

129th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia

Nominees for Election

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee is composed of three members of the clergy and three members of the laity. It acts as a Council of Advice to the Bishop and assumes many Episcopal duties for the diocese if there is a vacancy in the Bishop's Office, as outlined in the Diocesan Constitution Article XV, Diocesan Canon V and in the Canons of the National Church.

Lay Nominees, one to be elected.

Alice R. Webley, All Saints, Virginia Beach



I am a child of God and thus use the gifts given to me to serve my parish; All Saints' Virginia Beach as Delegate to Diocesan Council and member of the Altar Guild. In the past I served as a Trustee and Diocesan Lay representative to Province III. I also serve on the Resolutions and Memorials Committee. I am honored to be elected in 2014, 2017 & 2020 serving as a Deputy to General Convention. Currently on the national level I serve as a member of The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop and as an appointed member of the Task Force on Ministry to Individuals with Mental Illness. I have been one of the Episcopal representatives to the National Council of Churches in Christ, The National Standing Commission of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations and National Secretary and Registrar for The

Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) as well as holding a Life Membership. In my prior diocese of Western Michigan, I was the First Alternate Deputy to the 2000 & 2003 General Convention, Diocesan Dispatch of Business, Vice President and Secretary of the Standing Committee, as well as many positions in my home parish of St. Philip's Grand Rapids. In feeling the continued call on my life to serve the church in the Lay order, I am seeking election for Lay Member of the Standing Committee.

Clergy Nominees, one to be elected.

The Rev. Samantha Vincent-Alexander, St. John's, Hampton



I have worked in the Diocese of Southern Virginia for 15 years and served two churches. I have been the rector of St. John's Hampton since 2013. In my time in the diocese I have also served on the Executive Board, the Young Adult Commission (when I was a young adult), the Commission on Ministry, 4 General Conventions and the Bishop's Nominating Committee. I currently serve on the Repairer's of the Breach Commission and the small committee of two that picks up the Legos of one busy four-year old. We have been predicting change in the church in the 15 years I have been ordained, but none of us could have anticipated the changes we have seen in the last year. I am incredibly grateful for the ways that the parishes, clergy and people of the Diocese of Southern Virginia have faced these changes with faith, persistence and ingenuity. I would be honored to serve on the Standing Committee as the church

navigates this new terrain and hopefully support the bishop and her staff.

The Rev. Frederick Walker, St. James, Portsmouth



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Disciplinary Board

The Disciplinary Board is composed of nine members elected for three year terms, five members of the clergy and four lay persons. The Board, defined in Canon XXII of Diocesan Canons, serves as the trial body for any member of the clergy charged under Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Lay Nominees, *two to be elected.*

John Rector, St. Paul's, Suffolk



I am a 61-year-old married male the father of two children, one daughter and one son. I have been a member of the Episcopal Church since getting married in 1985. I have served and continue to serve my parish in a number of capacities. I served 4 terms on the vestry including 3 times as the Junior Warden and 3 times as the senior Warden. I served as director of our parish E.Y.C. and chaired several stewardship campaigns. During 2 of my terms as Senior Warden I helped guide our parish through the transition of clergy. I currently serve on our finance committee, our endowment committee, as well as serving as president of St. Paul's Trustees, Inc. In addition, I serve as Eucharistic Minister authorized to take communion to our shut-in parishioners. In addition, I have also served as a delegate to at least 13 councils. I previously served on the Disciplinary Board of the diocese. I currently serve on the

Standing Committee of the diocese and am at the end of a three-year term. I believe my experiences over many years of parish leadership, council representation and service on the Disciplinary Board has led me to a very good understanding of the canons of the diocese which in turn would make me a knowledgeable and sensitive member of the Disciplinary Board.

Clergy Nominees, *one to be elected.*

The Rev. Mark Riley, St. John's, Hampton



As a lifelong Episcopalian, I feel doubly blessed to have been able to have received my formative education in an Episcopal school in Baltimore, MD. After graduation, I completed my undergraduate degree at Western Maryland College (now McDaniel) and began a career in sales, with territories that took me to almost half of the United States. In concert with my spiritual growth in faith, I was expected to lead a life of mutual respect, responsibility, treasuring integrity, and living with honor as I developed into the deeply authentic, compassionate, honest and fair individual God calls each of us to be. These values were instilled at a young age, and along with service and leadership, the responsibility of loving others included maintaining a level of honor and accountability to self and to each other. Serving in similar roles in my past has engendered the values of accountability and responsibility, while balancing the burden of leadership and loving in fairness. I have served as St. John's Associate Rector for five years and now seek to serve at the diocesan level. To be able to serve the Diocese of Southern Virginia would be a distinct honor. Guided by Holy Scripture, prayer, and by employing my past experiences of leadership in both secular and sacred roles, I hope to serve this diocese effectively.

