



The West Charleston Deanery The Diocese of South Carolina

November 15, 2019

On behalf of the host congregations of the West Charleston Deanery, I am honored to welcome delegates and guests to the 229th Convention the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, held this year at the North Charleston Marriot. Since our re-constitution and restoration as the historic Diocese of South Carolina, this will be our first convention to be held at a convention hall, rather than at one of our church facilities. It promises to be an interesting and unique experience. I am certain, however, that the love and worship we will experience at this point in our common life together will be just as robust and grace-filled as ever.

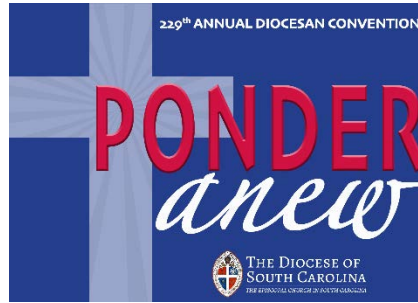
Please don't hesitate to call Diane Wilson, Volunteers Coordinator and Administrative Assistant at St. George's at 843 819-2012, or me at 843 345-2570 if you have any needs or concerns during the convention.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

The Very Rev. Christopher M. Huff
Dean, West Charleston Deanery of the Diocese of South Carolina
Rector, St. George's Episcopal Church

Congregations of the West Charleston Deanery:

The Church of the Epiphany, Summerville
The Episcopal Church on Edisto
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville
St. Francis Episcopal Church, West Ashley
St. George's Episcopal Church, Summerville
St. Thomas Episcopal Church at Park Circle, North Charleston



The Diocese of South Carolina
The 229th Annual Diocesan Convention
North Charleston Marriott

Friday, November 15, 2019

	Location
9:00 a.m. Registration begins and continues until 5:00 PM	
10:00 a.m. – 2:20 p.m. Break-Out Informational Sessions	
10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Resolutions Committee	<i>Compass E</i>
10:40 – 11:10 a.m. Budget	<i>Momentum</i>
11:20 – 11:50 a.m. Constitution & Canons	<i>Compass E</i>
<i>(lunch on your own)</i>	
12:45 – 1:15 p.m. Delegate Orientation	<i>Momentum</i>
1:25 – 2:20 p.m. Meet the Nominees	<i>Compass E</i>
12:00 pm Exhibitors begin and continue through evening in the exhibition hall.	
2:30 p.m. Afternoon Session with Bishop Todd Ousley	<i>Compass ABCD</i>
5:00 p.m. Call to Order, followed by evening business session and Evening Prayer	
5:00 p.m. First Business Session	<i>Compass ABCD</i>
Call to Order	The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. “Skip” Adams III Provisional Bishop of Diocese of South Carolina
Presentation of Agenda	The Bishop
Vote to Adopt Agenda	

Appointment of Convention Committees	The Bishop
Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions	
Committee on Constitutions and Canons	
Committee on Finance	
Committee on Elections	
Committee on Resolutions	
Committee on Credentials	
Committee on Necrology	
Committee on Nominations	
Report of Credentials Committee	The Rev. Randy Ferebee
Certification of Quorum	The Ven. Calhoun Walpole
Announcements	Archdeacon Walpole
Election of Secretary	The Bishop
Election of Vice Chancellor	The Bishop
Election of Treasurer	The Bishop
Nomination of Commission on Ministry	The Bishop
Appointment of Parliamentarian	The Bishop
Appointment of Deans	The Bishop
Report of the Youth Commission	Ms. Madison Clayton Ms. Mary Patterson Suggs
Bishop's Address	The Bishop
Recognition of Bishop Adams	The Rev. Jeff Richardson
Last Call for Nominations and Resolutions	Archdeacon Walpole
Evening Prayer	Diocesan Youth
Recess	
Welcome Reception (included with registration) & Celebration of Bishop Skip and Mrs. Bonnie Adams	

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Second Business Session

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Committees meet as needed

8:00 a.m. Registration begins and continues until 9 a.m.
Exhibits Open in hallway

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Compass E

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Committee on Resolutions

Momentum

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Compass ABCD

Short Break

Call to Order

The Bishop

Second Report of Committee on Credentials

Ms. Pat Neumann

Report of Nominating Committee

The Rev. Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II

Ballot

Election of Trustee of The University of the South

Election of Diocesan Council

Election of Standing Committee

Election of Deputies and Alternates for 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church

Report of the Treasurer

The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor

Presentation and Vote on 2019 Budget

Ms. Ray Sabalis

Report of Committee on Constitutions and Canons

Ms. Melinda Lucka Kelley

Welcome of Special Guests

The Bishop

Recognize New Clergy and Seminarians

The Bishop

Announcements & Blessing

LUNCH

Report of the Elections Committee and Second Ballot (if needed)

The Very Rev. Chris Huff

Proposed Constitutional Amendments from the 79th General Convention

Archdeacon Walpole

Report of the Missioner for Returning Congregations

The Rev. Bill Coyne

Report from Voorhees College	Dr. W. Franklin Evans
First Report of Committee on Resolutions	The Rev. Pam Fahrner
Report of the Chancellor	Mr. Thomas Tisdale
Second Report of the Elections Committee and Third Ballot (if needed)	Ms. Carol Henry
Report from Campus Ministries	Mr. Taylor Skardon The Rev. Dr. James Yarsiah The Rev. Rob Donehue
Recognition of Institutions	The Bishop
Report from Sewanee Trustees	The Rev. Rob Donehue Mrs. Jane Hart Lewis Mr. Tom Miller
Third Report of the Elections Committee (if needed)	The Very Rev. Chris Huff
Report of Committee on Necrology	The Rev. Donald McPhail
Second Report of the Committee on Resolutions, for Courtesy Resolutions	Mr. Wayne Helmly
Invitation to the 230 th Annual Diocesan Convention November 20-21, 2020, in the Pee Dee Waccamaw Deanery, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry as Preacher	The Very Rev. Wil Keith
Adjournment and Benediction	The Bishop



Convention Committee Appointments 229th Annual Diocesan Convention

Constitution and Canons

Ms. Erin Bailey
Ms. Melinda Lucka Kelley, Chair
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale
The Rev. Roy Tripp
The Ven. Calhoun Walpole
The Rev. Jill Williams

Credentials – Clergy

The Rev. Randy Ferebee
The Rev. Donald Fishburne, Chair
The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee

Credentials – Lay

Ms. Audra Alford
Ms. Evelyn LeGrand
Ms. Pat Neumann

Elections

Mr. Bob King
The Rev. Dow Sanderson
Ms. Carol Henry

New Parishes and Missions

Ms. Susie Goss
The Rev. Jack Nietert
The Rev. Adam Shoemaker
Mr. Rick Stall, Chair
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, ex-officio

Necrology

The Rev. Donald McPhail

Finance

Mr. Bill Beak
Mr. Bart Carson
Mr. Bubba Foy
Ms. Lynn Hopkins
The Rev. Chris Huff
Mr. Mike Jefferson
Ms. Barbara Mann
Mr. Mark Szen
The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor

Nominations

Ms. Pam Guess
Ms. Deb Harris
Ms. Kim Horton
The Very Rev. Chris Huff
The Rev. Dr. Wilmot Merchant, Chair
Mr. Warren Mersereau
The Rev. Tom Wilson
The Rev. James Yarsiah

Resolutions

The Rev. Sr. Miriam Elizabeth Bledsoe
The Rev. Pam Fahrner, Chair
Mr. Wayne Helmly
Ms. Rebecca Lovelace
Mr. Thomas Tisdale, ex-officio

Appointment of Diocesan Committees

Nomination of Commission on Ministry (2020)

The Rev. Courtney Davis-Shoemaker

Ms. Mary Ann Foy

Mr. Chris Hayes

The Very Rev. Wil Keith

Ms. Jane Hart Lewis

The Very Rev. Richard Lindsey

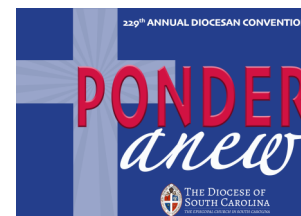
The Rev. Dow Sanderson, Chair

The Ven. Calhoun Walpole

Dr. Amy Webb

NOMINEES FOR DIOCESAN OFFICES

Report prepared for the Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings,
October 2019



Diocesan Council (3 year terms)

Clergy Nominees (2 Clergy Seats):

The Very Rev. Wil Keith
The Rev. Dr. Matt McCormick
The Rev. Bryce Wandrey
The Rev. James Yarsiah

Lay Nominees (2 Lay Seats):

Carol Grish
Ginny King
Ron Layton
Harold Stowe

Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council is responsible for the development, implementation and oversight of the Diocesan program and budget. Between Diocesan Conventions, the Council functions much like the vestry of a congregation, establishing policies, planning the work of the church, and overseeing its administration.

