

# Election Voting Instructions for the 183rd Convention

## Voting Platform

Elections will be conducted utilizing an online voting platform called Election Buddy. Eligible voters will access the platform through a personalized email link. This voting platform is tablet, smartphone, and computer-friendly and designed to work with all major browsers.

## When

Election voting will occur during the Saturday morning session of Convention. The evening before voting (Friday evening), eligible voters will receive an email containing their personalized voting link. The email will come from electionbuddy.com with an Episcopal Diocese of Missouri header. **If unable to find the email, please be sure to check your spam or trash folders.**

## How

Our voting will be conducted using a preferential aggregate transfer ballot system. Each elector shall mark his or her ballot by numbering the names of all the candidates for each office in order of preference, with "1" being the highest (most preferred) ranking. For example, if there are three candidates, the elector places "1" beside their first choice, "2" beside their second choice, and "3" beside their third choice. The elector shall not give more than one number to any name, nor shall any name be left unnumbered.

## Step by Step Voting Instructions

1. When instructed to begin voting at Convention, navigate to your email and open the voting email. This email will contain your unique voting access key. The keys are single-use, ensuring that a voter can vote only once.
2. Click the provided link that will take you directly to your personalized voting screen.
3. Enter the password announced at the time of voting. **You will not receive this password ahead of time.**
4. Once at the ballot, mark your selections for each election, scrolling down to access each election.
5. Click Continue.
6. Review your choices. To change, choose **Edit**; or to finalize and vote choose **Submit**.
7. You will receive a confirmation verifying that your submission was successful.

## Alternate Voting Method

Printed voting notices will be provided to eligible voters during registration on Saturday morning. These notices will contain the voter's unique voting access key. Voters may vote by visiting [ebv.io/ballot](http://ebv.io/ballot) and entering their unique access key. Voting stations will also be set up for anyone who may have difficulty accessing the voting site on their own device.

## Having problems?

If you have trouble accessing your electronic voting or casting your vote, you can visit one of our voting stations in the room, or raise your hand and someone will come to help you.

## Nominations for Elected Offices

According to our Diocesan Constitution, all nominations for elected positions must be submitted at least 50 days prior to Convention. Our deadline for nominations was Sept. 28, 2022.

Any nominations made after the Sept. 28 deadline are considered a "petition," and must be submitted to the Presiding Officer (the Bishop) during Convention. Those petitions must be signed by at least five voting members and accompanied by the written consent of each nominee. The Bishop will add any additional nominations to the official ballot.

Nominations will be officially closed immediately after the introduction of nominees on Friday, Nov. 18.

This booklet contains:

- All officially nominated candidates (nominations received by Sept. 28, 2022).
- Petitioned nominations (nominations received between Sept. 28 and Nov. 11, 2022).

Any nominations made after Nov. 11, 2022, will be added during Convention.

\* *The Constitution of The Episcopal Church in The Diocese of Missouri, Article III.6*

### Cathedral Chapter

*Electing 1 lay member from St. Louis City or County for a 3-year term*

Cathedral Chapter is similar to the Vestry of a parish or Bishop's Committee of a mission, 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. Cathedral Chapter meets on the third Thursday of every month, at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

*No one has been nominated for this position.*



## Diocesan Council

### *Electing 2 lay members for 3-year terms*

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. Diocesan Council meets approximately every other month.

The following lay member is officially nominated for election to Diocesan Council:



### **Robert Earl Lowe**

Christ Episcopal Church, Cape Girardeau

I believe that I would be a good candidate to serve on Diocesan Council because I have extensive experience in administrative work as well as a fervent desire to serve God in His church.

