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**The 182nd Convention of
The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri**

Nominations for Elections

Standing Committee

Diocesan Council

Cathedral Chapter

Disciplinary Board

Nominations for Standing Committee:

The Standing Committee functions as the council of advice to the Bishop. It is a visioning group for the diocese; certifies candidates for ordination in the diocese; votes on consent to the election, ordination, and consecration of bishops churchwide; and may serve as the ecclesiastical authority for the diocese in the absence of a bishop. (4-year terms; meets monthly)

Electing:

1 clergy member
2 lay members

Nominated:

The Rev. Teresa Danieley
The Rev. Dr. Clive Samson
The Rev. Sally S. Weaver
Scott Ferguson
Patricia (Pat) O'Brien



The Rev. Teresa Danieley, DMin St. Mark's Episcopal Church, St. Louis

Having served as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri for 17 years, I have considerable experience and expertise to offer as a member of the Standing Committee. My vision for the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri is for us to be a Christian community that seeks liberation for all people, takes counter-cultural risks with our many gifts and tremendous resources, and boldly proclaims justice and peace through our collective ministries, public actions and collaborations with ecumenical and interfaith partners. I work as the Champions Organizer for Missouri Jobs with Justice (an approved Extension of Ministry position) and volunteer as a Priest Associate at St. Mark's, St. Louis Hills. In addition to having previously served as the rector of St. John's, Tower Grove (2004 - 2016), I have held leadership positions on many

Diocesan bodies, including the Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Council, Episcopal Presbyterian Health Trust and Task Force for the Hungry. For my 2018 Doctoral Thesis through Eden Theological Seminary, I researched and wrote "Towards a Feminist Ecclesiology in the Episcopal Church: 3 Generations of Women Clergy as Agents of Emancipatory Transformation in the Episcopal Church," which explores how we in the Episcopal Church might better live into the vision of egalitarian leadership and equality of orders of ministry that proponents of women's ordination sought. I have volunteered as a clergy counselor with Faith Aloud for over 15 years and been a regular volunteer with Metro Trans Umbrella Group's Food Pantry throughout the pandemic. I participate actively with my family in L'Alliance Française de St. Louis and enjoy working in the community garden at my children's public neighborhood elementary school in the City of St. Louis. My husband, Jonathan, and I have three children: Lucille (10), Ruby Frances (9) and Theodore (5).



The Rev. Dr. Clive Samson
Faith Christian Church of India, Ballwin

"Take up one idea, make that one idea your life."
- Swami Vivekananda

The words of one of the great reformers of India is very true to my calling, because my call to serve Christ is to serve my Neighbor. I want to embrace the people and good works of the Diocese to share my experiences, gifts, and identity to extend the Kingdom, where love, peace, and justice is easily available. I will be representing my community, promoting diversity, and cooperating for equality. In other words. I would be pleased and humbled to join hands with the beguiling leadership of our Bishop in

foreseeing and working for our Diocese and its Congregants for its growth, both Spiritually and Socially.
Nadri and Vanakam!



The Rev. Sally S. Weaver
Retired, Supply Priest

I am familiar with the work of the Standing Committee, having served a term years ago. I have also served on other Diocesan committees, such as the Bishop Search Committee and the Strategic Visioning Committee. I was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Smith in 2005. Since retiring as Vicar of the beloved community of St. Francis' – Eureka in 2018, I have had the privilege of serving as an Interim priest at St. John's – Tower Grove and Emmanuel – Webster Groves. I am excited to see and participate in where God will lead the Standing Committee under the direction of our dynamic Bishop Deon.





Scott Ferguson
The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, University City

A lifelong Episcopalian, I have been a member of Holy Communion for the last eleven years. There I had the good fortune of serving two terms on the vestry and being Senior Warden before and after our rector Mike Angel, was called. It was a challenging and wonderful experience, to help guide the successful transition and, more importantly, it provided a great education in how to navigate the delicate (sometimes, turbulent!) waters of change to fulfill a new and needed vision.

Three years ago, Bishop Smith appointed me to the Diocesan Council, during which I was a witness to another successful and exciting transition. During my three years on the council, I was a member of the CAEF and NVCM committees, this last year serving as coordinator for both. Not only was I able to bring to council the skill set learned as the Senior Warden, but also acquire a valuable insight to the reasons for the changes and to the vision the Bishop aspires for the diocese. The work is as vital as it is inspiring and just beginning to bear fruit.

If nominated, I will bring to the Standing Committee the experience and commitment of my work, both for Holy Communion and for the Diocesan Council, that I believe will be a meaningful contribution to the diocese. It would be a great honor to continue to be part of such a vibrant team whose task is to meet the challenges which have been laid and to assist the Bishop to realize the goals.