Standing Committee (3 year terms)

Clergy Nominees (2 Clergy Seats):

The Rev. Courtney Davis-Shoemaker
The Rev. Tom Wilson

2 Lay Seats

Lay Nominees:

Lenny Blevins
Charles Carpenter
Alison Davidow
Mary Dianish
Richard Lovelace
Taylor Skardon
Larry Watt
Christopher (Chris) West

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee is comprised of six clergy and six lay members. The Standing Committee's responsibilities are:

- 1) Act as the Standing Committee of the diocese in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, The Constitution of this Diocese (Article IX), and its Canons, including giving consents to Episcopal elections elsewhere in TEC;
 - 2) Act as a Council of advice to the Bishop; and
 - 3) Act as Ecclesiastical Authority in absence of the Bishop.
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Deputies to the 80th General Convention (2021)

Clergy Nominees (4 Clergy Deputies and 4 Alternates):

The Rev. Bill Coyne
The Very Rev. Wil Keith
The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee
The Rev. Cn. Wilmot Merchant, II
The Rev. George Moyser
The Very Rev. Adam Shoemaker
The Rev. Roy Tripp

Lay Nominees (4 Lay Deputies and 4 Alternates):

Christina Donovan
Deb Harris
Andrea McKellar
Thomas Miller
Matt Robertson
Mark Szen
Larry Watt

Deputies and Alternates

Each diocese of The Episcopal Church is entitled to four clergy and four lay deputies at the triennial meetings of the General Convention. Deputies serve any number of three-year terms. The 80th General Convention will be held June 30-July 9, 2021, in Baltimore, MD.

Expectations include attending the full two days at the Convention, as well as the two-day Province IV Synod meetings in June 2020 and June 2021 at Kanuga Conference Center. There will be some diocesan funds available to offset the costs, but additional funds may need to be identified from local parishes and individuals.

Trustee, University of the South (3 year term)

1 Lay Trustee

Lay Nominees:

Jane Hart Lewis
Parker Moore

University of the South Trustee

The University of the South, located in Sewanee, TN, is owned by the Episcopal dioceses of the southeast, each of which elects two lay persons and one member of the clergy to its Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet once each year for two days. Between annual meetings, trustees serve the University by promoting its mission, encouraging enrollment, and supporting it financially.

**Late nominations may be presented
to the Nominations Committee
on or before November 15, 2019,
the first business day of Diocesan Convention.**

**Late nominations must include 120 copies
of each nominee's photo, nominator statement,
and personal statement.**

Diocesan Council

Clergy

Name: The Very Rev. Wil Keith

Church: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Rob Donehue



Nominator statement: Fr. Wil has served ably on the Standing Committee for three years. His experience of the inner workings of the diocese will allow him to serve effectively on Diocesan Council, and he will be able to jump right in without having to "learn the ropes." Considering the monumental task ahead of us in finding a diocesan bishop, we need people like Wil to serve in positions of diocesan leadership. I am confident that Wil's care and concern for the future of the diocese will make him a valued member of Diocesan Council.

Personal statement: I have served as Rector of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church for over seven years. Throughout that time I have served on at least one diocesan committee or commission. That is not to be read as a complaint, for it has been an honor. My service includes The Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Dean of the Pee Dee Waccamaw Deanery, and Deputy to General Convention. During the ups and downs, I have seen this diocese develop into something wonderful and pray that I may do my part to see it continue to flourish.

Diocesan Council

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Dr. Matt McCormick

Church: Calvary, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee



Nominator statement: Matthew+ is finishing a one year term on Diocesan Council and has earned a reputation of having abundant joy and rootedness in God's grace. He has become an invaluable asset to the diocese. It would be beneficial for him to stay on Diocesan Council and serve a regular term. We have worked closely together on several fronts. He served this year as both Spiritual Director for Happening and guest preacher for the Bishop's Lock-In. He is fully invested in the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the central focus of the church and is a voice of clarity and reason when it comes to church governance. He always has the mission of the church as his foundation when making decisions and is not afraid to ask the tough questions. For the future of our church and the possibilities of returning congregations, as well as his involvement in diocesan youth ministries, it would benefit the diocese greatly for Matthew+ to serve a full term on Diocesan Council.

Personal Statement: I am deeply humbled and honored to be nominated for a three-year term to the Diocesan Council. I serve as Priest-in-Charge of Calvary Episcopal Church, Charleston. I have already served on the Council this past year and would be honored to continue to serve. I am so excited about what I am seeing in the Diocese. The generative work of God's Grace in Christ is growing our churches in the power of the Holy Spirit. For my family, the Episcopal Church in South Carolina is our home. We love our Diocese, the clergy, and laity who serve within it.

One of the great highlights for me from this past year was serving as a spiritual director for our 1st Happening Youth Retreat and watching the power of God's love embrace and renew our youth. Christ Jesus enveloped 45+ teens with the resurrection power of His grace and changed their lives forever. For me, it is a major sign of what Christ is doing in our Diocese. He is healing and renewing us for a wonderful future. I am committed to continue serving on the Council. Thank you for taking the time to read my report and God's grace, joy, and love be upon you now and always.

Diocesan Council

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Bryce Wandrey

Church: Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Jill Williams



Nominator Statement: Rev. Bryce Wandrey brings skills and experience from a variety of settings to the Episcopal Church in South Carolina. In particular, Bryce spent time in Chaplaincy positions in the U.S. and abroad. He has an expertise in children and youth ministry as well as creative ideas for engaging adult programming. Bryce's energy and his desire for a thriving diocese will serve our diocesan council very well.

Personal Statement: I am honored to be nominated for a place on our Diocesan Council and would be humbled to serve the Diocese in this capacity, if elected. I hope I would be able to bring a relatively broad range of experience to the Council.

I served for four years in North Carolina as a Lutheran pastor before joining the Anglican communion in 2006. I then served for nine years in the Diocese of London in two parish churches (St Michael's, Highgate and All Saints', Highgate). Because of the parochial nature of Church of England parishes, I gained a lot of experience engaging with our local communities and raising the profile of our churches in those communities. For five years I served the Diocese as a lecturer on the Licensed Lay Minister training course, helping to prepare people to preach, officiate and be pastoral visitors in their parish churches. St Michael's parish church was associated with a Church of England School at which I taught 5th grade Religious Education for nine years and served on the Board of Governors for two years.

Upon returning to the USA I served for one and a half years as Middle School Chaplain at Porter-Guad School. Since January 1, 2019 I have been Priest Associate at Grace Church Cathedral.

I am excited to be part of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina and welcome the opportunity to be elected to our Diocesan Council.

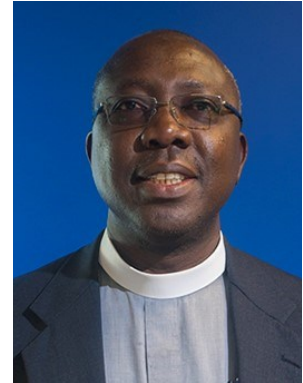
Diocesan Council

Clergy

Name: The Rev. James Yarsiah

Church: St. Philip's Chapel, Voorhees College, Denmark

Nominated by: Shirley Robinson



Nominator statement: I am enthusiastically pleased to nominate the Rev. Dr. James T. Yarsiah as a candidate to be elected to serve on the Diocesan Council of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Fr. Yarsiah is the spiritual leader at Voorhees College and Vicar of St. Philip's Chapel. He has demonstrated commitment and dedication to the spiritual needs and guidance of the membership of St. Philip's Chapel and the students of the College. Furthermore, Dr. Yarsiah also teaches several religion courses at Voorhees College. Fr. Yarsiah is a visionary and dynamic leader, and has served two consecutive terms on the Diocesan Standing Committee of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Dr. Yarsiah is very knowledgeable of the dynamics of human diversity and needs, and will be an asset in serving on the Diocesan Council.

Personal Statement: For the past eight years, I have served as the Chaplain at Voorhees College and Vicar at St. Philip's Chapel, Denmark, SC. I also teach several Religion courses, including Comparative Religion, The Bible as Literature and The Life and Teaching of Jesus. I am the spiritual leader of the college community and is responsible for providing prayer, spiritual nurturing and pastoral services. I plan and lead weekly Tuesday chapel worship services and Sunday Eucharist. I am also responsible for planning the Annual Absalom Jones Feast Day service, the Pre-Thanksgiving Day service and I participate in the various Convocations held at Voorhees. During the last six years, I have worked closely with Episcopal students to help them acquire scholarships from The Episcopal Church (TEC) and the Association of Episcopal Colleges (AEC). Our ministry at St. Philip's Chapel is impacting students directly. In July this year, we received a Diocesan Ministry Grant and our congregation is currently implementing the Alternative Sunday Brunch, an outreach of St. Philip's to college students. Prior to assuming the position at Voorhees and St. Philip's, I served as Vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Charleston, for seven years.

On the Diocesan level, I served on the Standing Committee from 2016-2018. I am also an active member of the Southern Deanery and a member of its Outreach Committee. On the College level, I have represented Voorhees College and the Chaplain's Office at major conferences and conventions, including the last three General Conventions of The Episcopal Church, the Eighth Triennial Conference of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion, and the Association of Episcopal Colleges, among others. In July 2015, I assisted in getting the Voorhees College Choir to sing at the 78th General Convention, held in Salt Lake City, Utah. From 2006 to present, my wife Ophelia and I have led an initiative that engaged several churches, institutions, and friends in donating school and church materials that we have shipped to Liberia.

I am a 2010 Doctor of Ministry (D Min) graduate of The School of Theology, the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

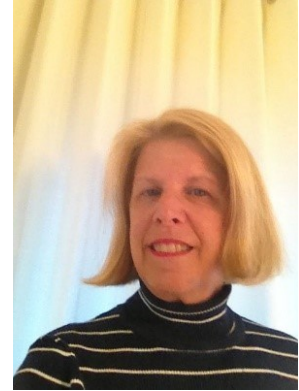
Diocesan Council

Lay

Name: Carol Grish

Church: All Saints' – Hilton Head Island

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Mark Brinkmann



Nominator Statement: I am delighted to nominate Carol Grish for Diocesan Council. A cradle Episcopalian, Carol has deep roots in the church. Since coming to All Saints, she has taken an active role by serving on the Vestry and is currently on the Stewardship Committee as well as being the parish liaison to Voorhees College. Her wealth of experience at the diocesan level includes an active role on the Prison Ministry Team along with contributions as a member of the Diocesan Personnel Committee and terms on Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee. Her diocesan activity is not limited to her participation here as she also served in the Diocese of Virginia. A person with energy, enthusiasm and a solid track record in church governance, Carol is an outstanding candidate for Diocesan Council.

