



The 133rd Annual Council

February 8, 2025

Nominees for Election

(as of January 24, 2025)

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 Episcopal Church.

Clergy Nominees, one to be elected.

The Rev. William B. Taylor, Jr., St. John's, Hopewell



I have been in the Diocese of Southern Virginia since I was four years old, attending Eastern Shore Chapel, VA Beach. When younger, I held offices in the EYC at church, in Convocation 2, and as VP of the EYC Diocesan Board. I attended Camp Chanco as well as served as a Counselor and Program Director. In college, I attended functions at the Canterbury House at Old Dominion University. While there, I went with the Diocesan college contingent to Denver, CO for the 1979 General Convention. I hold a BA in History from Old Dominion University and an MDiv. from Virginia Theological Seminary.

Ordained in 1987 as deacon, I started my ministry as assistant at Church of the Ascension, Norfolk, then ordained priest in 1988. I served on the Commission on Ministry for two years as a co-opted newly ordained person in 1988 and 1989. I became Rector at Church of the Epiphany, Norfolk in 1990. During this period, I became Chair of the Chanco Committee having served on that committee since 1976. In 1992, Bishop Vest hired me, and I began my ministry as Director of Youth Ministries and Camp Chanco. By 2003, my role changed to Executive Director of Chanco on the James, which included the administering of the Conference Center as well as the Camp.

In 2008, I was called as Priest-in-Charge at St. John's in Hopewell, Virginia and then as Rector in 2015, where I continue to serve. I use my love of history and degree now as Historiographer for our diocese. I am serving now on the Executive Board as the clergy representative for Convocation 6. I believe my 50 years in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, with the experience I have gained in the different functions and roles I have

played, will serve me well if I am elected to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. I have served under five Diocesan Bishops, one Bishop Coadjutor, two Assistant Bishops, and three Interim Bishops. If anything, I know the corporate history of the Diocese inside and out. I love our Diocese, and I am a fan of Bishop Haynes. I want to do anything in my power to be of assistance to her and her ministry in the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

The Rev. Dana VanVliet Pullin, St. Mark's, Hampton



I am currently serving as Deacon to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Hampton on Saturdays and on Sundays I am Bishop Susan's Deacon, and driver.

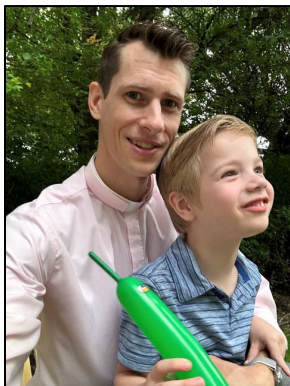
July 2023 I was appointed to the Disciplinary Board, and I am also the Assistant Spiritual Director on the Secretariat of Cursillo for the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

In May I traveled to the Episcopal Diocese of Navajoland and lived with the Navajo (Dine) for a week. I listened and walked along side of them and brought back home their concerns.

Traveling with Bishop Susan for the last two years I have met and listened to people in numerous churches about what is important to them and what their concerns are.

I believe with my traveling to other churches outside of Hampton and traveling to other dioceses, I can bring new information to the Standing Committee about important issues and the health of the broader church.

The Rev. Seldon M. Walker, Grace, Yorktown



Grace and Peace to you! I am submitting my nomination for the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia with a deep sense of humility and commitment to our shared faith and mission. My lifelong journey within the Episcopal Church has been profoundly transformative, and I am eager to contribute my skills, experiences, and dedication to the wider life of the Diocese and to this Committee.

I currently serve as the Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown. My family and I were called to Grace in August of 2020, and it has been an honor to serve alongside such fine people. My time with Grace has been both rewarding and challenging; however, it has been moving to see how God works in the midst of change, challenge and opportunity. I came to Grace from the Diocese of Virginia, where I served with Christ Church Alexandria as an Associate Rector.

From my early years, I have been actively involved in various facets of the church. My spiritual journey began in earnest at Saint James Episcopal Church in Warrenton, VA, where as a youth I served as an acolyte. In my early adulthood I continued to be involved in the life of Saint James through leading youth ministry programs, leading the acolyte program, and serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. This early involvement sparked a passion for service and ministry, which has only deepened over the years.

