolina which, if elected to the Standing Committee, I would be honored to do.

Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Carrington S. Wingard

Church: St. Catherine's, Florence

Nominated by: The Rev. Sandra K. Moyle



Nominator Statement: Carrington Wingard is a faithful, active and valued member of the St. Catherines Mission since its inception in 2013. She has served in several leadership capacities both at St. Catherines where she currently serves on the Mission Board and in the Diocese including most recently the Diocesan Council. Professionally she is a family law attorney and is thoughtful, perceptive, and reasonable in her approach to leadership. I value her advice and counsel.

Personal Statement: It would be a distinct pleasure and privilege to serve on the Standing Committee. My term on the Diocesan Council ends in December. I have a great love for the Episcopal Church and our diocese. Truly one of the most uplifting and meaningful experiences of my life was attending the 79th General Convention in 2018 as an alternate delegate.

I am currently on St Catherine's Mission Council and serve as a lector, chalice bearer and Altar Guild member. I am a Daughter of the King.

I am a lawyer and married to a retired Army Colonel. We have three adult children in our blended family. My daughter is a lawyer, my stepdaughter a public school teacher, and my stepson a computer artist. I love animals and have three rescue dogs, a Westie, and two stray cats. I am on the board of the Florence Area Humane Society and do volunteer work at our shelter.

Trustee, The Diocese of South Carolina Clergy

Name: The Very Rev. Mark Brinkmann

Church: All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Denise Ann Trogdon



Nominator Statement: The Very Reverend Mark Brinkmann has served for over 14 years at All Saints Episcopal, Hilton Head Island, as Associate Rector. I have known him since the beginning of my tenure as the Rector of All Saints Episcopal beginning in September of 2019. Mark is an exceptional priest and colleague, and he serves the Diocese in many capacities, including as Dean of our region. He participates actively in the vestry meetings and often works in collaboration with me on the business matters of the church. Since he has been a trustee, his re-election would aid in the group continuity. Mark has a servant heart and excellent discernment skills and I recommend him without reservation for a Trustee position.

Personal Statement: While in my fourteenth year as the Senior Associate at All Saints, Hilton Head, I have previously served in three other dioceses (Los Angeles, Spokane and Utah). My involvement in the wider church ranges from Liturgy and Music Commissions and the Commission on Ministry to participating in the General Convention as an Alternate Deputy. It has been my privilege to serve our diocese in a variety of ways since the re-organization. My experience here includes terms on the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council as well as being the Dean of the Southern Deanery. My current two-year term as a Trustee is ending, but I would welcome the opportunity to offer, not only my broad experience, but some valuable continuity to this important work.

Trustee, The Diocese of South Carolina *Lay*

Name: Bill Beak

Church: Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Michael A. Wright



Nominator Statement: Bill Beak brings many gifts to our diocesan family. As a successful person of business and as a faithful leader within the church in different settings over many years, Bill has been a leader who listens as he leads. Bill is supportive and he also challenges. These are gifts that will continue to serve us well in these transitioning years as a diocese. I am honored to place his name in nomination.

Personal Statement: A member of Grace Church Cathedral, I am currently serving on the Diocese Finance Committee, Visioning Committee and Grants Committee, and I am finishing a two-year term as a Trustee. I also serve on The National Advisory Council for Historic Charleston Foundation and the Finance Committee for The Country Club of Charleston.

I worked for 37 years in global corporate real estate and capital markets services, and retired as a International Director (most senior corporate officer level) for Jones Lang Lasalle (JLL). JLL is a Fortune 500 company with 92,000 employees with over 230 offices in 80 countries and revenues of \$16 billion and a portfolio in excess of 3 billion square feet under management. I was responsible for global transaction, facility management, and capital markets along with strategic and tactical services to large corporate clients. My wife, Tater, and I have three daughters.

Trustee, The Diocese of South Carolina *Lay*

Name: Donald William Lewis

Church: St. Catherine's, Florence

Nominated by: The Rev. Sandra Moyle



Nominator Statement: Donald Lewis was a founding member of St Catherine's, was its first treasurer, and one of its first and continuing ushers. He has also been a diocesan convention delegate. A CPA for over 40 years, Donald is a Chartered Global Management Accountant. Professionally he was the Chief Operating Officer at Central Oil and Supply Company, Inc. for 25 years and is the Financial Reporting Accountant for Honda of South Carolina Manufacturing, Inc. Donald's community service includes being a member of the Board of The Montessori School of Florence and the Treasurer of the Florence Symphony.

Personal Statement: It is an honor and privilege to be nominated for the position of Trustee of the Diocese of South Carolina. A founding member of St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, I served as our first Treasurer. I am a Certified Public Accountant, as well as a Global Chartered Management Accountant. My experience includes public accounting, being the CEO for Central Oil and Supply Co., a family-owned business, and, for the last 20 years, managing financial reporting for Honda of South Carolina Mfg., Inc. In the Florence community, I have served as treasurer for the Florence Symphony Orchestra and the Montessori School of Florence. My tenure as treasurer for St. Catherine's, and the two aforementioned institutions, has been undertaken during times of organizational transition. These challenges have given me valuable experience which can benefit our Diocese as we go into the future.

Although born into a Southern Baptist family, my spiritual evolution began when I went to my first Episcopal service with Jane Hart, now my wife of 30 years. I was so emotionally moved by the language and beauty of the liturgy, I knew that not only had I found the right life partner, but the right church as well. I was confirmed at St. John's Episcopal Church after our marriage, where I was an usher and EYC chaperone for many years.

Hopefully elected as a Trustee, I will be able to give back to both the Church and Diocese that have given so much to me.

Trustee, University of the South *Lay*

Name: Michael Kirk Battle (Kirk)

Church: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Ryan Currie and the Rev. Rob Donehue



Nominator Statement: Kirk is a faithful member of Holy Cross Faith Memorial and a loyal son of Sewanee. He is devoted to the mission and spirit of the University, as evidenced by his recent historical novel about its founding. As an attorney, Kirk has professional experience working with universities. Kirk represents the kind of trustee that Sewanee needs now: he is a young community and professional leader who is grounded in his own personal experience of Sewanee, as well as his endeavors into its past. Kirk will steward not only the University's mission for excellence in scholarship and teaching, but also its tight-knit relationship to The Episcopal Church. In this period of transition and uncertainty, we are confident that Kirk's values and gifts will be of distinct service to the University.

Personal Statement: I am a member of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Church in Pawleys Island and a 2005 graduate of Sewanee. The Episcopal Church has always been a part of my life both growing up in Conway, SC, and in high school when I attended St. Andrew's in Middletown, DE.

I am a practicing lawyer in South Carolina who chiefly works with government entities handling personal injury, property, and licensing disputes. I have represented the local college, Coastal Carolina University, in a variety of lawsuits brought by students, parents, and guests to the campus. My wife, Lindsey, is a pharmacist at Georgetown Memorial Hospital. We live in Pawleys Island with our one-year old son, Walt.

In my spare time I write fiction and my latest book is an epic historical fiction saga about the founding of Sewanee called *These Hallowed Halls*. The book was a massive project which took eight years of research and revision to complete. While the text is certainly a celebration of the University, it does not shy away from discussing the racial prejudice of Reconstruction South.

Sewanee has been a part of my life since I arrived there. I am still in regular contact with my friends from the school, many of whom have served the University as trustees, professors, or fundraisers. I have a wealth of experience to call on through this network and a deep motivation to support the place we all love. I would be honored to serve as a trustee and help the University share that experience with others.