Personal Statement: After serving on the Standing Committee, I believe that I am well prepared for serving on the Diocesan Council. Over the next couple of years, the Diocese will be making important decisions to move forward. I have played a small part in everything required to create this new and vibrant new Diocese. At All Saints in Hilton Head, I am currently a delegate, have served on the Vestry, was the Chairperson of the Year-Round Stewardship Committee that oversees the 80+ ministries at All Saints and the Annual Giving campaign. At the Diocesan Level, I have served on the Personnel Committee, Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and am currently a member of the Bible Study Program at the Estill Medium Security Prison. I would be humbled to serve on the Diocesan Council and work with our new bishop to continue to build a healthy and thriving diocese.

Our diocese is a community, a family, and it takes all of us, giving and serving, to help this Diocese serve our wider community as a part of the Body of Christ.

Diocesan Council

Lay

Name: Ginny King

Church: The Episcopal Church on Edisto

Nominated by: Pat Neumann



Nominator statement: Ginny is a nurse, an educator and a volunteer –all activities which indicate that she is concerned about people and what happens to them. She strives to make a difference in the human condition. Her rich professional and personal experiences have given her the perfect set of skills needed for service as a diocesan leader. She is the type of person who carefully considers all sides of an issue before she speaks to it. She is a problem solver, always looking for the answer to any situation. She is a respectful listener and a lifelong learner. Her contributions to The Episcopal Church on Edisto started before the ink was dry on her transfer form. She is a Lay Intercessor and will be completing a three year commitment as a valued member of the Mission Council at the end of this year. She is Chair of the Flower Guild and the Christian Education Committee. She has served on the Search Committee for a Priest-in-Charge. She is a co-chair of our Foyer Groups Initiative. She was one of the first people to volunteer to be a LIFT driver (a program which provides rides to medical/dental appointments). I am pleased and honored to nominate Ginny King for a lay position on the Diocesan Council.

Personal Statement: I joined the Episcopal Church on Edisto (ECOE) in 2013 and currently serve on the Mission Council. I am chair of Christian Education and the Flower Guild and actively participate in myriad ways in the life of our church community. Since being at ECOE, I have completed the Education for Ministry program and also served on the Episcopal Forum board. Prior to the church forming on Edisto I attended Grace Cathedral in Charleston; I continue as a member of the Journey group and the Grace-Mt Zion AME book study group. I have been an active member of congregations in the Dioceses of Massachusetts, Northern California, Michigan and Virginia.

I graduated from the Medical College of SC School of Nursing, the University of SC with a BS in nursing, the University of Michigan with a Masters in Nursing and from a post-masters nurse practitioner (NP) program at Virginia Commonwealth University. I worked in a variety of positions in my nursing career and was on the faculty of the University of Virginia School of Nursing prior to completing the NP program. My clinical work as an NP focused on geriatrics and long-term care.

I am a lifelong Episcopalian, grew up in the SC Lowcountry and retired to my family home in 2007. I am divorced and the mother of two adult children. Volunteering in community, church and professional groups has always been an important aspect of my life. Currently I drive in the LIFT program (providing transportation to elderly and /or underserved people for medical appointments) twice monthly, volunteer at Jane Edwards School with the Young Naturalist program and am on the St. Paul's Garden Club board. I would look forward to serving on the Diocesan Council.

Diocesan Council

Lay

Name: Ron Layton

Church: Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee



Nominator statement: I've known Ron and his wife Shirley for five years. I went to college with their two sons. In my time knowing Ron and his family I have discovered that he is the real deal. He has had a long and successful career; and his devotion and faithfulness to the church speaks for itself. He currently serves on the vestry at Grace Church Cathedral as liaison for Outreach and is an outstanding team player. He consistently serves at our Wednesday Night Community Suppers, willing to do whatever task is needed. Ron is very efficient and meticulous and is not afraid to ask straight forward questions. With the work ahead for the Diocesan Council I believe he would be a great addition to the team.

Personal Statement: I was raised on a farm near Tennille, GA, in the Methodist tradition, being the oldest of five. I was church pianist during high school. I hold degrees in chemistry from Emory University and MIT, and had a career on the Technical Staff of the DuPont Company's Fibers Department in Wilmington, DE, Nashville, TN and Kinston, NC. I was recognized as an expert on fiber surface properties and travelled extensively in North America, Europe and Asia for them. I retired from DuPont 17 years ago and ran a consulting business for a few years.

I am married to Shirley Fellows, also a chemist, and we have two sons and six grand children ranging from 3 to 9 years. My son, Eric, owns Trident General Dentistry in Charleston, and my son, Wade, is Market President for Durham – Chapel Hill for BB&T. Shirley is active with Tea Room, the Hospitality Committee and is halfway through the EFM course.

Upon starting work with DuPont, I looked for a church which emphasized outreach to the less fortunate in the community as well as music and liturgy. St. Andrews Episcopal met those needs. They sponsored Wilmington Garden Day as their fundraiser for charities and I chaired the Signs Committee. I was the choir at St. Andrews, Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, and St. Mary's, Kinston, where I served on the vestry, as Sr Warden, on the Music Committee and as delegate to several diocesan conventions. During this time, St. Mary's established Mary's Kitchen and the Boar's Head Festival, gathering about 150 costumed players to celebrate Old Christmas.

I have attended Grace Church since 2010 and am active in the Parish Choir, Tea Room, Community Suppers and Canterbury Tea. I currently serve on the Vestry as Outreach Liaison.

Diocesan Council

Lay

Name: Harold Stowe

Church: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Wil Keith



Nominator Statement: Harold Stowe was my first treasurer as rector of Holy Cross Faith Memorial and had served in that role for 15 years. During that time, the parish experienced considerable growth of not only numbers of members, but also a growing physical plant and, I pray, growth in the spirit. Harold was a catalyst in each of those areas. Not only an able administrator, planner, and bean-counter, Harold also served as an able Stephen Minister, offering peer-to-peer pastoral support, throughout that time. Our diocese would benefit greatly from his leadership.

Personal Statement: Thank you for considering my interest in serving on the Diocesan Council. My wife and I joined Holy Cross shortly after moving to Pawleys Island in 2002. My church history was in the Presbyterian Church, but after considering several options in our new location, we quickly realized that Holy Cross offered a real church home. I was appointed church treasurer and Vestry Member shortly after joining Holy Cross, and I served in those roles until 2017 when we decided to split our living time between Pawleys and the Isle of Palms. For a church connection in the Charleston area, we have affiliated with Grace Church Cathedral. While I have stayed actively involved in stewardship activities at Holy Cross, and have continued my service as a Stephen Minister, I have struggled with a less connected role. Thus, the opportunity to serve in a diocesan role is very appealing.

In my personal life, I am a graduate of Washington and Lee University and the Harvard Business School. My career started with nearly ten years in commercial banking followed by a job as Treasurer of a publicly traded textile company. In 1980, I started work as manager of a large family owned group of companies, and after moving to another family business situation, I became CEO of a sizable group of forest product companies. Since retirement, I have pursued private investment opportunities, and have served on the Boards of numerous companies, including two NYSE listed ones.

Standing Committee *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Courtney Davis-Shoemaker

Church: St. Stephen's, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Jill Williams



Nominator statement: Rev. Courtney has exceptional leadership skills and insight. Her energy, focus on vision will be an amazing asset to the standing committee. In addition, Courtney brings a fresh perspective to the committee. This perspective is especially important during times of transition when we can take a step back and refocus and reform into more of who God is calling us to be. Courtney will be able to help us do that. I highly recommend her for standing committee.

Personal Statement: I am excited for the opportunity to serve on the Standing Committee for the Episcopal Church in South Carolina. This is a time of transition for the church and I hope my organizational and pastoral experience will be an asset to the committee. I care deeply about this community and how we are called to move forward in the years ahead.

A native of Asheville, NC, I attended Dickinson College in Pennsylvania and the General Theological Seminary, and was ordained a priest in 2009. I have served parishes in North Carolina and Massachusetts, and was campus minister for Lutherans, Episcopalians, and Friends (LEAF) at Elon University. In MA, I served an urban congregation and while in NC I served as Vicar of a mission parish. I was recently appointed to the Commission on Ministry by Bishop Adams. My husband, the Rev. Adam Shoemaker, is rector of St. Stephen's, Charleston, where we are raising our three young children.

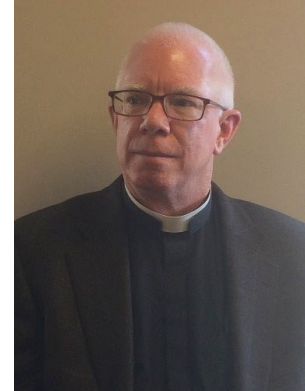
Standing Committee

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Tom Wilson

Church: Bishop Gadsden

Nominated by: The Rev. Dow Sanderson



Nominator statement: Tom has served on Standing Committee previously in Kansas. In addition to his experience as parish priest, and now chaplain to a large Episcopal senior living facility, Tom is also an attorney, with many years of experience. His wise, steady leadership would be an excellent resource in this period of transition. I happily endorse his candidacy for Standing Committee.