As a professor of computer science at Southeast Missouri State University, I serve on multiple committees at the department and college level. I am also the chairperson of the Mid-Southeast ACM Conference, one of the oldest conferences in computing. I have also been blessed with many opportunities to serve in the church. I am currently co-senior warden of Christ Episcopal Church, where I am also a part of several ministries. I serve as the head of our newly restarted acolyte guild, I am active in our online streaming ministry (St. Isidore's Guild), and I serve as a lay reader and worship leader. Prior to moving to Missouri, I was part of the Diocese of East Tennessee where I was active in several ministries. I was an active member of the St. John's Cathedral chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, served on Campus Ministries to the University of Tennessee, and I helped found a cathedral scholarship.

In summary, the Episcopal Church has been my true spiritual home from the moment I joined at the age of 16. I have been active and ready to serve in any role to which I am called; from my youth spent as an acolyte and choir member to my adulthood where I have been fortunate to serve in leadership roles. I am excited for the future of our church, and I look forward to continuing involvement in both leadership and ministry.

The following lay member is petitioning for election to Diocesan Council:



### **Michael Reiser**

Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

I was introduced to the Episcopal Church by a friend in 1990. I started attending Christ Church Cathedral and was confirmed in 1992.

I have a M.B.A. in Marketing and Finance from Southern Methodist University and a B.S. from Truman State University. I feel that I have a strong gift of compassion, integrity and community and try to recognize and be open to the will of God in my life.

I currently am a full-time realtor specializing in residential real estate and have worked with the diocesan staff as the Convention Coordinator since 2008.

## Disciplinary Board

*Electing 1 clergy member and 1 lay member for 3-year terms*

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. The Disciplinary Board meets once a year and as needed.

The following members are officially nominated for election to the Disciplinary Board (clergy members listed first, followed by lay members):



**The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti**  
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Eureka

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti equips people for ministry and worship as the Vicar of St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Eureka. She focuses on creating a community centered on the Eucharistic table that can stand in the world for the Gospel and against injustice.

Rev. Laurie came to St. Francis' in November 2020 from the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion in University City where she had special charge for pastoral support for youth, children, and family ministries, and spearheaded the development of Grace Gathering, a worship community that celebrates diverse abilities.

Laurie earned her Masters of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves and was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 2019. Prior to ordination, Laurie served as Director of Faith & For the Sake of All, a non-profit that deepens understanding of and response to disparities in health between African American and white St. Louisans, and as Children's Liturgist at the Church of St. Michael and St. George, Director of Programming at Camp Thunderbird, and as a high school theology teacher.

Laurie hopes to serve the Diocese as a member of the Disciplinary Board using deep listening and a collaborative approach to work through issues that may come to the Board.

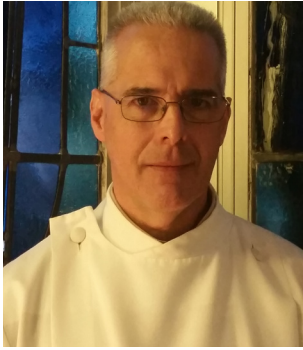


**The Rev. Deacon Barbi Click**  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Louis

An ideal candidate for a position on the Disciplinary Board would be one who listens without judgment and assesses the information with no bias. In that listening without bias or judgment is a part of my ministry as both a deacon and as manager of Trinity Food Ministry (Trinity Episcopal, StL), I believe I can fill this position.

I am Deacon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in St. Louis (Carondelet) and Diocesan Missioner for Jubilee Ministries. While not a cradle Episcopalian, I have been an Episcopalian since the mid-1980s. Having gone through the schism of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth in 2006, I am well versed in the canons of the Episcopal Church.

My wife, Debbie and I live in South City with our two dogs, Charlie and Theo. We have been members of the Diocese of Missouri since 2008.



**The Rev. Dave Malek**  
Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

In Title IV of our Constitution and Canons, we find the following: "By virtue of Baptism, all members of the Church are called to holiness of life and accountability to one another. The Church and each Diocese shall support their members in their life in Christ and seek to resolve conflicts by promoting healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among all involved or affected."

