

Diocese of Missouri
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Newly elected

To Cathedral Chapter



Dr. Pamela Stuerke, St. Mark's Church, St. Louis

Over the past 20 years, I have lived in several dioceses and have observed various models for the relationship between the cathedral and the people of the diocese. I have seen how a vibrant cathedral can both flourish as a parish and be the center of the life of the diocese, a place where the people gather to build community and celebrate joys and milestones of the diocese. I envision such a role for Christ Church Cathedral. I am enthusiastic about re-imagining the ways Christ Church Cathedral could become a focal point for the people of the diocese and a place where we gather.



**The Rev. Rebecca Ragland, Priest Assistant,
Church of the Holy Communion, University City.**

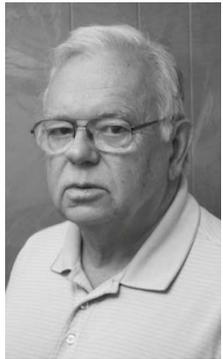
As a cathedral chapter member, I would bring my broad ecumenical and parish experience to conversations on how Christ Church Cathedral could enrich and serve her neighbors in the city and within the diocese. Holy Communion, where I serve as Priest Assistant, is a diverse and vibrant community with many programs and active missions. As founder and coordinator of the Clergy Alliance for Racial Equality (WG-CARE) in Webster Groves, I've learned how effective we can be when churches work cooperatively within our community. Comprised of more than twelve churches, this organization meets monthly for lunch, conversation and to take action for the racial health of our community.

To Diocesan Council



Mr. T. Michael McDowell, St. Timothy's Church, Creve Coeur.

- Active parishioner, former vestry, Jr. Warden
 - Chair of Outreach & Adult Education Committees
 - Former Cathedral Chapter, Board Member of Cathedral Mission Society, Volunteer Chaplain for Episcopal City Mission at Lakeside Youth Center
 - Active member of Commission on Dismantling Racism, Metro IV Convocation, Convention Delegate
- City Manager for the City of Olivette, Missouri
 - Has worked on complex budgets & financial management issues for 37 years, Familiar with all aspects of organizational management
 - Part-time instructor in human resources management UM-St. Louis



Dr. Harry Richter, Grace Church, Jefferson City.

I have been a member of Grace Church in Jefferson City for 36 years during which time I have served in various leadership positions: vestry, treasurer, Sr. Warden, stewardship co-chair, choir member, lay Eucharistic minister, on several discernment committees, Explorer Post advisor for 8 years, led youth group's annual canoe float, chaperone for youth group's mission trip to Chicago. I have completed coursework in Congregational Development through the Episcopal School for Ministry and was a previous Diocesan Council member elected by West Convocation, and served as Bishop's appointee under Bishop Rockwell and Bishop Smith, and most recently elected by Convention. I have been off the Council for 3 years.

To Disciplinary Board



Ms. Cheryl Nield, Grace Church, Jefferson City.

I have been a member of Grace Church since the late 1990s; growing up, I was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in St. James, NY. At Grace, I am on the vestry (for the second time), I assist with the Godly Play ministry and the Youth Choir, and I frequently play violin in church, often with the choir. As an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Cole County, I believe that I have the proper temperament to serve on the Disciplinary Board. In my present job, I must make sentencing recommendations for various defendants, taking into account, among other things, the defendants' records and backgrounds, the victims' wishes, and the safety of the public.



The Rev. Jason Samuel, Rector, Church of the Transfiguration, Lake St. Louis.

This board is an elected office that we hope is never needed. However, we must all be willing to work toward full accountability and transparency in the life of the church. Jason has been a priest for nineteen years, fifteen of them in the Diocese of Missouri. He is in touch with the life of the diocese, having served on Diocesan Council, Standing Committee and as Deputy to General Convention. He believes this board should be made up of lay and clergy members whose care for the church is paramount, and that justice is fair and displays Christian principles of both mercy and accountability.

To Standing Committee



Dr. Dennis Belcher, Grace Church, Jefferson City.

Many of us know how "fraught" church renovations can be. As Senior Warden, working closely with our rector, Dennis led our parish through a chancel renovation, nave improvement and parish hall renovation. Because of his calm, steady leadership and good communications, these building projects were completed without drama. Under Dennis's leadership, Grace Church has become more involved with community mission work and is hosting a series of intergenerational events to involve the youth more actively, deepened its work with the Salvation Army and Samaritan Center, and launched our partnership with Common Ground (an ecumenical community ministry). Dennis has a Ph.D. in entomology, has professionally worked in agriculture throughout his career, and has held various technical and management positions including being Director of Technical Services. Dennis is the author of three books on the American Civil War.



The Rev. Kelly Carlson, Associate Rector, St. Peter's Church, Ladue.

Standing Committee serves as a "council of advice" to the Bishop. Several qualities would be most helpful in effectively serving as a member of such a council. Being a good listener--following the maxim that God gave us two ears and only one mouth for a reason--would be paramount. At the same time, a willingness to offer one's candid views and advice would be very important. A tendency to think analytically would be a great help in reaching those views and that advice, as would bringing one's experience in and study of the Church and the larger world to the table. The ability to consider together the big picture and the particular details, so often in tension with one another, would also be beneficial. An openness to hearing and being moved by the Holy Spirit would surpass in benefit all of these. If elected, I would seek to bring these qualities to the responsibility of serving as a member of the Standing Committee. I would consider it a privilege.



The Rev. Pamela Dolan, Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, Town & Country.

During her first few months as rector, she has encouraged the parish to try several new initiatives, from a two-year prayer and evangelism program to a spring luau, complete with hula lessons. Pamela is currently working on a D.Min. at Sewanee in preaching, and is developing a project around the intersection of preaching and social media. She writes a blog for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, "An Inquiring

Stranger," which frequently runs in the Saturday religion section. The title of her blog is taken from the Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer, chosen because she believes it is crucial for us to find new ways to invite those who have little knowledge of the Episcopal Church into a conversation with our tradition and mission.