Personal statement: As a recent transplant to South Carolina and the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, I want to share some of how I got here. First, I started my professional career as a practicing attorney, with little ‘church’ background or interest. I began to attend my local Episcopal Church, as part of my efforts to establish a law practice.

A little over 25 years ago, I finally acknowledged and said “yes” to God’s call. I was ordained as an Episcopal Priest in the Diocese of Kansas in July 1994. I was born and raised in Kansas, with all of my education being in Kansas, save going to Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria Virginia.

Starting in the early 1980’s my wife and our family began to vacation on Fripp Island, near Beaufort. While we have enjoyed the Low Country, we never intended to live here. God had different plans. Since ordination I have continued to listen for and to discern what God had planned for me. Most recently it became clear that God’s call was almost as much of a change as seeking ordination. It was through faithfully trying to follow where the Spirit led me, that I was interviewed and offered the position as Chaplain at Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community, in Charleston.

I left my last parish the end of December 2016 and started as Chaplain in January 2017. I love my ministry as Chaplain to the Residents and Staff at Bishop Gadsden. My wife and I have built a home in West Ashley; Charleston is now our home.

If elected to a Clergy position on the Standing Committee I will faithfully and fully share the gifts and experiences that God has placed in my life. In my prior Diocese, I was a member of the Standing Committee, Diocesan Trustees and Diocesan finance committee. I have also held the position of Dean of a Convocation, as well as Rector, Priest in Charge, Assisting Priest and as a member of Regional Ministry Clergy Team.

I feel blessed to be in this Diocese. I am honored to be nominated and if elected, I will faithfully serve to the best of my abilities.

Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Lenny Blevins

Church: Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Michael Wright



Nominator statement: Lenny Blevins brings many gifts to the leadership table. He has served faithfully in several parishes over many years. His success in the world of business and real estate makes him an asset when it comes to serving well the financial and property needs of the church. The diocese has employed those gifts already. In 2017 Bishop Adams appointed him to serve on the Diocesan Transition Committee. As one of many displaced Episcopalians in the diocese, Lenny has known the struggles involved in starting over in a new parish having discovered his former parish was leaving the Episcopal Church. Celebrating his manifold gifts, his desire to serve along with his pastoral understanding, I am pleased to nominate him for Standing Committee.

Personal Statement: I am overwhelmed to be nominated for the Standing Committee. I want to be a servant leader as I believe we are facing a pivotal and promising chapter in our Diocese. For one, we will nominate and elect a Bishop who can help us heal and expand our Diocese. Secondly, I know the Standing Committee has a leadership role in this time of transition, and I would be honored to assist in an way I can during this time. I have served on vestry of St. Christopher's in Houston, TX, and on the vestry at the Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island. I have served on the Diocesan Transition Committee for three years, and I feel I have an understanding of the parishes that broke away that ay help as we work to reconcile and move forward in the name of Christ. I want to serve, and would be honored if elected.

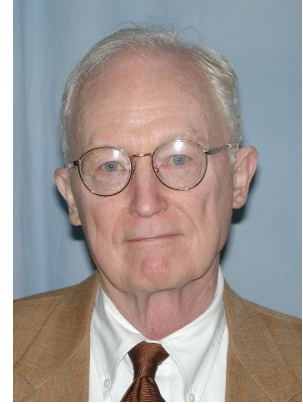
Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Charles (Chuck) Carpenter

Church: St. Catherine's, Florence

Nominated by: The Rev. Phil Emanuel



Nominator Statement: St. Catherine's Episcopal Church is pleased to nominate Chuck Carpenter for Diocesan Council. He is a founding member of St. Catherine's, currently serving on the mission council, he also serves on the Mission Grant Committee for the Diocese. His extensive knowledge of accounting will be valuable to the Diocesan Council. He will make an excellent addition to the Diocesan Council.

Personal Statement: A lifelong Episcopalian, I am a founding member of St. Catherine's, and currently serve as a member of its Mission Council. I was one of the initial members of the Foundation of this diocese, and also serve on the Mission Grants Committee of the diocese.

Previously, I was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Oxford, OH, for over 20 years during which time I served two, three-year terms as a member of Vestry, one three-year term as Senior Warden, and as Finance Committee chair for 15 years. I also served on the Budget Committee for that diocese, Southern Ohio.

Professionally, I have been a career-long academic, retiring in May 2018. Both a PhD and a CPA, I served on the faculties of Penn State, Miami University [OH], Berry College [GA], and, most recently, Francis Marion University, where I continue to teach on a part-time basis. I was active in a number of professional organizations, including service as President of the Administrators of Accounting Programs, and Vice-President of both the American Accounting Association and the Ohio Society of CPAs.

Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Alison Davidow

Church: St. Mark's, Port Royal

Nominated by: Barney Forsythe



Nominator Statement: I am pleased to nominate Alison Davidow to serve on the Diocesan Standing Committee. I have known Alison since I moved to Beaufort four years ago. Alison is a dedicated Episcopalian who has been active in church affairs for decades. Before coming to Beaufort in 2004, Alison served as a lay leader in a wide variety of capacities (e.g., lector, vestry member, search committee member) at St. Barnabas in Annandale, VA.

In Beaufort, she was one of the early members of St. Mark's, where she has provided strong leadership within our congregation and throughout the Southern Deanery for over a decade. She has served as senior warden, outreach and mission committee chair, and deanery representative. She was instrumental in leading St. Mark's from a home church, to a mission, to a parish within TECSC. Her close working relationships with social service organizations and other faith communities facilitates our congregation's engagement with the poor and homeless in our area. Alison is a dynamic leader who has a heart for ministry and service; she will serve the diocese with distinction on the Standing Committee. I am confident her experience will be invaluable as our diocese faces new challenges and opportunities in the future.

Personal Statement: In reviewing 45 years as an Episcopalian, I believe the changes witnessed, the teams and projects participated in, the giant steps, the near misses, and the blessings received have given me the perspective and empathy to contribute as a member of the Standing Committee. My life's outlook, bolstered by education and professional experience, has largely focused on getting things done. After a bachelor's degree, marriage, two children and participation in several volunteer organizations, I returned to school for a master's degree in public administration—right up my alley. I then entered Federal service, occupying increasingly responsible human resource positions; during this time I served as homeless meals chair/vestry member/search committee member at St. Barnabas in Annandale, VA. In 2004, I retired and moved to Beaufort, joining charitable, civic and political organizations focused on helping those in need. 2006 brought a heavenly gift: a news article about a prayer group, an emerging house church--St. Mark's. I never looked back. I have been enriched by working for St. Mark's, serving on its organizational board, then as the chapel/mission/parish developed, as vestry member, Southern deanery representative, senior warden (when our first vicar was chosen!), and chair of the Outreach and Mission committee.

St. Mark's now has a vital role in Beaufort's "public square" by paying attention and responding passionately to its community. We, as Episcopalians in St. Mark's, our diocese, and our national church are now, increasingly, loving and serving the world; I want to be part of getting that done.

Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Mary Dianish

Church: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Wil Keith



Nominator Statement: Mary Dianish is one of the best examples of competent and passionate lay leadership. She has a lifelong love of the Episcopal Church, its worship, and its governance. I can rely on her to know the proper decorum, meaning behind symbols, culture and many other important bits of information about our denomination that must be experienced and deduced. Also, she is often on hand to introduce me (her rector) to the visiting retired bishop in the congregation, as they often "go way back." As a diocese, we would be privileged to have her serve on our Standing Committee.

Personal Statement: As a cradle Episcopalian, I grew up in the Diocese of Virginia at Trinity Church Arlington, then during college, St Paul's Richmond and after college Good Shepherd Burke, where I began designing vestments, hangings and banners. This led to an interest in and study of all things liturgical and in 1986 I received a Master of Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary. As a determined proponent of the ministry of all the baptized, I always understood my vocation as a layperson and after graduation I took a position with the Seminary. Eventually, at the invitation of the Very Rev. Martha Horne, I became Assistant to the Dean for Special Events and Facilities. During this time I was also very active at the diocesan level, serving for 12 years on the Diocese of Virginia Liturgical Commission.

After moving to Murrells Inlet, South Carolina in 2005, I found a spiritual home at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church. Previously, I have served on the vestry and also instructed our initial group of Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Currently I serve as a lector and chaliceist and with the Invite "Welcome" Connect initiative. If elected to the Standing Committee, I would be honored and humbled to use any gifts I may have to serve this diocese. Now is a time of such excitement here. The grace of God is palpable as we strive toward reconciliation and to be a part of that mission would be a privilege.

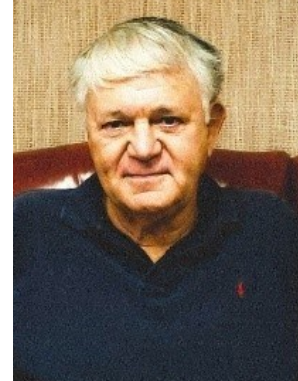
Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Richard Lovelace

Church: St. Anne's, Conway

Nominated by: Lucy Dargan



Nominator Statement: Richard Lovelace has good instincts. I have known Richard for close to 50 years and have always found him to be an astute, generous and loving man. As his record attests, he has given himself to his country and to his profession and has been distinguished by both. And, he has served the church, being intimately involved with its business for decades.

Here is this mark of the man: he is a magnet to young children. He speaks easily with them, he is not afraid to be silly with them, and he perceives and is sensitive to special needs in them. I well recall the year he brought a donkey to church on Palm Sunday, delighting all.

I believe Richard's creativity, his professional background and his openness to new ideas make him well-suited to serve on the Standing Committee in these taxing times. He is a capable man.