I have had several careers in which I have been tasked with holding people accountable to one another. I began my work life as a licensed clinical social worker and worked in direct practice for eleven years including inpatient and outpatient adult and adolescent substance abuse, outpatient family treatment programs, inpatient gero-psychology, and then the last two and a half years in behavioral health working for the Servants of the Paraclete at Saint Michael's Community here in Sunset Hills, Missouri, where I was a staff therapist for impaired clergy in a long-term residential setting.

In 2008 I received a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Aquinas Institute of Theology and began practicing as such at that time. In 2012 I graduated from that same institution with a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies whereupon I was hired as a practicum supervisor in the Spiritual Direction Certificate Program. I did that for eight years. As both a spiritual director and practicum supervisor it was always part of my ministry to work towards holding people accountable to one another and supporting both my directees and students in their life in Christ while working with them and mentoring them to seek to resolve conflicts by promoting healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation. I would love to share my skill set for that on the Disciplinary Board in this Diocese.

The following lay member is petitioning for election to Diocesan Council:



**Tom Smith**  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Webster Groves

Tom Smith is a member at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves and has served as a Lay Member of the Disciplinary Board for the past three years. Tom is seeking a second term to continue to serve the Diocese in that role.

For the past nine years, Tom has been an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney at the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Tom is assigned to domestic violence cases, homicide trials, and probation matters. Before becoming a prosecutor, Tom worked at the Missouri Attorney General's Office for four years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Litigation Division.

Tom is married to Margo Heger Smith, and they have two sons, Hank (10) and Wally (6).



## General Convention Deputies

Electing 4 clergy members and 4 lay members (and 4 alternates each)

Deputies will represent the Diocese of Missouri at the General Convention of The Episcopal Church in 2024. Deputies also meet several times in advance of GC to review proposed legislation and candidates nominated for elected offices. Some deputies also serve on GC committees.

The following members are nominated for election to serve as General Convention Deputies (clergy members listed first, followed by lay members):



**The Very Rev. Kathie Adams-Shepherd**  
Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

The Very Rev. Kathie Adams-Shepherd has served as the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, the Episcopal Cathedral in the Diocese of Missouri, since January 2017.

I was blessed to serve in this Diocese as a member of the most recent Bishop Search & Nominating Committee, current member of the Standing Committee and now with faithful humility I hope to serve as a member of the DioMo delegation to the next General Convention. I offer my 40 years of experience in mutual ministry with

God's people on the parish and Diocesan level, my strong commitment, enthusiastic joy in Christ's call to our Bishop as we vision that call together and the lay and ordained people of the Diocese of Missouri. I believe that God has given me breadth of experience and wisdom of years in mission with God's amazing and faithful people lay and ordained in three dioceses and is calling me now to serve you and our wider church as a clerical delegate.

Previous to the call to Christ Church Cathedral I served for 20 years as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Newtown, Connecticut; nine years as rector of The River Parishes of St. John's, Cape Vincent and Christ Church, Clayton, NY; four years as Priest-in-Charge at Church of the Resurrection, Oswego, NY and two years as curate at the same parish. In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut I served on the Commission on Ministry as the chair of the Bishop's Committee on the Diaconate, Board Trustee for the Bishop's Fund for Children, Diocesan Committee on Education & formation, Danbury, CT Deanery Dean. In the Diocese of Central New York, I served as a Deanery Dean, member of the Commission on Ordained Ministry, Standing Committee, Bishop's Search Committee, Bishop's Committee of Advice, Benedictine Way leader.

My spouse of 41 years is Shep Adams-Shepherd, a therapist and sex offender treatment specialist. Together we have two adult children: Sarah and Myles, a son-in-law Kevin, our first grandchild on the way and grand dogs, Fletcher and Cheyenne.



**The Rev. Shug Goodlow**  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Ellisville

I am the Rev. Shug Goodlow and I offer my candidacy for the position of clergy deputy to General Convention. My love affair with God and the Episcopal Church is at the center of everything I do. I believe I have gifts and experiences that would be useful to our deputation and deliberations at General Convention.