Patricia (Pat) O'Brien
Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood

I am a St. Louis native, was baptized in the Presbyterian Church, and at the age of 21 was confirmed at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Ferguson which I attended until I moved out of state. With my husband, Doug, and two kids in tow, I returned to St. Louis in 1985, and we joined the Church of the Good Shepherd. While there, I sang in the choir, was a Metro III delegate and faithful attendee of Diocesan Conventions, and was on the Vestry where I served as both Junior and then Senior Warden. I was the project manager and committee chair for a new Parish Hall building project, I raised funds to select and purchase handbells for the church, and I have experience recruiting and hiring church staff, as well as chairing the Stewardship

"Every Member Canvass" for a year.

In 2002, my family and I became members of Grace Kirkwood, the church I represent today. I am a member of the Chancel choir and handbell choir, have served on the Stewardship Committee, and am completing my second 3-year term on the Vestry. As a delegate to Convention for Grace, I attend the Metro IV meetings and have served as the Co-Convenor. I am currently on the Diocesan Disciplinary Board and am a Provisional Deputy to General Convention.

During my professional career, I have been associated with the health care industry in one capacity or another since 1973 and retired from Pfizer in 2007. I love the Episcopal Church and have always been proud to be an Episcopalian. I have a world of professional and church experience, and I am confident that I will be a valuable asset to the Standing Committee if elected.

Nominations for Diocesan Council:

The Diocesan Council does the work of the Diocesan Convention when Convention is not in session, including development of the program budget; oversight of the programs and offices funded by the budget; and oversight and interpretation of diocesan policies. Members of this committee also serve as members of COEDMO, the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. (3-year terms)

Electing:

2 lay members

Nominated:

Angela Breeher
Sherine Paul
Elizabeth D. Yount



Angela Breeher
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Louis

I would like to continue sharing my Episcopal Church experience and knowledge as a member of Diocesan Council. I have 30 years' experience as a full-time lay professional in the Episcopal Church, serving three congregations consecutively as Parish Administrator (Emmanuel, Grace Church-Kirkwood, and then Holy Communion -University City). For 3 ½ of those 30 years, I was on the diocesan staff as Bishop Hays Rockwell's Executive Assistant.

This work provided me with experience and knowledge at the parish and diocesan levels, including in the areas of administration, building and grounds management, program planning and facilitation, staff and clergy support, parish communications, volunteer recruitment and training, liturgy and worship, governance and canons, stewardship and development (\$8M in four different capital campaigns).

I am a member of St. Paul's – Carondelet, where I served as Senior Warden in 2018 and 2019, welcoming a new rector, helping launch new programs and ministries, completing extensive renovations to our building (rooftop to undercroft and everything in-between!) I currently am St. Paul's Alternate Delegate to this convention and have been a past Delegate. At the time of this convention, I will complete a two-year term as the Metro III lay representative on Diocesan Council and its subcommittee for Congregational Vitality. In 2020 I was on the diocese's "Reimagining Church" committee.

My current "paid gig" is as Development Assistant at Episcopal City Mission, a ministry in the Diocese of Missouri that provides programs and chaplaincy services to children in St. Louis' juvenile justice system. It has been a blessing to work with parish and diocesan leadership and volunteers whose commitment, faith, and generosity inspire me.



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Sherine Paul
Faith Christian Church of India, Ballwin

Sherine Paul is one of the pillars of the FCCI. He came at the right time and helped us to survive during the Pandemic as a church. He is innovative, committed, knowledgeable, and cooperative. I would say he is one of the few that I met who can contribute at any level, in most of the things, and be trusted always. He will be a great asset to the committee. (written by the Rev. Clive Samson, FCCI)



Elizabeth D. Yount
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Ladue

I am a lifelong Episcopalian, spending most of my life as a member at St. Peter's Church in Ladue. More than ten years ago I was asked to serve as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention and thus began my journey into the larger Church. After serving several years as a delegate, I wanted to identify ways I could become more involved, sharing my time and talent with something I was becoming increasingly passionate about. The business of the Church at the diocesan and national level seemed a perfect fit.

I have participated in the Church at the diocesan level, being elected to Diocesan Council in 2014 and again 2018. As a member of Council I have served on the Budget Committee, the Clergy Compensation Committee, and served as Chair of the committee for New Ventures in Community Ministries. I currently serve on the budget committee and as a member of the stewardship team.

I am involved at the National Church level being elected as lay deputy to General Convention for the past 3 conventions. In 2015 I was privileged to attend the Convention in Salt Lake City and for the 2018 convention I was an active participant in the pre-work and assisted most notably in those areas requiring financial analysis.

I was recently asked to serve as the Assistant to the Treasurer for the Diocese of Missouri and as a member of the Endowment committee. I embrace these new rolls and look forward to this work.

My hope is to continue to bring to Diocesan Council the experience I have acquired, my willingness to work, and my desire to be involved. I believe my background in accounting, my attention to detail, and my passion for numbers brings a unique talent to this group.