Personal Statement: I am a cradle Episcopalian living in Conway, SC, who continues to actively practice business and transactional law. My involvement in the life of the Church includes, but is not limited to, Board Member Episcopal Forum; 43-year terms as a member of the vestry of St. Paul's Church, two terms as Senior Warden; Co-Chairman of the Capital Campaign to build St. Paul's Episcopal Church; and Church Chancellor for 46 years.

I was educated at The Citadel; and the University of South Carolina School of Law.

My Community and National Service which demonstrate leadership ability and consensus building include: Command of 130 men in a field artillery battery in XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, NC, with combat experience as a Field Artillery Forward Observer with an Infantry company in the 101st Airborne Division, Republic of Vietnam. I was awarded a Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, and Vietnamese Gallantry Cross. I have served as President of Horry County Bar Association, and been recognized for my Service to the Bench, Bar, and Citizens of South Carolina by the South Carolina Supreme Court. I served for 26 years on the Board of Directors and as General Counsel to Conway National Bank and served as Chairman of Conway Hospital Board of Trustees, Chairman of Horry County of Commission on Higher Education (now Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees), and President of Mercy Hospice Foundation of Horry County, SC.

Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Taylor Skardon

Church: The Episcopal Church on Edisto

Nominated by: Pat Neumann



Nominator Statement: Taylor Skardon and his family officially joined The Episcopal Church on Edisto (ECoE) in 2014 and his contributions to this young church have been a tremendous blessing. He was quickly recognized as a leader and was elected to the Mission Council. Taylor immediately started working on a strategic plan, involving the entire congregation in the process. His ability to see both short and long-term and to create a vision and stay on course are among his strongest skills. This skill set, as well as others, is what he will bring to the work of the Standing Committee. Among his many accomplishments are city management (all aspects of daily activity on Naval Base Pearl Harbor); service as a Congressional liaison for the Secretary of Defense and the Commander of US forces in the Asia-Pacific; and command of the Navy's most advanced guided missile destroyer. Over the years and through his numerous, varied experiences, Taylor has addressed many types of challenges and provided effective leadership and guidance. Taylor is a lifelong Episcopalian. In addition to serving on the ECoE Mission Council, he is a Lay Eucharistic Minister, a Lay Intercessor, an Usher, and the Lead Guitar in the ECHOES, the church band.

Personal Statement: This Diocese, more accurately, the people of this Diocese, played a large role in my Christian formation as members of our churches, friends on the Youth Commission, staff at Camp St. Christopher and fellow cadets at The Citadel. It was these relationships and experiences that helped sustain me during a 30-year career in the Navy and brought me back to SC when I retired in 2012. Today I work at The Citadel as an Adjunct Faculty member. My wife, Nancy, and I split our week between Charleston and Edisto.

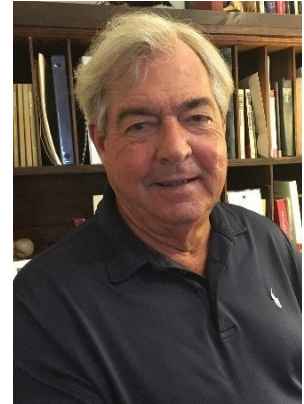
We worship with an incredible group of people at The Episcopal Church on Edisto. I serve as a LEM, help with music on guitar (thank goodness I kept my old St. Christopher songbook!), Mission Council member and basically anything else they need – and love it! On Monday evenings, we host the St. Alban's Episcopal fellowship for cadets at our townhouse on the Citadel campus with Lester and Clare Pittman. This past May, I got to bus tables at Grace's Cathedral's Tea Room! But one of the most meaningful experiences since returning to SC was when Bill Coyne allowed me to visit many of the mission churches in the Diocese and provide him with a status report. I left those visits so proud of the work they are doing in their communities and the importance of the Diocese's leadership role. I greatly appreciate being nominated to serve on the Standing Committee and would humbly do so if elected.

Standing Committee *Lay*

Name: Larry Watt

Church: Christ Church, Denmark

Nominated by: Robert Hurst



Nominator Statement: Larry has been an active member of Christ Church for nearly 40 years. He became our church organist over 20 years ago when we were in desperate need (and he had to self-teach along the way). He assumed an active and important leadership role in the church from then on. Larry is a retired educator; he started in the classroom, became Headmaster of a private school in Orangeburg, facilitated in the merging of two schools and then became President of the South Carolina Independent Schools Association. He taught workshops throughout the state, assisted school boards, transitioned the Independent Schools into an open-enrollment format, modernized their procedures and provided proactive leadership throughout the organization and schools.

Recently Larry has joined with other members of our church in our Prison Ministry. He has assisted with our services whenever necessary in addition to providing the music. He is the first person in the church on Sunday mornings.

Larry is a very pleasant person; engaging, thoughtful, energetic, forward-thinking and dedicated to The Episcopal Church. I strongly recommend Larry for a position on the Standing Committee

Personal Statement: I am not a cradle Episcopalian. I came through marriage and much examination. I love our church where I have served on every position of the vestry, as lay reader, and as organist for the past twenty years.

I retired last year after serving for thirty one years as Executive Director of the South Carolina Independent School Association and started considering additional avenues of service. I started with the diocesan prison ministry at Estill FCI. From this rewarding experience, I came in contact with other members of the diocese and became more aware of its structure. My position in education brought me face to face with many nonprofit boards who struggled with mission and strategic planning. I humbly offer my background and desire for service to you for consideration.

Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Christopher (Chris) West

Church: St. Mark's, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Tom Wilson



Nominator Statement: I have known Chris for about two years. He is a lifelong Episcopalian, originally from Atlanta, GA. Chris is an imaginative and creative business development and 'turnaround' consultant. He is technically very capable, extremely bright, as well as being strong in his faith. Chris' faith grounds all aspects of his life. He attends St. Mark's, Charleston and is a member of the Vestry. For me the bottom line is this: he loves the Episcopal Church, and is committed to its well being.

Personal Statement: I write to express my desire to serve The Episcopal Church in South Carolina as a member of the Standing Committee. As a member of the Vestry of Saint Mark's (Charleston), I observe first-hand that change is difficult, even in a harmonious parish. Seemingly positive developments like growth in attendance, membership, and collections can unintentionally alarm members of the parish who have come to expect stasis.

The solution is communication, as open conversation reveals the wisdom to move forward, relieving the alarm. Stress is fear of change. As an entrepreneur, I make a professional career out of repairing organizations, companies, and brands in transition. I believe that my communications skills, coupled with my passion for change, will support the important work of the Standing Committee for the next three years.

An additional challenge faced at Saint Mark's is the difficulty of attracting 'young families' without a program of Christian education and Episcopal tradition, leading to confirmation and active membership. I believe my experience as a father of two children under 10 years old would benefit the Standing Committee. Small parishes across the Diocese share similar challenges.

It would be an honor and privilege to support the work of the Diocese as a member of the Standing Committee. I am a confirmed, adult communicant in good standing in the diocese, available for a monthly full-day meeting, extremely thorough, and highly responsive.

Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021 *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Bill Coyne

Church: Diocesan Staff/Grace Church Cathedral

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Chris Huff



Nominator Statement: It is my honor and pleasure to nominate the Rev. William (Bill) Coyne as clergy delegate for the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina at the 2021 National Convention of the Episcopal Church. He is a faithful servant of Jesus Christ with much experience in many settings within our denomination.

I have worked closely with Bill on Diocesan Council and as Dean of West Charleston here in South Carolina, as he has taken on the role of Missioner for Returning Congregations. His knowledge of church governance, based most notably on his past experience as Archdeacon of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, along with serving as clergy in several congregations in that diocese, as well as South Carolina, will serve our diocese well on the national level. As a delegate, his connections with leaders throughout the church is invaluable. When dealing with complex church-, Gospel- and business-related issues, Bill has the experience and knowledge necessary to be an effective and savvy delegate.

Personal Statement: I am a seven-time General Convention deputy (1988, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2006, 2009, and 2012) from Western Massachusetts and I was elected General Convention alternate deputy from South Carolina in 2018. I was ordained in 1978 and have served congregations of various sizes and on diocesan staffs.

As the present Missioner for Returning Congregations and a former congregational development officer, I offer my experience in working with every congregation, cleric and vestry to help discern the best path forward.

I hope to represent South Carolina as we continue as a diocese to re-form and re-shape the Church for the 21st century. We can be a model for innovation and imagination for a new day. I can bring my collaborative skills and experience to the South Carolina deputation.

Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Clergy

Name: The Very Rev. Wil Keith

Church: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Richard Lindsey



Nominator Statement: Wil came to our diocese in 2012 to serve as rector of Holy Cross Faith Memorial. It was an incredibly important time in the life of our diocese, and he was willing not only to serve his parish faithfully, but to share in the rebuilding life of our diocese. With energy and considerable wisdom, he continues to offer his talents in building up this body of Christ, while leading a vibrant and growing parish. Wil is currently a member of the Standing Committee, The Commission on Ministry and serves as dean of his region.

Wil has served as an Alternate Deputy to the 2015 General Convention, and as a Deputy to the 2018 Convention. What has set him apart was his tenacious spirit to go explore (well in advance) resolutions of import that were before both conventions.

I have had the pleasure and honor to work alongside Wil in many different areas of ministry over the last seven years, and if elected as Deputy to General Convention, Wil will serve as part of a team of lay and clergy deputies representing our diocese in the legislative ministry of the larger Church.

Personal Statement: I have served as rector of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church for over seven years as well as chaplain to Midway Fire Rescue here in Pawleys Island for more than five. With “a foot inside the church and one without,” I feel called to serve as one of our diocese’s deputies to general convention.