I am a priest, raised up and nurtured by this diocese. I am serving my first call at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Ellisville. Before that I served as a transitional deacon at St. Peter's in Ladue. I also currently serve as diocesan Missioner for Racial Reconcil-

iation and Justice. Prior to my ordination I served as a lay person in several roles including Head Verger and Acolyte Master at Christ Church Cathedral, Eucharistic Minister, member of Diocesan Council, member and President of Standing Committee, member of Cathedral Chapter, ECW Chaplain and lay preacher. I was elected a lay deputy to General Convention 80, was later ordained and was then appointed as a clergy delegate alternate. Then, through attrition, I served as a deputy to GC80 in Baltimore.

I first became interested in General Convention while serving as President of Standing Committee. During this time I became more intimately involved with policy matters affecting our diocese and in some cases, the Church at large. My current areas of focus are racial reconciliation and justice, dismantling racism, creation care, adult formation and LGBTQIA+ issues. I am a frequent contributor to the *Prophetic Voices* podcast, serve as a member of the Dismantling Racism Commission leadership team, and President of the Union of Black Episcopalians. I am passionate about sharing the Gospel, preaching the Word, pastoral care, teaching and supporting people in their ministries, and making sure that everyone knows they are welcome at God's table.

I am also concerned with furthering the conversation about how best to include everyone in our communal life, regardless of ethnicity, age, socio-economic standing, gender identity, expression, or sexual orientation. This means I'm concerned with the words we say, how we say them and who we lift up in leadership and ministry.

I bring my love of Jesus Christ and our Church to my candidacy as well as my unwavering belief that the Episcopal Church is a vital part of the Jesus Movement. I also hold the belief that we must continue to develop strategies to ensure that we respect the dignity of every human being, pay attention to how we spend and invest money in our churches and communities, and discern ways to make the Gospel and our traditions relevant today.

Being a deputy affords one the opportunity to witness how the Body of Christ makes decisions with one another, even where there is disagreement. I want to be a part of that process. So for this and other reasons, I have decided to put my name forward as a candidate for deputy to General Convention.

Finally, I believe that depth of my experience at the parish, diocesan and Church levels have given me invaluable insight into the joys and challenges we face in our common life. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for General Convention clergy deputy.



**The Rev. Josh Huber**  
Calvary Episcopal Church, Columbia

It would be a joy to represent the Diocese of Missouri as a General Convention Deputy. Missouri is my home diocese. It is where I first came to the Episcopal Church, was confirmed, entered the discernment process, and was ordained both a deacon and priest. As a member of the Jane Dey Convocation, campus minister, and millennial clergy member I believe I could bring a valuable perspective to the Convention. Thanks for your consideration and peace to all.



**The Rev. Mary Korte**  
Christ Episcopal Church, Rolla

Having the privilege to serve as a first alternate at General Convention 2018 and to be asked to cover the House of Bishops (as the Diocese I worked within had no seated Bishop at the time) was an enlightening experience. I was able to vote when needed on the floor of the House and I was asked to give input based on my broad experience within the Episcopal Church in more than one Diocese. At this juncture of my vocation I bring years of diverse work in a variety of ministry environments. My doctorate is within the area of transformational leadership and I experience General Convention as one of the primary areas of our denomination where we utilize that leadership on behalf of the Anglican Communion.

I am diligent with continuing education and consider myself a resource person with others. I value my professional training at two seminaries, The Episcopal Divinity School (EDS) working at the forefront of the Episcopal Church in the areas of outstanding academics, treatment of people of different sexual orientations, and academic work on racism and people of color.

Colgate Rochester Crozer provided me an outstanding Anglican and Ecumenical school that was like EDS, a place no longer serving primarily white men. In addition I have served as a military officer spouse and was a child of a military officer. I have lived in many states and served in a variety of dioceses and am aware that this is part of the adventure of ministry that allows me to see environments and life from different perspectives; valuable when serving with international decision-making volunteers from across our churches, missions and chaplaincies.

