

# **Nominations Report**

**223rd Annual Convention  
The Episcopal Church in South Carolina**

**February 21-22, 2014**

# The 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 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.

Term: 3 years. Meetings required: Meetings every other month, special meetings called when needed. Positions to fill: 2 lay, 2 clergy.

## Lay Nominees for Standing Committee

### **Dr. Frances L. Elmore**

St. Catherine's, Florence

Nominated by: The Rev. Jeff Richardson, St. Alban's/St. Stephen's/St. Catherine's.



*Graduated:* Winthrop College, BS; Furman University, MA; and University

of South Carolina, Ed.D. *Occupation:* Dr. Elmore served public South Carolina high schools as teacher, counselor and director of guidance before being appointed Registrar of Francis Marion University, where she held faculty standing, supervised maintenance of all student records, and served as adviser to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, a position from which she is now retired.

*Community Service:* A veteran member of several professional groups, Dr. Elmore has served on the governing boards of Pee Dee Federal Credit Union (elected first woman Chairman, 2005) and League of Women Voters (serving at both local and state levels) as well as engaging in the ongoing operations of Make-A-Wish Foundation. *Church Experience:* A member of St. John's, Florence, since early childhood, Dr. Elmore taught an adult Sunday School

class for decades, served as ECW Chapter chair several terms and as parish ECW president, helping to found the parish's first Altar Guild. She is a member and former officer of the Province IV Altar Guild and active member of the National Altar Guild Association. For the past year, Dr. Elmore has led efforts to assist displaced Episcopalians to establish, and maintain, a continuing presence in the Pee Dee area. She presently serves as Junior Warden for St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Florence, candidate for mission status at the upcoming diocesan convention.

### **Dr. Scott Shaffer**

St. Mark's, Port Royal

Nominated by: The Rev. Jack Nietert, St. Mark's, Port Royal.



Dr. Shaffer has a PhD in Clinical Psychology and has his own practice in Beaufort. He

has been a life-long Episcopalian. For many years, he was active at St. Helena's, Beaufort, having served on the vestry and as Junior Warden during the major building renovation years. He taught Sunday School and was a courageous

champion for reconciliation in adverse conditions. Dr. Shaffer was a founding member of St. Mark's, Port Royal, and served as Warden and lay leader for 10 years. Also, he has been an officer of the Episcopal Forum of South Carolina. He has a depth of knowledge and experience of The Episcopal Church and its workings, and has the wisdom and spiritual background helpful for sound Christian decision-making.

### **Dr. Layton McCurdy**

Grace Church, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. J.

Michael Wright, Grace Church, Charleston. Dr. McCurdy is Dean Emeritus and Distinguished University Professor at the Medi-



cal University of South Carolina. His education was at the University of North Carolina, Medical University of South Carolina, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He has been on faculties at Emory, the University of Pennsylvania and at MUSC where he has been Chair of Psychiatry and Dean of Medicine.

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## Clergy Nominees for Standing Committee

### **The Rev. Chris Huff**

Assistant Rector, St. George's, Summerville

Nominated by: The Rev. Rick Luoni, St. George's, Summerville.



Chris has been ordained for 26 years, is a native of Charleston, and has served as Vicar, Rector, and Assistant Rector at various churches in South Carolina, including St. Paul's, Bennettsville and St. Peter's, Charleston. He currently serves as Assistant

Rector at St. George's Episcopal Church in Summerville. He is the convener of the West Charleston Clericus Group. He served as an Examining Chaplain in South Carolina for 19 years. He served as an instructor in Ethics and Moral Theology for Diocesan M. Div. students, as well as for lay studies and Continuing Education Students in South Carolina. Chris has gifts in administration and organization, as well as in pastoral ministry. As the continuing diocese continues to reorganize itself, these gifts will be offered faithfully, backed by a full range of experience, to help ensure South Carolina's growth and continued success as a faithful member of The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Communion, and the Church Universal.