I have served in that capacity at the 79th General Convention in Austin, TX and as first alternate deputy at the 78th General Convention in Salt Lake City, UT. This ministry is an amazing opportunity for our diocese to be represented on a larger stage, and if I may add one that is rather friendly and welcoming of our presence. Networking is key as we do well to work alongside our sisters and brothers in the larger church. It is also a joy to serve in this capacity that I honor by the work I put into it.

Preparation is the key to serving as deputy. The information and voting sessions can come quick and require one to be ready! I promise the same intention, preparation, and presence that I have brought in years past, with a renewed sense purpose and expectation for growth, and bringing my experience of Commission on Ministry, Standing Committee, and Dean of the Peedee Waccamaw Deanery with me.

Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee

Church: Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Bill Coyne



Nominator Statement: I've known Caleb since we both arrived in South Carolina in 2014. He is involved deeply in the Mission of Christ's Church - not only in the life of our Cathedral but in college and young adult ministry. Our General Convention deputation would be enhanced by his background, age and influence.

Personal Statement: I am glad to accept the nomination to be a Clergy Deputy to General Convention in 2021. Being on the younger side of the clergy in our diocese and well informed about the contemporary issues the church faces, I feel that I can, if elected, offer a unique perspective and voice to our delegation.

I serve as Canon Precentor at Grace Church Cathedral. At Grace, I assist the Dean in planning cathedral liturgies, oversee ministries with children and youth, and provide clergy support to the various guilds, committees, staff, and volunteers of the cathedral community.

I currently serve our diocese as a member of the Standing Committee and Liturgical Commission. I also serve as Spiritual Director for Happening and am the clergy representative for Campus Ministries at The Citadel and College of Charleston.

Previously I was a priest in the Diocese of East Carolina. There I served as Spiritual Director for Happening and was a member of the Board of Directors for the Trinity Camp and Conference Center. Before ordination, I worked for that diocese as Campus Minister at UNC Wilmington.

I am happily married to Mrs. Allen Jordan Lee of Wilmington, NC and we have 3 young children: Cabe, Rhett, and Izzy.

Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II

Church: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, North Myrtle Beach

Nominated by: The Rev. Dr. James T. Yarsiah



Nominator Statement: It is with high regards and honor that recommend the Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II Rector of St. Stephen's Church North Myrtle Beach to serve as a Deputy to General Convention 2021. I have known Canon Merchant for a number of years and he and I have served together on various capacities. Canon Merchant has been and continues to be very supportive of our ministry at Voorhees College; he and St. Stephen's have even hosted the College Choir. As Rector of St. Stephen's, I have been privileged to observe how much he and that congregation have done of the North Strand. For example, because of his community orientation, he is the President of Mobile Meals of the North Strand, Board Member of Helping Hands of the North Strand, and Treasurer of the Upper Grand Strand Ministerial Alliance... He has served as Chaplain for public safety of North Myrtle Beach and Loris Hospital. Because of his sense of leadership, St. Stephen's parishioners are serving all across the Grand Strand. I strongly believe that he is an individual who is well-suited to represent this diocese as a Deputy to General Convention.

Personal Statement: I was ordained in the Episcopal Church of Liberia in 1986 as a deacon and in 1987 as a priest. I worked briefly in the church of Liberia before traveling to the United States to pursue my seminary studies. I am a 1992 graduate (M.Div.) of the Episcopal Divinity School; 1993 graduate (Th.M.) Weston Jesuit School of Theology; 2000 graduate (D.Min.) Drew University.

I have served in various positions in congregations in Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York before coming to South Carolina. In 1999, within months of our settling in South Carolina, I was invited to serve on a part-time basis as the director of Christian education for St. Stephen's Church in North Myrtle Beach. In 2001 I became the interim after the rector retired. In 2002 I was installed as the Rector and I have been here since. I continued to be very active in the diocese from 1999 to 2012.

After the split, I continued to be an active member of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. In December 2012 I was asked to be a member of the Steering Committee for the reorganization of our diocese. I served on that committee as we reorganize and had our first convention, at that convention I was elected a member of the Diocesan Standing Committee and at the first meeting of the Standing Committee I was elected President. I served as President of that Committee for three years. I was elected Deputy to General Convention in 2015 and reelected first clergy alternate deputy for 2018.

At the present time I am serving as a member of the Diocesan Council and Chair of the Diocesan Nominating Committee 2019. I have been very active in many communities, I have served as public safety chaplain for North Myrtle Beach, as hospital chaplain for Loris healthcare system and as a member of many Boards. For example, the Union of Black Episcopalians and as Chairperson of the Liberian Episcopal community in the United States. I am presently serving as the Chairperson for the Liberian Covenant Committee of General Convention. I am Canon of the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast, West Africa.

Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Clergy

Name: The Rev. George Moyser

Church: All Saints, Hilton Head Island

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Mark Brinkmann



Nominator Statement: Having shared in ministry with The Rev. Dr. George Moyser for nearly seven years, it is a privilege for me to nominate him to be a Deputy to General Convention. Serving as a Priest for over a quarter century, George offers a wide knowledge of and deep commitment to the Episcopal Church as well as having the broad experience that comes from having a bi-vocational call which includes his work as a Professor of Political Science at the University of Vermont as well as service in parish ministry. His activity in The Episcopal Church in South Carolina is evident at congregational, deanery and diocesan levels. He currently serves as a member of the Standing Committee where his is a valuable voice. A person of passion and wisdom, I wholeheartedly recommend him.

Personal Statement: The coming period in the life of the Episcopal Church will be a challenging one for its long-term health and vitality. In this context, I offer myself for election as a Clerical Deputy to the 2021 General Convention with enthusiasm. For the last seven years I have served as an Assisting Priest at All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island, and provided supply as needed across the Southern Deanery. At the Diocesan level, I was elected to the Standing Committee in 2017 that has played an important policy and decision-making role.

Over my adult life, I have acquired a variety of skills and experiences that would be relevant to the Convention's agenda and work. I have served as an Episcopal priest at parish level for over 25 years both in this Diocese and, previously, in the Diocese of Vermont. These church communities ranged from small rural parishes to the Cathedral in Burlington. During that period, I have also served on a variety of administrative committees both at diocesan, deanery and university chaplaincy levels. I also have had substantial experience of the churches of the Anglican Communion - in Canada (where my seminary was based) and England (where I lived until coming to the USA in 1987).

Beyond that, as a bi-vocational priest, I served as a university professor and administrator for 38 years giving me experience in issues of human resources, finance and program planning. If elected, I would bring these varied experiences and perspectives to my service, doing so in a spirit of respect for all who serve the Episcopal Church.

Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Clergy

Name: The Very Rev. Adam Shoemaker

Church: St. Stephen's, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor



Nominator Statement: It is with pleasure that I nominate The Rev. Adam Shoemaker to serve as deputy to the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church. Fr. Shoemaker is the rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Charleston. I believe Fr. Shoemaker will represent himself and the diocese well at this level of Church governance. He is a mission-oriented priest and loves being a leader in the larger Church. While serving as a rector in North Carolina, he initiated a mission partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Costa Rica, co-leading annual mission trips for youth and adults.

Fr. Shoemaker is a cradle Episcopalian. His faith in God was formed as a young person through a variety of Episcopal programming. His formation and call led him to ordained ministry and leadership in the Church.

On the diocesan level, Fr. Shoemaker serves on the Diocesan Council. His leadership skills have shown brilliantly this year, and his opinion has been valued. Recently as part of his Diocesan Council duties, he helped to form the newly created Budget Creation Committee. I prayerfully encourage you to vote for Rev. Adam Shoemaker to be a deputy at General Convention.

Personal Statement: I feel called to offer myself for service as a clergy deputy to general convention because I love the Episcopal Church and care deeply about its mission and witness to the love of Jesus in the wider world. I am a product of the Episcopal Church. I grew up in an Episcopal parish in New York, found a call for ministry while part of an Episcopal college chaplaincy in Boston, and was formed for ministry not only at General Seminary but also through my time in the Episcopal Service Corps and Young Adult Service Corps. I have served churches in four different dioceses both inside and outside the United States and have cross cultural experience having served our church as a missionary in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. I am proud to currently serve as Rector of St. Stephen's in Charleston, a diverse and inclusive community of the resurrection, and believe I would bring this perspective and the breadth of my experiences in the church to bear as a general convention deputy.

I have been to general convention a few times before, in 2000, to advocate for investment in college chaplaincy and, in 2006, to advocate for global mission. I've also served as an alternate clergy deputy from the Diocese of North Carolina in 2015 when North Carolina was pleased to see our beloved diocesan bishop elected Presiding Bishop. I would relish the chance to serve our diocese as a clergy deputy at the 80th general convention in 2021.

Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Clergy

Name: The Rev. Roy Tripp

Church: St. Mark's, Port Royal

Nominated by: Barney Forsythe



Nominator Statement: I am pleased to nominate Rev. Roy Tripp as a Clergy Deputy to the General Convention. I chaired the Search Committee at St. Mark's Port Royal that called Roy to journey with us as our first full-time rector and have served as Senior Warden of the vestry for the past three years. Roy has brought spirit-filled leadership to our parish.

During his time with us, our congregation has grown dramatically, due mostly to inclusive and joyous worship and outreach to the community. Roy has instituted several creative initiatives to engage community members, including the weekly "Wandering Rector" (meetings at local coffee shops) and the monthly "God on Tap" (gatherings for meals and conversation at local restaurants). Under his leadership, St. Mark's purchased the Historic Union Church in Port Royal, and we are now completing our first capital campaign to build a new sacristy so we can expand our worship space to accommodate congregational growth.