I have been married to my husband, Jeff for over 35 years and we have three children, Katherine (married to Max Tonsi), Michael, and Christopher. We also have grandsons Jack and Ford. I am a Certified Public Accountant and work for a national public accounting firm in St. Louis.

Nominations for Disciplinary Board:

The Disciplinary Board exists to help in cases where clergy have been presented with charges under the Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Canons (Title IV) of the Canons of The Episcopal Church. (3-year term)

Electing:

1 clergy member

Nominated:

The Rev. William (Bill) R. Nesbit
The Rev. Elizabeth Simson



The Rev. William (Bill) R. Nesbit Grace Episcopal Church, Jefferson City

Though I am somewhat new to the diocese I have a 25 year history of serving in various capacities in addition to parish leadership in the Diocese of Chicago. In the Diocese of Missouri I am the Priest-in-Charge at Grace, Jefferson City and currently serve on the Diocesan Council representing the West Convocation.

Prior to my move to Missouri I have served on the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Congregations Commission and Camp Chicago Board, as well as serving as a Rector, Assistant Rector and multiple Interim positions. I believe that this broad level of experience as well as my length of service to the church will help me bring a certain wisdom to the task of serving on the Disciplinary Board. Like most of you, I am sure, I hope my service will never be needed, but I know that if the board is activated I will approach my task with dedication, prayer, and all the wisdom God will grant me. I thank you for your consideration.



The Rev. Elizabeth Simpson Calvary Episcopal Church, Columbia

The Rev. Beth Simpson currently serves as deacon at Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia. Previously, she served five years at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Mexico, MO. She has a basic understanding of the Canons of Title IV and is willing to study them in depth, if needed.

For fifteen years (1996-2011) Beth was director of the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program serving 19 counties in Central Missouri. The Ombudsman Program provides advocacy for residents in long-term care communities. In that position, Beth engaged in conflict resolution when residents or their families reported abuse of residents' rights. She was a careful and fair listener who sought resolution of conflict between residents and care facility staff. Her goal was always to promote healthy relationships and to achieve justice for the resident and a better quality of life for the community. She believes that the skills that she developed as an ombudsman would serve her well if she were elected to the Disciplinary Board.

Nominations for Cathedral Chapter:

Cathedral Chapter is similar to the Vestry of a parish, but because the Cathedral is the Bishop's seat and the "mother church" for the diocese, its leadership is made up of clergy and lay members from throughout the diocese as well as its own congregation. (3-year terms; meets monthly)

Electing:

- 1 clergy member from inside St. Louis City or County
- 1 lay member from outside St. Louis City or County

Nominated:

The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer
Janet Thompson



The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Webster Groves

As I build my life of service in the Diocese of Missouri, being an elected servant on the cathedral Chapter is an unexpected call that I heard at our recent clergy retreat. When I asked what gifts were needed in the Chapter, I was delighted to learn that I have some of those gifts: I am a deep listener, process observer, and committed to our denominational structure which has our cathedral as a central gathering place, a "larger voice" for our diocese. While I have been serving God as a priest for 16 years, this is my first time serving at a church so close to our see city and therefore, the first time I'm able to serve my cathedral. I am ready to respond to the call to offer the gifts God has given me in support of our cathedral and Dean in the ways that suit their needs in this moment of our common narrative.



Janet Thompson Calvary Episcopal Church, Columbia

Janet is a member of Calvary Columbia, where she currently serves as a member of the Altar Guild and has previously served in multiple capacities, including as Senior Warden. She has served the Diocese on Council, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Companion Relationship Committee, and currently serves with the Rev. Dr. Maria Evans as diocesan Emergency Preparedness liaisons. In her non-church life, she was a Public Defender for just shy of 25 years before first being elected in 2012 as Northern District Commissioner in Boone County, Missouri. She makes her home on a farm north of Columbia and shares her home with dogs, cats and horses.



Nominations from the floor:

Additional nominations for these elected positions can be made from the convention floor.

**Send the following information to communications@diocesemo.org
no later than Thursday, Nov. 18 at 10 p.m.**

- Nominated person's name
- Home address
- Preferred phone number
- Position nominated (Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Disciplinary Board, Cathedral Chapter)
- Written petition from at least **five** Voting Members of Convention
- Written consent of the nominee

All of the above requirements must be met for additional names to be added to the ballot.

From the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri:

Article III.6 / Sec. 5: Nominations for election to any office may also be made at an annual meeting of Convention by the presentation to the Presiding Officer of a written petition signed by at least five Voting Members and accompanied by the written consent of each nominee. The Presiding Officer shall add to the ballot the names of the persons so nominated.

You can find a nomination form and information at www.diocesemo.org/2021-convention.

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for their work to bring these nominations together.*