### **The Rev. Jean McGraw**

Priest in Charge, St. Francis, West Ashley

Nominated by: Lisa L. Seagle, St. Francis, West Ashley.



When things got tough and the diocesan split occurred, Jean did not hesitate to step forward. She courageously led a group of displaced Episcopalians in the formation of a vital growing worship group that is well on its way to becoming a mission, then a

parish. She has a true passion for the Gospel, The Episcopal Church, and pastoral care for the people that make up the body of Christ.

In addition to her steadfast faith and tenacious dedication, she possesses proven leadership and management skills, and a background in the business world that includes strategic planning, training facilitation, and hands-on leadership experience. Jean is a true Godsend for St. Francis and will certainly bring her talents and passion to the Standing Committee to help shape, guide, and lead this Diocese successfully through the challenges we now face and into the future as an instrument of God's will on earth!

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Dr. McCurdy has served as President of the American College of Psychiatrists, the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, the Association for Academic Psychiatry, and the Association of Chairmen of Departments of Psychiatry. Dr. McCurdy has participated in national advisory positions serving on several review

committees for research and training grants for the NIH and the Veterans Administration. From 1978 until 1982, he was a Presidential appointee to the NIMH Advisory Council. In 2003 he served as a member of the Veterans Administration Capital Asset Realignment Commission (CARES). In 2005, he was appointed by the Governor as Chair

of the SC Commission on Higher Education. In 2006 he was appointed to the congressionally mandated Department of Defense Mental Health Task Force.

Dr. McCurdy served on the Diocesan Commission on Ministry with Bishop Temple from 1970-1974, and again from 1976 until Bishop Temple's retirement in 1980.

# The 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.

Term: 3 years. Meetings required: Every other month, special meetings called when needed. Positions to fill: 2 lay, 2 clergy.

## Lay Nominees for Diocesan Council

### Jim Gettys

The Episcopal Church on Edisto  
Nominated by: Mary Ann Foy,



The Episcopal Church on Edisto. Jim Gettys is an excellent choice to represent The Episcopal Church

on Edisto and The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Besides the fact that he has welcomed us into his home for our first worship services and on several occasions since then, he is a faithful Episcopalian and a dedicated servant of Jesus Christ.

Jim is a Citadel graduate, a former Air Force pilot, and a retired pilot for Delta Airlines. He has served on the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church and is currently the chairman of the Board of Trustees at Bishop Gadsden.

At The Episcopal Church on Edisto, he serves on the Worship Committee and organizes the weekly rotation of chalice bearers, ushers, and epistlers. He is currently enrolled in our first-ever seminar of Education for Ministry on Edisto Island.

### Carol Grish

All Saints, Hilton Head Island  
Nominated by: The Rev. Rick



Lindsey, All Saints, Hilton Head Island. I recently moved here from Virginia. I was active at my parish, serv-

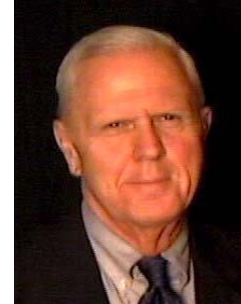
ing in multiple positions including Senior Warden, and also served in multiple positions at the Diocesan level for the last ten years. I served as a Council delegate, on the Resolutions Committee for three years, and also served as President and Vice President of a Region (Deanery) for a total of six years.

By nature and training, I am a deep, thoughtful and intuitive listener. I retired from Lockheed Martin after a successful 37 year career as a Program Manager. I am experienced as a group facilitator and with committee work. I was also involved with the Diocese of Virginia when multiple churches left the diocese there and created much tension. I feel called to serve on the Diocesan Council where I can use all of this experience. I would bring significant relevant experience to the Diocesan Council.

### Edwin 'Ted' Halkyard

Grace Church, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. J.



Michael Wright, Grace Church, Charleston. Ted was born in New York City and lived in Bayside, NY, through his high

school years. He was educated in New York City public schools, Princeton University with a degree in Economics, and the Advanced Management Program of the Harvard Business School.