I teach and live collaboratively using the Appreciative Way. I would be honored to represent the Diocese of Missouri as a Deputy.



**The Rev. Leslie Scoopmire**  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Ellisville

It was truly satisfying to serve as a delegate to the 80th General Convention this summer in Baltimore, and even with the abbreviated schedule, I was excited by how much was accomplished. I am encouraged by the initiatives being taken up in the wider Church. I would welcome the opportunity to serve the wider church as a delegate to the 81st General Convention in Louisville in 2024.

I have been blessed to be able to serve this diocese in a variety of roles. I have served alongside so many of the faithful people of this diocese in my more than 30 years in here: as a layperson and musician at diocesan convention as well as at St. Timothy's, Creve Coeur; St. John's, Tower Grove; and Holy Communion, University City; as well as as a seminarian at St. Stephen's, Ferguson; and Church of the Good Shepherd, Town and Country.

I am currently rector of St. Martin's in Ellisville, where I have served since 2018. After my ordination in 2017, I was given the exciting opportunity of getting to know and worship alongside Episcopalians in a variety of parishes throughout the diocese, such as St. John's, Eolia; Calvary, Louisiana; Christ Church, Rolla; Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis; and St. Mark's, St. Louis in addition to being a presenter at ECW retreats. In the wider church, I have formed relationships with many wonderful people across the Episcopal Church through my work leading our diocesan youth to the Episcopal Youth Event in 2017, my writing schedule for Episcopal-Journal.com's *Speaking to the Soul*, and activities as a communicator, not to mention as diocesan missionary for Indigenous Relations.

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I believe the Episcopal Church is uniquely positioned for this time in our society, when so many are hungering for meaning and purpose, for a sense of belonging to something greater than themselves. Episcopalians in particular have a faithful, joyful, Spirit-filled witness, grounded in ancient practice, for which so many in our world hunger and thirst. I would welcome the chance to facilitate our common life together as we, as a denomination, seek to witness in the Way of Jesus, continually rejoicing in God's abundant grace.

I am so grateful to be married to my wonderful husband, Bill, for 34 years, and we are the proud parents of three young adult children, Lauren, Katie, and Scott, as well as three rescue dogs: Kobe, Dakota, and Finnegan.



**The Rev. Tamsen Whistler**

Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Charles

The Rev. Tamsen Whistler, a life-long Episcopalian, became involved in and committed to the work of the Episcopal Church in high school, where she was active in the youth group and served her senior year as a First Grade Sunday School Teacher at St. Stephen's Church in Ferguson. As an undergraduate and graduate student at the University of Missouri-Columbia (BS Ed. 1973; MA Eng. 1975), she participated in worship on Sunday evenings with Episcopal students, faculty, and families at the Ecumenical Center and served on the Campus Ministry Board. As a high school English and journalism teacher in Caruthersville, MO, and member of St. John's

Church, Tamsen was Diocesan Convention Delegate 1977-81, board member of the Missouri Delta Ecumenical Ministry, Clerk of the Bishop's Committee, Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer, one of a three-person regional Christian education team, South Convocation President, and was elected at-large to serve on Diocesan Council (1979-1981). St. John's, Caruthersville sponsored her in the ordination process from Fall 1980 through ordination to the Diaconate in 1984.

Whistler is a 1984 graduate of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. She was ordained Deacon at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis (1984) and priest a Grace Church, Jefferson City (1985) by the Rt. Rev. William A. Jones, Jr. She was Assistant Rector, Grace Church (1984-86); Associate Rector, Calvary, Columbia (1986-95); and Rector, Trinity Church, St. Charles (May 1995 – present). Since ordination, Whistler has served on a variety of diocesan committees, including Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, the Bishop's Search Committee, and currently, member of Cathedral Chapter. She has been deeply honored to serve the Diocese of Missouri as a General Convention (GC) Deputy for the past seven GCs, with committee appointments for six GCs. She brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the role. Married to Robert Brown, she loves cooking, travelling, eating, reading, friends, family, and cats.