Roy serves on Diocesan Council and has been active in deanery ministry, including leading worship at the Estill Federal Correctional Facility. As a convention deputy, Roy offers creative leadership and a passion for ministry to conversations about the Episcopal Church's future.

Personal Statement: I have been blessed to be in The Episcopal Church in South Carolina since 2017 when I was called to be the first full-time rector at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Port Royal. I currently serve on Diocesan Council and I am a member of the Constitution and Canons Committee.

Ordained in 1996, I have served parishes in Washington State, Delaware and Massachusetts. Over the year, I have served on Diocesan Councils, Standing Committees, as well as on national consultative boards. Locally, I have represented St. Mark's at various gatherings including representing the parish as a member of UICC (United Interfaith Church Council) of Beaufort.

My family and I live in Beaufort along with our two cats and our dog. Over the years, we have fallen in love with South Carolina and with the Lowcountry. These are exciting and challenging times for our church, our communities, and the world. I believe my experience in the wider church will provide a good perspective as a delegate to General Convention in 2021 and I would be honored to represent our diocese. I ask for your vote. Thank you.

Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Lay

Name: Christina Donovan

Church: Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Adam Shoemaker



Nominator Statement: It is my pleasure to nominate Ms. Christina Donovan to serve as a lay deputy to the 2021 General Convention in Baltimore, MD. Christina is an impressive young person with a passion for serving the wider church, who I believe would offer an important voice to our diocesan deputation.

Christina is a native of Brooklyn, NY, and was an active member of the Diocese of Long Island growing up, involved heavily in youth ministry, before relocating to Summerville, SC. She has been an active young adult in the Union of Black Episcopalians since 2014 and was recently on the Young Adult Festival Planning Team for the 79th General Convention.

Christina is a senior at Voorhees College where she has taken on numerous leadership roles including president of the student government association. She currently serves as a mentor to the Voorhees College Scholars sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina. I believe we need her voice as a young person as well as her personal commitment to youth and young adult ministry in the church. She has great communication skills is an advocate for social justice and would make a fine addition to our deputation.

Personal Statement: My name is Christina Donovan and I'm a member of Good Shepherd Mission in the Episcopal Church of South Carolina having relocated from St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Brooklyn (Diocese of Long Island). I currently attend Voorhees College, a Historically Black College & University affiliated with The Episcopal Church. Voorhees College once played a pertinent role in the history of the Black Clergy in The Episcopal Church.

There are issues presently affecting our future and we need to come together in unity to address these issues. As a student, I'm willing to learn and as a leader I'm always ready to put up a fight for what I believe is right and fair.

As a young adult in the church, I've always been aware of the importance of having a place at the table. I've watched from the sidelines at the 79th General Convention as monumental decisions were made and I want to be a part of it. The young adult voice isn't often represented, and I believe this convention is ready to vote for that representative. I am an active participant of the Episcopal Church for the last 10 years, working with the Office of Black Ministries, The Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries and was Assistant to the Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese of Long Island. I hope that I can be the voice for the youth and young adult in this Diocese and help our greater church be the Welcoming and Holy place that speaks into the Jesus Movement.

Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Lay

Name: Deb Harris

Church: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Wil Keith



Nominator Statement: Deb has been active both at church and in the diocese for the entire time she has lived here. It is clear that she was active in her former diocese as she has stepped up to leadership positions with ease and transparency. Deb has a familiarity with our denomination that is rivaled only by her love of it. She is also extremely organized and is well prepared for any ministry or task assigned. Deb Harris would represent us well at General Convention.

Personal Statement: It would be my honor to serve as a lay member of our Diocesan Deputation to General Convention. I am a lifelong Episcopalian. I was born, raised and spent the majority of my life in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and moved to South Carolina in March 2013.

I was an active member of St. Christopher's in Springfield, VA, for more than 25 years and was involved in many ministries: vestry, Altar Guild, Outreach Committee, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Sunday school teacher, EYC leader, delegate to Diocesan Council, search committees, discernment committees and lay committees for seminarians. I'm involved in many ministries at HCFM: vestry, Stephen Ministry, stewardship committee, ECW, acolyte, verger, and Altar Guild. I also served on the Diocesan Stewardship and Development Committee and a discernment committee. I have found ministry and connections beyond my parish to be very meaningful and would embrace the opportunity to serve as a deputy and experience the 2021 General Convention.

I retired from a 34-year career as a system engineer and defensive contractor. I have an adult daughter and was very involved in her schools and activities - church, symphonic and marching bands, lacrosse and karate.

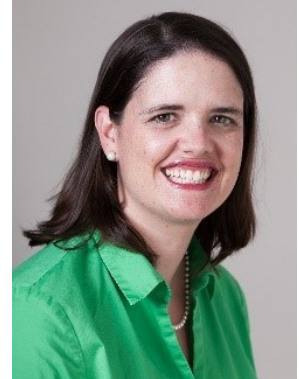
Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Lay

Name: Andrea McKellar

Church: St. Stephen's, Charleston

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Wil Keith



Nominator Statement: Any time Andrea is at work either in the diocese or out in the wider Episcopal Church, she is with friends. Through her work in various ministries with some of the leading Episcopal organizations, she has found a durable and helpful network of colleagues and disciples of Jesus. She continually brings that back to our diocese in the form of speakers, curriculum, greetings, and candidates for positions in the church. She is by far one of the most prepared for service as deputy to General Convention and has certainly been one of our most active deputies in past years.

Personal Statement: Serving the wider church as a deputy to General Convention and on Executive Council have been some of the most fulfilling times in my ministry. I would be grateful to represent The Episcopal Church in South Carolina again in 2021.

I serve on Bishop Adam's staff as Diocesan Ministry Developer which allows me to work with many of our parishioners and clergy to understand the varied needs and ministries around our diocese. Part of that role includes representing us at Province IV Youth events and Transition Ministers meetings. I have served on the denominational level on two interim bodies and the Forma board. At the church level, I have served as a formation professional, senior warden, and vestry member. My husband, Mark, and I have two children and reside in the West Ashley area of Charleston. I enjoy reading and exploring the great outdoors in my free time.

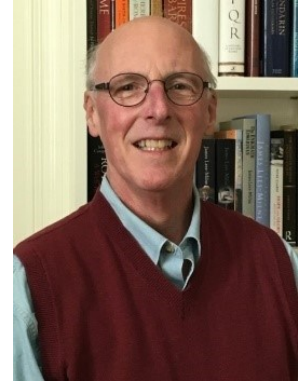
Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Lay

Name: Thomas Miller

Church: St. Mark's, Port Royal

Nominated by: Barney Forsythe



Nominator Statement: I am pleased to nominate Tom Miller as a Deputy to General Convention. I have known Tom for four years since we both moved to Beaufort from the mid-west. Tom is a dedicated Episcopalian who has been active in church affairs for decades. Always eager to serve wherever he is needed, Tom gives generously of his time, talent and treasures. He is currently a member of the vestry of St. Mark's, where he plays a leadership role in the parish outreach ministry. As the senior warden, I can attest to the fact that the vestry relies on Tom for his leadership, business acumen, and wise counsel. He was instrumental in helping St. Mark's purchase the Union Church, and he has been heavily involved in planning and implementing our capital campaign to renovate and expand the church. Tom represents our diocese as a trustee of the University of the South, his alma mater, and he serves on several non-profit boards in Beaufort. In addition to church and community service activities, Tom also teaches leadership and ethics at Beaufort Academy and serves on the Board of the Foundation for Leadership Education in Beaufort County. Tom is a thoughtful and caring lay leader with a heart for ministry and service; he will represent the diocese with distinction and will be a valued member of the diocesan delegation to the convention.

Personal Statement: 'Man plans, God laughs.' 'Whom shall I send? Here am I. Send me.'

Whenever I believed I had my life quite well planned out, even if what later transpired was more than I dreamed possible, the plan itself failed. Often it failed miserably. I repeatedly found myself very much like Isaiah (6:8): I was in the place God wanted, when he wanted me there, and was then pulled, often kicking and screaming, to where he wanted me and doing what he needed. And so it was. I suspect many of you have experienced something similar.

Serving the Episcopal Church has been the single greatest touchstone in these first 68 years of my life. If chronicled, it would look like this: an acolyte at Christ Church, Babylon, Long Island; attending Sewanee, The University of the South, (BA, History, C '73); continuing to serve Sewanee and the Church as a Lay Trustee from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina; serving Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City for 30 years as lector, eucharistic minister, and chair or member of the audit, finance, and investment committees; now a Vestry member and former co-chair of Outreach & Mission of St. Mark's Parish, Port Royal. Additionally, I serve on the Board of the Friend of Caroline Hospice, which is the only non-profit institution of its kind in Beaufort County.

God recently exited me from retirement to create and teach courses on Leadership and The History of Philosophy to a wondrous group of junior and senior high school students at Beaufort Academy, for which I am most grateful. With the Deputation, I feel God has again called, this time at a much higher policy level: What will the Episcopal Church stand for? What will it stand against? Will the Episcopal Church do what it can, or will it do what it must? Whom shall I send? Here am I. Send me.

Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Lay

Name: Matt Robertson

Church: St. Catherine's, Florence

Nominated by: The Rev. Phil Emanuel



Nominator Statement: It is a privilege to place in nomination for Lay Deputy to represent The Episcopal Church in South Carolina at the 2021 General Convention of The Episcopal Church the name of Mr Matthew (Matt) B. Robertson, St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Florence.