The Rev. Stewart Tabb, Ascension, Norfolk



Ordained in the Diocese of Nevada, I have been a priest for over 20 years and have served in just about every ministry situation, (rural, urban, suburban, family, pastoral, program and corporate size churches). In the Diocese of Southern Virginia I have served on the Executive Board, and the Disciplinary Board. In the Diocese of Atlanta on the Christian Education Committee and as Chaplain for the Diocesan Youth Retreat, and in the Diocese of Virginia on the Diocesan Stewardship Committee. I am deeply committed to work that witnesses to God's creation of a place "Where mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Psalm 85:10. This for me is the goal of reconciliation for which the Disciplinary Board strives.

General Convention

Our Diocese has four lay and four clergy deputies, and four lay and four clergy alternate deputies. At this Council we will elect the alternates. Deputies will attend the 80th General Convention, July 7-14, 2022 in Baltimore, MD. Deputies are not elected to represent the views of their diocese or constituency, but should reflect the will of the whole Church, act for the whole Church, and speak to the whole Church.

Lay Nominees, *four to be elected.*

Dr. Faye Felton, St. James, Portsmouth



Dr. Faye Felton, a born Episcopalian serving at Saint James Episcopal Church Portsmouth. She serves as Chorister, Lay-reader, Chalcist, and member of Episcopal Church Women. She is the Registrant of the Vestry of Saint James Church. Dr Faye Felton is the newly elected Executive Member of Convocation IV. She also is the Principal of Hodges Manor Elementary School Portsmouth.

Dr Faye Felton will share her expertise of relations with others as a member Alternate to General Convention. I love working with members of our wider church as a team.

Madeline Hanlon, Hickory Neck, Toano



Hello, my name is Madeline Hanlon I am 17 years old, I am a junior at Jamestown High school. I would really love to be a part of this year's General Convention, I go to Hickory Neck Church. I am a greeter at the church. I help with the homeless shelter and this is my second year being on the EYC board. I love everything about the church, how it is welcoming and how it is a peaceful escape. Ever since I was young, I have had a very deep connection with God. Last year I attended the Annual Council in Williamsburg Virginia to meet all the Episcopal Churches across the Diocese. I enjoyed and learned so much from that experience. One of the things that grabbed my attention while I was there was getting to know our bishop. I learned so much on

what she wanted to focus on as a church and that was unity, how it is so important to stay involved and follow what God has taught us and that is to shed love into the world. She made me feel even though I was a member on the EYC board, like I was a part of something much bigger. I also learned so much economically about different churches and how money does play a part in the church. Learning how churches have money and push money on what they are passionate about at their church. I loved the energy and what I was a part of, I thought that they would not pay attention to the youth. Learning that we are the next generation, and our opinions and views matter tremendously, as a community. We have a huge part to take on in the church on what God and leaders have taught us to do. Sending love and peace no matter what, being kind to ourselves as well as others. That was a lesson I took from the Annual Council, and when I go to church. Church is supposed to be our sanctuary, where we can learn and accept ourselves and others. Living in the moment. Why I really want to be a part of the General Convention this year is because not only will I get to experience the different churches in our nation, but worldwide. I will get to experience the world coming together because we believe in a Holy Spirit and we bring those lessons we have learned together. No matter the country we are from I will see us all come together. Not coming together because of a pandemic or a state of suffering but in a state of peace and love. That is why I would be honored to be a part of this experience and hope I can share my light with this Convention.

Toni C. Hogg, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach



I have served in this diocese: The Diocesan Standing Committee; Executive Board (2 years Vice Chair); Jamestown 400th celebration committee; Bishop's consecration committee. I had the pleasure of taking the diocesan youth to four General Conventions and have attended as a Lay Deputy. Chaired the 50th Celebration of our Diocese's Conference Center and Camp Chanco. Diocesan Annual Council Committee (hospitality and special events). On the National level: Presiding Bishop's Confirmation Committee (Bishop Curry was elected); Ministry Committee #15; presently serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations. I have been selected to run for two National Communities at the next conventions. I hope you will

support my effort to represent this diocese. I believe that my experience, acquired insight and skills are well-suited to the continuing challenges of General Convention and the committees work. I have been blessed to witness and learn from so many others in the Church, and this has left me well-versed in discernment, listening and dialogue skills which impart to me an inclusive perspective of The Episcopal Church.

Hunter Phillips, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg and William & Mary Canterbury



I am a Junior at the College of William and Mary and have been a member of Bruton Parish Church since my confirmation there in Spring of 2019, but I have been a member of our campus ministry, "Canterbury," since fall of 2018 when I entered the college. In my time with Canterbury, I have served as the co-chair of our fellowship committee, as co-chair for our liturgy committee, and now serve as Junior Warden. At Bruton I have also run a middle school bible study. I believe these leadership positions have prepared me and formed me to understand and tackle important issues in the church that have effects on our wider lives as Christians following Jesus. I learned to resolve complicated issues working in tandem with my fellow vestry

members in a patient and understanding manner that maintains the dignity of each and every member of our ministry and congregation. Finally, while we are primarily spiritual followers of Christ, the order and canons and administration of the Church are the backbone of our rituals and our spiritual life as a community of followers of Jesus, and I would love to have the opportunity to participate in this administration and order of the Church to both become more familiar with the administrative needs and goals of the church, and to bolster and affirm its administration that is so key to our spiritual well-being as followers of Christ.