Prior to my ordination, I worked as a Geologist and Environmental Specialist in various aspects of the environmental industry. My experience in these professional roles has honed my abilities in working with wide groups of people, including government agencies. In my last position, I was heavily involved in environmental regulation and permitting which in many ways, is similar to working in church constitution and canon. Alongside my experience in the church, my professional experience outside of the church has provided me the opportunity to build a skill set that will serve me well as a member of the Standing Committee.

While I have served our Diocese as a clergy interviewer for the Ordination Exploration Process (OEP), being a part of the Standing Committee would be the first time serving in an elected position within our Diocese. As a member of the Standing Committee, I will remain committed to upholding our Diocese's mission, values and working collaboratively to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

I am excited about the possibility of contributing to the important work of the Standing Committee and supporting the mission of our great Diocese. Thank you for considering my nomination.

Lay Nominees, *one to be elected.*

Dr. Faye S. Felton, St. James', Portsmouth



I am a cradled, baptized and confirmed Episcopalian. Growing up in the church I served as an acolyte and choir member. For many years, I have served as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Reader, President of the choir, President of St. Maria's Guild, a member of the ECW, a Vestry member and Register for the Vestry. I also help feed the needy and the homeless.

On the diocesan level, I have attended several Annual Councils, attended the General Convention in Baltimore, Maryland as a Lay Alternate, served as a representative to the Executive Board for Convocation 4, am attending and participating in DCDI, attended and participated in the Safe Church Training and the Racial Healing Workshop.

As a retired administrator, I have the ability to listen and effectively weigh considerations to make informed decisions on recommendations made. I have the ability to understand and engage with an open mind in the complex issues and facts presented. I am a good listener who knows about confidentiality. I have an interest in the health, growth and vitality of the broader church.

It would be an honor to serve as a member of the Standing Committee because of my leadership, analytical and administrative skills. I have the ability to listen, grasp and comprehend information about issues. Just as I give my time and talent to the church I so dearly love, I would do the same if elected to the Standing Committee.

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.

Clergy Nominees, two to be elected.

No nominations were received.

Lay Nominees, one to be elected.

No nominations were received.

Provincial Synod

Our Diocese has three deputies to Provincial Synod (one cleric and two lay persons) who serve three-year terms. They are responsible to the Bishop and the Executive Board and report to the Board following Synod meetings. One of these deputies is also appointed by the bishop to serve a three-year term on the Provincial Council.

Clergy Nominees, one to be elected.

No nominations were received.

Lay Nominees, one to be elected.

No nominations were received.

Current & Outgoing Members

Standing Committee

The Rev. Grant Stokes, *Trinity, Portsmouth*

Ms. Kathy Wootton, *St. Luke's, Blackstone*

The Very Rev. Dr. Susan Grimm, *St. Timothy's, Clarksville & Trinity, South Boston*

Ms. Michele McCoy, *Grace, Norfolk*

The Rev. Mary Margaret Winn, *St. John's, Chester*

Ms. Deborah Austin, *St. Mark's Suffolk*

Outgoing members: The Rev. Grant Stokes, Ms. Kathy Wootton

Disciplinary Board 2024-2025

The Rev. Donna Hines, *Glebe, Suffolk*

The Rev. Grace Rigby, *Redeemer, Midlothian*

Mr. Albert Banwell, *St. Mark's, Hampton*

The Rev. Liam Muller, *Good Shepherd, McKenney & St. Luke's, Blackstone*

The Rev. Dana VanVliet Pullin, *St. Mark's, Hampton*

Ms. Vania Blaiklock, *Bruton Parish, Williamsburg*

The Rev. Mark Riley, *St. Francis, Virginia Beach*

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

Ms. Carolyn Kelly, *St. James', Portsmouth*

Outgoing members: The Rev. Donna Hines, The Rev. Grace Rigby, Mr. Albert Banwell

Provincial Synod

The Rev. Marc Vance, *St. Andrew's, Newport News*

Ms. Helen Sharpe-Williams, *Christ & St. Luke's, Norfolk*

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

Outgoing members: The Rev. Marc Vance, Ms. Helen Sharpe-Williams