Ted and Joan were married in 1956 and started their family, which includes four sons, their wives, and 13 grandchildren. Following his military service as a commissioned officer in the US Army artillery, Ted launched his career in the field of Human Resource Management. He was fortunate to have achieved his career goals at an early age allowing him to retire early as Senior Vice President of Allied Signal Corporation (now known as Honeywell). He then pursued his personal goal of teaching at the university level. This brought Ted and Joan to South Carolina where he joined the faculty at University of South Carolina and taught in the Masters program in HR management. He retired from teaching in 1998 and

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## Clergy Nominees for Diocesan Council

### **The Rev. Alastair Votaw**

Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville

Nominated by: The Ven. Calhoun Walpole, Grace



Church, Charleston/TECinSC.

Born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, Al grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, and attended Washington and Lee University, Indiana University and Virginia Theological Seminary, class of 1964. He served parishes in

Southern Ohio, and was Rector and Interim Rector of parishes in

New Hampshire, where he was the Executive Officer of the Diocese (Canon to the Ordinary) for seven years. He moved to Connecticut in 1983 to be the senior associate at Christ Church, Greenwich, and in 1989 was instituted as Rector of Trinity Church, Southport. In 2003 he and his wife Rhoda retired, moved to James Island and became members of Grace Church, Charleston.

Al has served as a recording secretary for the General Convention House of Deputies; as a Province I organizer and spokesperson for Partners in Mission; he chaired the Management Committee of the Diocesan Council in Connecticut for 17 years and chaired its Planned Giving Committee. After moving to Charleston, he joined the Grace Church staff as an associate; after retiring (again), he has served as a Hospice volunteer, a member of the Bishop Gadsden Board of Trustees, and a Virginia Seminary class steward. Al and Rhoda are leading the chaplaincy to retired clergy/spouses in the diocese, and Al is serving as priest in charge of Good Shepherd, Summerville.

### **The Rev. David Williams**

St. Stephen's, Charleston

Nominated by: The Ven. Calhoun Walpole, Grace



Church, Charleston/TECinSC.

Fr. David Williams has been Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Charleston since 2004. While Rector of St. Stephen's, he has served on the Reconciliation Commission of the diocese; more recently, he has served on the Standing Committee of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

For many years he has coordinated the Ansonborough Clergy Association's Annual Lenten Preaching Series, working with the two local Methodists churches, the Reformed Episcopal Church, as well as St. Stephen's in this effort.

Prior to coming to Charleston, from 1973 to 1978, Dr. Williams served first as Junior then Senior Assistant Minister at St. John's Church on Lafayette Square in Washington, DC (*"The Church of the Presidents"*), and while there initiated a Noonday Ministry Program, and created a Lay Pastoral Care Training Program that gained diocesan-wide recognition. From 1999 to 2004 he was on the staff of St. John's Episcopal Church in Georgetown (Washington, DC) where he served under his good friend and colleague, the late Rev. Margaret Graham.

David is also a Diplomate of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and, while in Washington, was in both full and part-time private practice as psychotherapist and supervisor of therapists until his coming to Charleston.

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removed from Columbia to the Isle of Palms. Since moving to Charleston, he has been active in a variety of community activities focusing on education and the arts.

Ted is a "cradle Episcopalian," having been baptized and confirmed at All Saints Church in Bayside, NY where he later served as a crucifer.

When the family lived in New Jersey, Ted served St. Peter's church in Mountain Lakes as Vestry member and Warden. While living in Columbia, Ted and Joan were members of Trinity Cathedral, where Ted served as Personnel Committee Chair and was a member of the Search Committee which brought Sam Candler to Trinity.

After the move to Charleston, Ted became deeply involved at Grace Church – Vestry member, Warden, Search Committee (which brought Michael Wright to Grace) Stewardship Chair, and delegate to numerous Diocesan Conventions. As Warden, he was deeply involved in the initiation of the project which became known as Saving Grace.