**Dr. Michael Booker**

St. Francis Episcopal Church, Eureka

I am asking for the opportunity to serve as lay deputy to the 81st General Convention in 2024. I attended the 77th General Convention in Indianapolis in 2012 as a guest, and I was elected as a lay deputy from the Diocese of Missouri to the 78th, 79th, and 80th General Conventions. I believe that I executed my duties as deputy prayerfully, thoughtfully, and conscientiously. Each time I was able to report the Convention's events as I experienced them as a blogger for the Diocese.

In 2018 and 2022 I served as member and secretary to Legislative Committee 19 on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. Since 2019 I have served the Episcopal Church as a member of the official Episcopal-Presbyterian Dialogue.

I have been an Episcopalian since 1991 and have been a parishioner at St. Francis' in Eureka since 1999. My main ministry at St. Francis' has been Adult Education, and I have had the privilege of being able to preach there from time to time. I also serve as usher, chalice bearer, lector, intercessor, and as a member of our Wired Worship Team. I have been a member of the Bishop's Committee and have also served as Junior Warden and as Senior Warden. I am a graduate of the Episcopal School for Ministry. I have been a member of the ESM Board, the Diocesan Commission on Ministry, the Diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains, and am currently chair of the Resolutions Committee for Diocesan Convention.

During the week I am Associate Dean of Humanities at Jefferson College in Hillsboro; I am also a tenured Professor of Philosophy.



**Betty Bowersox**

Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood

I am a lifelong Episcopalian who moved to St. Louis in 1987. At Church of the Good Shepherd I was an acolyte, Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Jr. Warden, Metro IV lay representative to Diocesan Council, and on Standing Committee. Now at Grace, Kirkwood, I've continued my altar services, play handbells, participated in Metro III, and chaired the Stewardship Committee four years. I'm on the Emery Washington Convocation leadership team, Episcopal City Mission Board, and completing my term on Standing Committee (Secretary 2020-22). Previously on the Diocesan Committee on Nominations for six years (three as Chair), I'm currently appointed to the Diocesan

Resolutions Committee and as Diocesan Representative to the Province V Board. Special memories are the Diocesan Mission Trip to New Orleans after Katrina, and a 2014 Israel Pilgrimage.

Trained as a Mechanical Engineer at Michigan State (BS) and Rensselaer Polytechnic in Troy NY (MS), I retired early after working at Nooter/Eriksen (Fenton, MO) as a Quality Systems Engineer and Sr. Project Manager. Previously I worked at General Electric in MA and OH, and at INDEECO and Air Products (St. Louis). A Fellow of my professional organization (ASME), I've served on their Board of Directors and Committee on Finance and Investment. I like reading, gardening, and traveling with my husband, Phil.

Through education and experience, plus the many volunteer positions in engineering, parish, diocesan, and provincial organizations/committees, I've become very comfortable in leadership roles. I enjoy contributing to the ministry of governance, having served as (lay) co-chair of the Diocese's Deputation for the 79th General Convention (2018) and this past July's pandemic-delayed 80th General Convention, where I was appointed to the Dispatch of Business Legislative Committee. All this background will be put to good use if I'm honored by being elected again to serve as a member of our 2024 Deputation.



**Adrienne Dillon**

The Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension, Northwoods

I have had the honor and the pleasure of representing you as a Deputy at the recent General Convention and as an Alternate in 2015 and 2018. I love General Convention because it gathers people from the entire church family to discern God's call to the church.

I have served the church in a variety of ways—choir, vestry, social justice ministry, the Commission on Dismantling Racism, as Secretary of Province V and as Warden of Emery Washington Convocation.

I am excited by the church's commitment to our baptismal covenant as expressed by the 2022 General Convention's resolutions to pursue justice and truth telling, to advocate for the most vulnerable, and to be inclusive in our fellowship, and to be open to new ways of proclaiming the Good News.