Clergy Nominees, *four to be elected.*

The Rev. Charlie Bauer, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg



Jesus calls us into community to engage in the work God calls us to do in the world. And while imperfect as any human institution is bound to be, General Convention brings together a wide range of voices, experiences, and expressions to help the Church be God's hands and feet in the world. Within my own perspective, I bring an understanding of the challenges and blessings in front of us as God's people, an appreciation of how the Episcopal Church is structured, and a desire to discover how we might best follow the Holy Spirit to live into a life in Jesus Christ and share the Good News to all. I serve as the Associate Rector for Christian Formation at Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, where I am also the Chaplain to the Episcopal Church at William & Mary (Canterbury). Within the Diocese, I am a member of: the Disciplinary Board;

Program, Budget, and Review Committee; Credentials Committee; and Vice President of the Chanco Board of Directors. With God's help, I would be honored to serve as an alternate to General Convention.

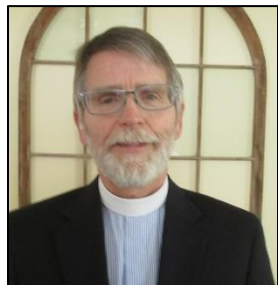
The Ven. Jan M. Brown, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg



I have served our Diocese as a Deacon beginning April 16, 2016. Prior to Ordination I was an active lay member of the Diocese serving as Verger at Bruton Parish Church and on the Vestry at Hickory Neck, as well as involved with the Youth Groups in both parishes and teaching Sunday School at Hickory Neck. In 2019, I served on the Bishop Consecration Liturgy Task Force which was responsible for planning and coordinating all the details of the ordination and consecration of Bishop Haynes. In 2020, I was appointed Archdeacon of the Diocese by Bishop Haynes. In addition, within the Diocese, I serve on the Commission on Ministry as well as Co-Chair of the Addictions & Recovery Commission. I currently serve on the Province III Opioid Response Task

Force and on the General Convention Task Force to Respond to the Opioid Epidemic. In 2016 I was appointed by the Presiding Bishop to serve on the Commission on Impairment and Leadership. I formerly served as Vice President of the Board of Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church. Beyond the walls of the church I am the Founding Executive Director of SpiritWorks Foundation, a recovery community organization with a 16-year history of providing recovery support services to individuals, families and communities affected by addiction and other drug problems. I serve on various local, state, national and international boards and committees as a subject matter expert on addiction and recovery. I believe I am a good candidate and would be honored to serve our Diocese as a clergy alternate deputy to the 80th General Convention.

The Rev. Les Ferguson, St. John's, Suffolk



I have served in our Diocese both as a lay person and ordained clergy. I have ministered with the people of St. John's Suffolk since December 2010 and have been a member of many Ecumenical groups in our city. Prior to Ordination I was an active lay member of the Diocese from 1998 through 2010. I believe I have a broad perspective of our Diocese and our interaction with the wider church. I was selected to serve as Chaplain to the Transition Committee during our search for our Diocesan Bishop. I have experience with discernment and formulating policies, both in the sacred and secular environments. With God's help I would be honored to serve as an alternate to General Convention for our Diocese.

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Current & Outgoing Members

Standing Committee 2020

The Very Rev. Stan Sawyer, *All Saints, Virginia Beach*

Mr. John Rector, *St. Paul's, Suffolk*

The Rev. Cameron Randle, *Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach*

Ms. Helen Sharpe-Williams, *Grace Church, Norfolk*

The Rev. Andie Wigodsky Rohrs, *St. Andrew's, Norfolk*

Mr. Rusty Bishop, *St. Timothy's, Clarksville*

Outgoing members: The Very Rev. Stan Sawyer, Mr. John Rector

Disciplinary Board 2020-2021

The Rev. Bob Randall, Old Donation, Virginia Beach

Ms. Monica Flynn, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach

Vacant - Lay

Mr. Bob Motley, Ascension, Norfolk

The Rev. Lauren McDonald, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg

The Rev. Charles Bauer, Hickory Neck, Toano

The Rev. Jacqueline Soltys

The Rev. Grant Stokes, Trinity, Portsmouth

Ms. Carolyn Kelly, St. James, Portsmouth

Outgoing members: The Rev. Bob Randall, Ms. Monica Flynn

General Convention 2022 Deputies (Elected at 2020 Annual Council)

Lay Deputies: Sam Webster, Ascension, Norfolk; Pam Pringle, St. John's, Hampton; Helen Sharpe-Williams, Grace, Norfolk; Alice Webley, All Saints, Virginia Beach.

Clergy Deputies: The Rev. Cathy Boyd, St. Martin's, Williamsburg; The Rev. Carter Sinclair, Emmanuel, Virginia Beach; The Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly, Hickory Neck, Toano; The Rev. Ronald Ramsey (Head of Deputation), St. Cyprian's, Hampton.