## Trustee – University of the South

The University of the South, located in Sewanee, Tennessee, is owned by the Episcopal dioceses of the south-east, 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. Position to fill: 1 lay member.

### Nominees

#### **Jane Hart Lewis**

St. Catherine's Church, Florence

Nominated by: The Rev. Jeffrey Richardson, St.



Alban's/St. Stephen's/St. Catherine's.

*Graduated:* St. Catherine's School (VA), University of the South, BA, Philosophy; Francis Marion University, MA, Applied Psychology. *Occupation:* Operates a private behavioral-health practice, supervises other counselors for licensure; served 10

years as instructor (part-time undergraduate and graduate) for Francis Marion University Department of Psychology. *Church Experience:* Jane is the daughter and niece of Sewanee graduates who later served their alma mater as Trustees. She was a life-long member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Florence, participating in the Altar Guild and Choir, conducting the Children's Chapel and teaching Sunday School. When St. John's left The Episcopal Church, she opened her home to other displaced Episcopalians in the area for weekly worship services. Presently, Jane serves as Senior Warden for what has become St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, serving Episcopalians in seven surrounding counties.

*Family:* Married to Donald W. Lewis, CPA at Florence Honda, Jane is the mother of two daughters, who, like herself, developed their early musical interests through St. John's choir. The older daughter, a busy mother of three young boys, produces a lively Facebook page for St. Catherine's, while the younger daughter serves as a professional singer with Christ Episcopal Church, Greenville, sharing her gifts with St. Catherine's whenever time permits.

#### **Robert R. Black**

Grace Church, Charleston

Nominated by: Melinda Lucka, Grace Church, Charleston.



Robert Black is a life-long Episcopalian and graduate of the University, Class of 1964. An attorney, he is a member of Grace Church, Charleston. He is married to Melinda Lucka, also an attorney. His son, Will was graduated from Sewanee in the Class of 2013, and his son John

is a member of the Class of 2015. His stepdaughter, Spencer Compton, was graduated from Princeton and Vanderbilt Law School. Robert's educational background includes Vanderbilt (MA), Oxford (BA, MA), Princeton (PhD), and USC Law (1984). Robert has experience in over 16 colleges and universities as a student or teacher. In 2012, Robert and his co-editor published *The Middle English Glossed Prose Psalter*, the first complete book of the Bible translated into English prose.

Robert has a consistent record of support to the University. Elected as a diocesan lay Trustee to Sewanee in March of 2013, his work as a Trustee includes involvement in the Trustee Community Relations Committee, which addresses matters relating to municipal services furnished by the University and the relation between the University corporation and other political entities on the state and local level. Robert also serves on the Trustee Nominations, Election, and Credentials Committee, which verifies the election and credentials of each Trustee. He is also especially interested in identifying prospective applicants to the University, and is happy to continue to serve another three years as a Sewanee lay trustee from our Diocese.

# Deputies and Alternates to the 78th General Convention

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 78th General Convention will be held June 25-July 3, 2015 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Expectations will include attending the 2-day Province IV Synod meetings in Spring 2014 and Spring 2015 at Kanuga Conference Center, as well as General Convention. There will be some diocesan funds available to offset the costs, but additional funds will need to be identified from local parishes and individual funds.

## Lay Nominees for Deputy

### **Mary Ann Foy**

The Episcopal Church on Edisto  
Nominated by: The Ven. Calhoun



Walpole, Grace Church, Charleston/TECinSC. Mary Ann Brunson Foy is a resident of Edisto Island and has been

married to Harry L. Foy, Jr. for forty years. However, she calls Hampton her hometown. There she was a member of All Saints' Episcopal Church. Mary Ann and her husband have one son who, with his wife and two boys, lives in Hampton.

Mary Ann was born in Hampton and attended public schools there. A graduate of Columbia College in Columbia, she received her Master of Arts in Teaching (English) from The Citadel in 1979. She taught high school English in Barnwell and Hampton Counties for 17 years. Following her teaching career, Mary Ann fashioned herself a community advocate, serving Hampton County on the Economic Development Board and on the Courthouse and Other Facilities Advisory Board. She was a founding member of PRO Hampton County, a Healthy Communities Initiative seeking cooperation among citizens and institutions to elevate the quality of life for all residents.