**Tyler Helm**

Christ Episcopal Church, Cape Girardeau  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sikeston

My name is Tyler Helm, and I would love to serve as a General Convention Deputy. While being a recently joined member of this diocese, I have been active within the church and its community. I began as an intern for the choir, and then I became the secretary as the position opened up for both Christ Episcopal Church in Cape Girardeau and St. Paul's in Sikeston. Over the summer months, I began leading as a Presider and Preacher when Rev. Annette Joseph was not present on occasion.

I have received a lot of experience and good feedback from then.

For the position, I have a lot of insight being a first generation college student as well an active member in many different local organizations in my community and in my college. I am easily adaptable and good at making adjustments. I try to learn and grow constantly. Faith is something I am very passionate about, but also very willing to explore and educate myself and others along in my journey. I want to take as many opportunities to grow in my faith as I can, and I hope this position can lead me down paths I have not explored. Thank you for your time.

## Nominations for Elected Offices



### **Doris Lucy-Goodlow**

Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

My name is Doris Lucy-Goodlow. I have been an Episcopalian for 56 years and a member of Christ Church Cathedral for more than 26 years. After engaging in a period of prayer and discernment, I decided to offer myself as a General Convention Deputy Lay Candidate. I have served in many positions of responsibility within the Church including Parish Secretary, three terms as a member of Vestry, Delegate to Diocesan Convention, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, member of Altar Guild, and member of Cathedral Chapter. I also bring leadership and organizational skills from 37 years of professional life working as a supply systems analyst for the United States

Government.

I share the belief of many that the Episcopal Church is in a period of transition. I know that I possess gifts that are particularly suited for this time of transition. Additionally, I have the ability to listen with a discerning mind, a grateful heart and an open spirit.

The next few years promise to be exciting as the Church discusses and votes on important resolutions and elects the next presiding bishop. As a lay deputy I would commit to familiarizing myself with concerns, issues, and resolutions well in advance of General Convention. I would also see it as my responsibility to report back to our diocese regarding any and all actions taken during Convention.

I am a prayer warrior and I am passionate about sharing the Good News of the Gospel. I believe the Gospel reveals ways for us all to participate more fully in the life of our Church through meaningful dialogue and engagement.



### **Patricia Marsh O'Brien**

Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood

I was elected as an alternate deputy for the General Convention in 2022, but, because of illness or injury, I served in the official delegate capacity for the entire convention.

I wanted to be a GC deputy because I wanted more information about the possible changes in the BCP, to have more detailed information about the goings on of the Episcopal Church, and have a say in the election of officers.

Some of the legislative issues I'm following this year are: Changes to the BCP, expanded language, Holy Communion for the unbaptized, how our national views mesh (or don't mesh) with the rest of the Anglican Communion.

As a deputy, I would be looking forward to being with all the clergy – it feels holy. Being a deputy for General Convention is a great way to be involved in the church.

## Standing Committee

Electing 1 clergy member and 2 lay members for 4-year terms

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. The Standing Committee meets monthly.

The following members are officially nominated for election to the Standing Committee (clergy members listed first, followed by lay members):



### **The Rev. Deacon Chester Hines**

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, University City

The Reverend Chester Hines, Jr. currently serves as vocational deacon at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion in University City. He completed his field education at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Creve Coeur, Missouri. He served as the Deacon at Christ Church Cathedral in downtown St. Louis for three years. He is a former member of All Saints' Episcopal Church in St. Louis. Chester is the former Chairperson of the Commission on Dismantling Racism for the Diocese. After his nearly forty years of committed service to the Diocese of Missouri to dismantle racism in the church and larger community, the Right Reverend Deon K. Johnson, XI Bishop

of the Diocese of Missouri, created and named in perpetuity the Deacon Chester Hines Racial Reconciliation Fund. This fund will finance the work of repairing racial injustice in the St. Louis community.