Having vacationed at Edisto all her life, Mary Ann and husband Bubba moved there in 2005 and became members of Trinity Episcopal Church. At this time she became involved in Education for Ministry (EfM), first as a participant and eventually as a mentor. Currently, Mary Ann mentors a seminar group on Edisto. In December of 2012 she began worshipping with the group which is now The Episcopal Church on Edisto. She serves on the vestry there. She is blessed with a large, extended family from which she draws strength and support. Her Christian journey has been circuitous but has landed her firmly in the arms of a faith and a tradition that allow her to serve and grow as a child of God.

### **Dr. Charles Geer**

Holy Communion, Charleston  
Nominated by: The Ven. Calhoun Walpole, Grace Church, Charleston/TECinSC.



I am complimented to be asked to run for delegate to the 2014 General Convention. I have been an enthusiastic

Episcopalian since my high school days at Patterson Episcopal School for Boys. I am a practicing physician in internal medicine and live in Charleston. I am mar-

ried to Frances Waring Voigt and we have four children and three grandchildren. I was baptized at St. Michael's, Charleston, in 1943 and confirmed at Grace Church, Charleston while at the College of Charleston. At Holy Communion, I am in the choir and have been on the vestry there, and at St. Michael's. I have made 12 mission trips to the Dominican Republic as a medical doctor and am on the 2014 mission team from All Saints Hilton Head. These trips have been an inspiration and have broadened my perspective. I am grateful to actively participate in this mission.

I was on the Steering Committee for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina and currently am on the Diocesan Council. I look forward to being a part of the larger church's deliberations.

### **Kerry Grant**

All Saints, Hilton Head Island  
Nominated by: Mark Szen, All



Saints, Hilton Head Island. Kerry and his wife Sandy retired to Hilton Head Island in 2001, and have been members of

All Saints Episcopal Church since. Before then, they lived in New Haven, Connecticut, where Kerry was a professor of mathematics at

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Southern Connecticut State University for 32 years. He was elected chair of his department twice, President of the Faculty Senate three times, chief negotiator for the four-campus faculty union five times, and Secretary-Treasurer of the American Association University Professors six times.

Kerry was raised Roman Catholic and was received into the Episcopal Church in 1985. He has served on vestries several times, both in Connecticut and at All Saints. Since 2004 he has been webmaster at All Saints. In 2005 he completed the EfM program and became a mentor, and has led or co-led several EfM groups. Since 2006 he has served as Clerk of the All Saints Vestry.

**Lonnie Hamilton, III**

Calvary Church, Charleston  
Nominated by: Walter Smalls, Jr.,  
Calvary Church,  
Charleston.



Lonnie Hamilton, III, has the experience to provide quality service at the General Convention level, if

elected. He has been a member of Calvary Episcopal Church, Charleston, for 57 years, and has served on the Vestry, as choirmaster, and in many other leadership roles. He has served on the Standing Committee, the Diocesan Council, and as a deputy and alternate to the General Convention. He is a retired administrator with the Charleston County School District, and has served his community as a former chairman of Charleston County Council.

**Dr. James Hutchisson**

Grace Church, Charleston  
Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. J.



Michael Wright, Grace Church, Charleston.  
Dr. Hutchisson is a professor, scholar and author, volunteer, donor and

board member and past vestry member of Grace Church. He has served as Verger and Master of Acolytes at Grace since 2010. As an educator he has published 11 books and more than 60 articles of literary and historical nonfiction as well as scores of professional papers. He is much in demand as a guest speaker and reviewer and has been interviewed by the BBC, Radio Free Europe (Russia), the Associated Press, The Observer (London), The Chronicle of Higher Education, and elsewhere. He has chaired many national committees and presided at national conventions and been a consultant for Harvard University Press, Yale, Oxford, and Cambridge. In recognition of his volunteer work and commitment to Christian ideals, in 2011 he was invested by HM Prince Richard, The Duke of Gloucester, in the Order of St. John, one of five chivalric orders of the British Empire. His love of liturgy and traditions of The Episcopal Church will be real assets as we move forward to renew the diocese and represent it to the world beyond.

**Melinda A. Lucka**

Grace Church, Charleston  
Nominated by: Robert Black,  
Grace Church,  
Charleston.



Melinda Lucka has been an active and loyal Episco-

palian for many years. She and her husband, Bob Black, were married in 1988 at St. Michael's, joined St. Stephen's for several years, and moved to Grace in 1994. There, she taught Sunday School for 10 years (1997-2007) and served as a Vestry member from 2005-2008.

Melinda's interest in the Church on a diocesan level over the years has been to help in the effort to retain the presence of The Episcopal Church in this part of the state. She has been a member of The Episcopal Forum of South Carolina since 2004, serving as a legal advisor, member of its Board of Directors, and as President in 2012. She served as an advisor to the Steering Committee to reorganize the diocese, and was elected in March of 2013 to the Standing Committee for a one-year term. Melinda was active in the January and March Conventions of TECinSC, as Lay Chair of the Resolutions Committee, the Credentials Committee, and as a member of the Convention Planning Committee. She currently serves on a committee to revise the Constitution and Canons.

On the broader Church level, Melinda attended the 2006 and 2012 General Conventions as a Visitor, and maintained a 'blogs site' for the 2012 Convention, to pass along information to local parishioners of the diocese. She attended many meetings of the House of Deputies, House of Bishops and Standing Commission meetings (Worship and Liturgy, and Constitution and Canons). She met deputies from dioceses that recently divided, and enjoys staying connected with them on a regular basis. Melinda states that she would be very proud to participate as a Deputy at the 2015 General Convention from our Episcopal Diocese.

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### **Barbara Mann**

Grace Church, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. J.



Michael Wright, Grace Church, Charleston.

Barbara is a retired CPA who has been involved with The Episcopal Church nationally, region-

ally, and locally for many years. She was a deputy to four General Conventions during the years 1985-1997 and will bring much experience to the deputation.

Nationally, she served on the Executive Council of TEC 1997-2003 and was a member and chair of its Audit Committee. She was a member and chair of the Commission on Structure of the Church 2003-2009 and served on the Stewardship Commission 1994-1997. Regionally, she has been Treasurer of Province IV since 1994. Locally, she is a member of the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Finance committee. She is an active member of Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston where among other things she co-chairs the Discernment Committee. She

is a founding member and past president of The Episcopal Forum. Perhaps, most importantly, she is a wife mother, and very proud grandmother.

### **Andrea McKellar**

St. Francis, West Ashley

Nominated by: The Rev. Jean Q.



McGraw, St. Francis, West Ashley.

Andrea McKellar is one of the most talented young women I have ever met. She is

bright, having attended William and Mary College; she is creative, particularly in her job as Christian Formation Director at St. Francis. She is a natural born leader, which she has proven in her role as Senior Warden. She is a lifelong Episcopalian and very devoted to her church and God. From a young age, she was active in her parish as an acolyte and in children's choir, middle school bell choir, Sunday School teacher, and board member of EYC. In high school, she served on the Parish Youth Ministries Board for the Diocese of Virginia planning youth retreats and presenting resolutions to the Diocesan

Convention that would benefit children. She is currently on the Standing Commission for Lifelong Christian Formation and Education for The Episcopal Church and is a member of Forma, the national association of Episcopal Christian Educators. We could elect no better representative for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

### **Thomas S. Tisdale**

Grace Church, Charleston

Nominated by: The Ven. Calhoun Walpole,



Grace Church, Charleston/TECinSC.