Chester began his work of dismantling racism in 1984 and served as a member of the Commission on Dismantling Racism since its inception until his retirement in February 2022. Chester has a long term working lay relationship in the Diocese of Missouri, having served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden at All Saints' Episcopal Church and as Senior Warden and a member of the Vestry at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion in University City, a member of convocation in the former Metro I and a delegate to annual convention, as a member of Christ Church Cathedral Chapter, a member of Diocesan Council, a member of Standing Committee, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Episcopal School for Ministry.

As a member of the Standing Committee, Chester will bring both an operational and long term historical perspective of the diocese as well as a futuristic view of how the diocese may move forward into the twenty-first century. His knowledge of the successes and challenges that have confronted the Diocese over the past fifty years will serve as an asset over the coming years.





**The Rev. Earl Mahan**

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd & St. Luke, Town & Country

I am a good candidate for the Standing Committee because I have 28 years of ordained service in the church, serving as a parish priest in urban, small-town, and suburban congregations.

I currently serve as the Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd & St. Luke in Town and Country, which is in the process of merging to create a new congregation in West St. Louis County.

My service to the Diocese of Missouri includes co-facilitator of Fresh Start, which supports newly ordained clergy and clergy in new cures over the course of their first two years, Title IV Intake Officer, and Episcopal Recovery Ministries committee member.



**The Rev. Clive Samson**

Faith Christian Church of India, Ballwin

Believe me! I may represent the diversity and the people of color in the Diocese, but I want you to see me and my ministry because I am no less than any other clergy in this Diocese. If you think so, I should be in the Standing Committee. If you think otherwise, no problem. I am happy that I was asked to contest. Nothing is going to change, my love for you and my passion for the ministry I do.



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### **Timothy Korte**

Christ Episcopal Church, Rolla

I prayerfully submit my name for election as a Lay Member of the Standing Committee. Although I am new to the Diocese of Missouri, I have been a member in good standing in the Episcopal Church for 40 years. My ministries have been numerous, serving as a volunteer in almost every capacity within the church, except as a Warden or Treasurer. Between my career as a military officer and my wife's career as a priest, we have had the opportunity to be part of and serve in eight dioceses of the Episcopal Church. This has provided me with excellent opportunities to serve,

observe, and participate in many aspects of church life and provided me with much experience that would benefit the Standing Committee and the Diocese of Missouri. This experience has provided me to see life from many different perspectives. I have also been a Sexual Assault Advocate which has provided me with the ability to be present, and compassionate, for people when they are most vulnerable and hurting.

As a retired Army Officer and as an International Training Officer for the U.S. Navy, I have developed the ability to work collaboratively for the betterment of the organization. This has enabled me to work with the State Department, Embassies, the Pentagon, and with persons of multiple races, cultures, nationalities, and socioeconomic backgrounds. As a member of the Standing Committee, I would be able to bring to the committee's discussions my experiences that bear upon the issue before the committee, have a full, open, and prayerful discussion, and work with the group to formulate a decision that best responds to the issue. I am able to provide advice and consent to the Bishop as the Bishop's council of advice following the Canon's of the Church and the Diocese.

The following lay member is petitioning for election to Standing Committee:



### **Rudy Walz**

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, University City

After many months of prayer and discernment, and finally received the answer from God, at this late date I have decided to run for the Standing Committee. I have been an Episcopalian since 1984. I have served the church in many aspects from Sunday morning worship to working with Children's church school and even have been an usher at a drive-up church during the pandemic. I have sat on AIDS advisory boards in the mid-eighties and early nineties and stood up for justice for all rallies, and have been on numerous committees in the Diocese throughout the years. I have served as a convention delegate, on Diocesan Council, as co-chair and treasurer of the task

force for the Hungry, and as the Chair of the New Venture Committee, and Nomination Committee. Serve on Cathedral Chapter until my health would not allow me to serve any longer. I have also been on a call or discernment committee to call a new rector. I think with my experience, I could provide advice and consent to the Bishop's council, and follow the Canon of the Diocese and the greater church. A particular passion of mine is how best to include everyone in our life in the church regardless of age, gender identity, sexual orientation, or economic stature.