Thomas Tisdale currently serves as Chancellor of The Episcopal Church

in South Carolina. He previously served Chancellor of the Diocese of South Carolina during the episcopates of Bishop Temple and Bishop Allison. He has served as a deputy at several General Conventions, and also served on the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, and as Chair of the Committee on Program Budget and Finance. He is an attorney practicing law in Charleston.

## **Trustee – The Episcopal Church in South Carolina**

The Trustees of the Diocese are comprised of 3 clergy and five lay members. 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.

Term: 3 years. Meetings required: Quarterly. Position to fill: 1 clergy.

### **Nominee**

#### **The Rev. Donald S. McPhail**

Grace Church, Charleston; Nominated by: Jan Gilbert, Grace Church, Charleston

*Education:* Montreal, Canada A.B; College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, U.K and General Theological Seminary, NY, NY – M. Div; General Theological Seminary, NY, NY – Graduate Courses. Fr. McPhail has served as Rector of St. Peter's, Bay Shore, NY 1971-1980; Dean of St. John's Cathedral, Denver, CO 1981-1990; Associate Clergy at St. Luke's Church, Hilton Head, SC 1990-1991; and Rector of Grace Church, Charleston from 1991-2006. Donald has also served as a deputy to five General Conventions, served on various Standing Committees, Commission on Ministry, and Examining Chaplain in Long Island, Colorado, and South Carolina.



## Clergy nominees for Deputy

### **The Rev. Wil Keith**

Holy Cross Faith Memorial,  
Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Rev. C. Alex



Barron, Holy Cross Faith Memorial. Fr. Wil, a lifelong Episcopalian, became Rector of Holy Cross Faith Memorial in July 2012. A

graduate of Sewanee, he comes to us from East Tennessee, where he served under Bishop vonRosenberg. He has an interest in outreach, the homeless, and raising up young families in the parish. The parish is growing in all areas under his leadership. Will is married to Amanda, and has two beautiful daughters, Lily, and Willow.

### **The Rev. Richard C. Lindsey**

All Saints, Hilton Head Island

Nominated by: self; and the Rev.



Colton Smith. I have served as a parish priest for over 37 years, including small to midsize to large parishes in four dioceses. I am

just completing a term on the Standing Committee, serve on the Commission on Ministry, and act as the Facilitator for the Southern Deanery. In the Diocese of Southwest Florida, I chaired the Foreign Missions Committee and the Bishop's Ad Hoc Committee for Parishes in Acute

Pastoral Need. In the Diocese of Michigan, I served on the Lay Adult Education Committee. The Mission and Ministry of the local parish, and that of dioceses over

the years, has given me a deeper appreciation for the Mission and Ministry of The Episcopal Church. The Church has grappled with critical issues that have affected not only our internal structure as a Church and our relationship to the Communion, but more importantly, the lives of people in and beyond our Church. Over the past several decades, The Episcopal Church, at every level, has continued to be open to our baptismal call to proclaim, by word and example, the Good News of God in Christ; to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and to strive for justice and peace among all people. I see that as a role for all Christians living in community, for the mission of the diocese and yet expectant that in our shared faith, we may respond to the challenges before us. I am part of a church that is dear to me, and a diocese that yearns to actively participate in the Mission of the Church. I would welcome the opportunity to represent this diocese; to listen and engage and act as a Church, expectant and faithful.

### **The Rev. Rick Luoni**

Rector, St. George's, Summerville

Nominated by: The Ven. Calhoun



Walpole, Grace Church, Charleston/TECinSC. Rick has served as Rector of St. George's in Summerville

for the past six years. Previously, Rick served as a Priest Associate at Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island. He earned his Master of Divinity with a concentration in Christianity Spirituality and Spiritual Direction from San

Francisco Theological Seminary, a part of the Graduate Theological Union, an ecumenical consortium of seminaries in Berkeley, California. While in California he worked as an intern in the Office of Congregational Development and was the Director of the Episcopal Real Estate Foundation for the Diocese of California.

Prior to entering ministry, he worked in television and was co-owner of Morningstar Media, a business development and advertising firm in the San Francisco Bay Area. One of Rick's passions is "reimagining the church for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Rick and his wife Katrena live in the North Charleston /Summerville area.

### **The Rev. Jean McGraw**

Priest in Charge, St. Francis, West Ashley

Nominated by: Andrea McKellar,



St. Francis, West Ashley. Jean would be a wonderful delegate to General Convention. She is a respectful listener, strong leader, and

discerning decision maker. Jean is the priest-in-charge of St. Francis Episcopal Church. She stepped up to lead our worship community when we had no idea what our future would be. We have grown in nine short months to be a thriving congregation with a strong faith, thanks to her leadership. She understands those that have been displaced from their churches and those that are working to grow their parishes. Jean would use these qualities to be a great representative of our Diocese in Salt Lake City.

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**The Dr. Rev. Wilmot T. Merchant, II**

St. Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach  
Nominated by: Eileen Carzon, St.



Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach; and the Rev. Colton Smith. Fr. Merchant has been a priest in this diocese since 1999, and he

has been the Rector of St. Stephen's since 2002. Fr. Merchant served as Volunteer Chaplain for North Myrtle Beach Public Safety and the Loris Healthcare System and is very active in the North Strand Ministerial Alliance. He also served as the Chairperson of the Faith Leaders Advisory Council for South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and was honored 'volunteer of the year' of the Victim Assistant Network of South Carolina. In 2008, Fr. Merchant was instrumental in casting St. Stephen's "Loris Vision" which was to start another Episcopal presence in the Loris area. With help from the diocese, St. Stephen's purchased 15 acres of land and began a mentoring at Loris Elementary School. Fr. Merchant is currently serving as President of the Standing Committee of the diocese.

**The Rev. Jeff Richardson**

St. Alban's, Kingstree; St. Stephen's, St. Stephen; and St.



Catherine's, Florence  
Nominated by: The Ven. Calhoun Walpole, Grace Church, Charleston/TECinSC.

I am a life-long Episcopalian and have had the privilege of serving her from the time I was a child. After graduating from Wofford College I married Patricia Corbett with whom I've been blessed with four children. As a layman I enjoyed numerous ministries including that of catechist and Eucharistic Minister and serving as warden and vestryman at the Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg. On the Diocesan level I served on the Standing Committee, the Diocesan Council and the Camp St. Christopher Capital Campaign Committee. Following graduation from Nashotah House Seminary in 2005, I have served as the vicar of St. Alban's, Kingstree, St. Stephen's, St. Stephen and recently also as the Priest-in-Charge of St. Catherine's Worship Community in Florence. As clergy I have served on the Diocesan Council of The Diocese of South Carolina and am currently a member of the Diocesan Council of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

**The Rev. Jim Taylor**

St. Thomas, North Charleston  
Nominated by: The Rev. Colton Smith.



The Rev. Jim Taylor has been Rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in North Charleston since 2003. He has been a priest

for 20 years and attended Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. Currently, he is serving as Treasurer for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina and is Treasurer for the Trustees of TECinSC, as well. Prior to becoming Treasurer, he served on

the Steering Committee and performed other additional tasks to help organize TECinSC. Born and raised as an Episcopalian, his knowledge of The Episcopal Church is extensive. Father Taylor will represent The Episcopal Church in South Carolina with integrity, joyfulness, and hope for the future.

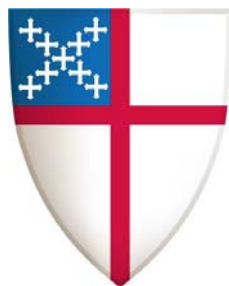
**The Rev. Cn. J. Michael A. Wright**

Grace Church, Charleston  
Nominated by: The Ven. Calhoun Walpole,



Grace Church, Charleston/TECinSC/ Michael has been the Rector of Grace Church, Charleston, since 2006.

He is a member of the Standing Committee and currently represents the diocese on the Board of Trustees of the University of the South. In 2013, Bishop vonRosenberg appointed Michael as the Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith officer. He also serves as the liturgical officer of the diocese.



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