As an accomplished journalist and photographer, as well as social media expert, he is well acquainted with the people of the Pee Dee - Waccamaw Deanery and The Episcopal Church in SC Diocese. He served as Mission Council member and ultimately elected as Sr. Warden to serve a two-year term as Sr. Warden for St. Catherine's.

Matt is an accomplished acolyte, chalice bearer, lector and usher for St. Catherine's and a founding member. He has been called upon on several occasions to assist the Diocese with photography and recording at Deanery and Diocesan meetings. A tireless worker in our church, he has been live streaming St. Catherine's services for the past two years as well as recording sermons for over 5 years and posting them to our Facebook page. We are confident he will serve the Convention with integrity and knowledge of social media in our worship services--a vital part of the new generation of Episcopalians.

Personal Statement: I am a native West Virginian and a graduate of Marshall University. As a journalist, I have lived and worked in several West Virginia communities, Goldsboro, NC, ad Maryville and Lenoir City, TN. I have lived in Florence since 1995, where I am currently the Digital Editor of the Morning News/SCNow.com in Florence. I have one daughter, who currently lives in Oregon.

I was christened Presbyterian, raised United Methodist and was married 13 years to a Catholic. I joined St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in 2013 right after the schism.

At St. Catherine's, I serve as communications director and a member of Mission Council. As communications director I have made sure that sermons were recorded and placed online where they could be watched and I have live streamed services to Facebook now for the last six months.

During my nearly two-year stint as Senior Warden, which will soon come to an end, I have overseen a change in clergy, the initiation of a literacy outreach to Savannah Grove Elementary School and the launch of a capital campaign.

Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Lay

Name: Mark Szen

Church: The Very Rev. Mark Brinkmann

Nominated by: All Saints, Hilton Head Island



Nominator Statement: It is my pleasure to nominate Mark Szen to be a Deputy to General Convention. Having moved to Hilton Head in 2000, Mark immediately took an active role at All Saints and has served as Treasurer for 18 years. He has shown a commitment to outreach having been on three mission trips to the Dominican Republic and an International Habitat trip to Northern Ireland. Mark also chaired the All Saints Convention Host Committee in 2014 and has served on Outreach and Finance Committees as well the Vestry and two capital campaigns.

Beyond the parish, he participates in the Southern Deanery and the diocese. He currently serves as the Bookkeeper of the diocese and was the Co-Chair of the Futures Committee as well as being on Stewardship and Development, Strategic Planning, Diocesan Grant, and Finance Committees. A lifelong Episcopalian, Mark brings valuable experience having served as a Deputy to General Convention in 2018. He knows the Episcopal Church and wants to take part in shaping the future of our diocese and the role of the Episcopal Church in today's society.

Personal Statement: I have been the treasurer at All Saints for 18 years and served on the vestry and many other missions and roles at All Saints. I currently serve as the bookkeeper for our diocese and am also on the finance and budget committees. In the past I have also served on several other diocesan committees.

Having been a deputy to the last general convention (GC) I now wish to serve again. Serving again will hopefully mean a deeper role on a GC committee that usually gets reserved for repeat deputies to GC. My past experience gives me a good understanding of the Episcopal Church, and I have links to Church Pension Group, Church Insurance Group, the Episcopal Church Foundation and the Conference for Endowed Episcopal Parishes.

At General Convention in 2021 I look forward to helping move the Episcopal Church forward in leading and addressing the problems that we face in today's society.

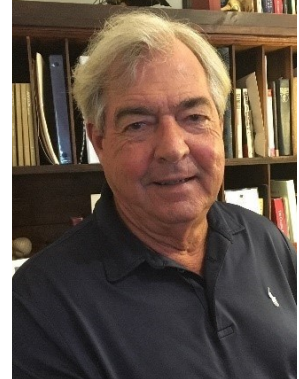
Deputy to 80th Annual Convention 2021

Lay

Name: Larry Watt

Church: Christ Church, Denmark

Nominated by: Robert Hurst



Nominator Statement: Larry has been an active member of our church for over 40 years. He became our organist approximately 20 years ago as he learned the position.

Larry is a retired educator. He has served as headmaster, facilitated the merging of two schools and was President of the South Carolina Independent School Association for the remainder of his career. Under his leadership the independent schools modernized their policies & procedures and expanded their membership. On a regular basis, Larry conducted teacher workshops and facilitated numerous classes and meetings.

I believe Larry would be a great addition to the Diocesan Leadership.

Personal Statement: I have been a member of Christ Church Denmark for over 40 years and served in every leadership position including organist and choirmaster for the last 20 years. I have always appreciated the mission of the Episcopal Church. Since retirement, I have sought ways to further serve my church outside of its walls. The prison ministry has provided a wonderful means of accomplishing this goal while also allowing me to meet extraordinary members of the diocese.

My knowledge of the work of the Church has increased. I would be honored to team with the leadership of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina to continue our mission at the national convention.

Trustee, University of the South *Lay*

Name: Jane Hart Lewis

Church: St. Catherine's, Florence

Nominated by: The Rev. Phil Emanuel



Nominator Statement: During the past six years, Mrs Lewis has served as an enthusiastic member of the Board of Trustees for Sewanee: University of the South. Despite her busy career operating a private behavioral health practice and fulfilling the expectations of a loving mother and grandmother of four, Mrs Lewis has managed to be present at all but one Board meeting held since her election.

As an enthusiastic Sewanee alumna, she remains constant to both the University and to family tradition, which includes family members as Sewanee trustees. Mrs Lewis frequently speaks to congregants and others in the Diocese about Sewanee's academic offerings, as well as its many attractions on campus. It is our pleasure to nominate Mrs Jane Hart Lewis for re-election to the governing board of Sewanee for another three-year term. She will continue to serve Sewanee with dignity and enthusiasm.

Personal Statement: I am a member of St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Florence and a 1977 graduate of Sewanee: The University of the South. A lifelong Episcopalian, I was a founding member and first Senior Warden at St. Catherine's as well as a Sunday School teacher, Children's Chapel leader, and sometimes choir member at my former parish of St. John's in Florence. I am also honored to serve as a member of the Commission on Ministry for the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

A licensed professional counselor and supervisor, I have worked in both private practice and with the Department of Mental Health for over thirty (30) years. I am a certified Dialectical Behavior Therapist, a Nationally Certified Counselor and have also been an adjunct instructor at Francis Marion University in the graduate and undergraduate programs. My wonderful husband Donald, daughters Jane and Anne, son-in-law Mike, and grandchildren Alden, John, William and Caroline are the greatest blessings I've ever been given.

My current Sewanee trustee position is working with the Church Relations Committee. Since I joined this committee, the Episcopal Church in South Carolina has greatly increased its giving to the School of Theology, for which they, and I, are very grateful.

As an alumna, and the daughter and niece of alumni trustees, I understand what makes Sewanee special. By working to bring the vision developed 150 years ago by the original owning dioceses into the 21st century world, I hope to assist in Sewanee's becoming a stronger, truer version of itself and I ask you for the opportunity to continue as a trustee for another term.

Trustee, University of the South

Lay

Name: Parker Moore

Church: St. Mark's, Port Royal

Nominated by: Tom Miller



Nominator Statement: It is indeed a privilege to nominate Parker Moore to serve as a Trustee of Sewanee, The University of the South.

Parker is a lifelong Episcopalian, an Eagle Scout, and his personal ministry began as an acolyte, crucifer and choir member in Roanoke, VA. As he matured, it evolved from serving not only that which is inside the church, but to what awaits once we leave the building.

A 1999 graduate of Sewanee, where he was active in an a diverse group of fraternity and cultural programs, it is significant that Parker earned a BS in Natural Resources and a minor in Environmental Ethics and Philosophy. Sewanee provided the intellectual canvas where his interest in and enjoyment of the outdoors was transformed into a lifetime ministry to protect that which brought him so much joy.

At a time when our small planet and all of God's creations are facing existential threats, Parker fervently believes that the Episcopal Church and Sewanee in particular, with its 13,000 acre domain, are morally and theologically duty bound to take a leading role in developing policies, and promoting dialog among all groups, to produce solutions to these challenges. Results really are important.

Simply put, Parker Moore is the right person to serve our diocese, the Greater Episcopal Church, The University of the South, and that which God has bequeathed to us.

Personal Statement: I don't live there, but Sewanee is home. From my first steps on the Domain in October 1994, I knew it always would be part of me. Until that day, though, I hadn't the slightest interest in the University of the South. There was no mystery in that. My brother – 18 months older and, at that point, still my fiercest rival – had just begun his freshman year. I would be applying elsewhere. That changed once I crossed through the Gates.

Sewanee gripped me like nothing had before. There was a casual confidence, a playful seriousness, and a traditional unconventionalism unlike anything I had seen. I scheduled an appointment with the Admissions Office an hour after arriving.

Four years on the Mountain passed in a blur. Each day was a kaleidoscope of opportunity demanding attention. It wasn't just the incomparable professors, each more passionate and engaging than the last. It wasn't just the classes that challenged me to the core. It was everything. The scholastic power that somehow harnessed a wandering mind. The soft support that coaxed an eager participant out of a dedicated introvert. The flood of surprises that turned a creature of habit into an escapade junkie. And the impossible tension between *wanting to* absorb everything in the classroom and *having to* ride the spiritual amusement park of the plateau. That last one was the hardest. Though I would like to think I eventually struck an acceptable balance.

Sewanee has it all. It gives freely to anyone who spends time there. This is why it is home. I hope that I can give back even a fraction of what it has given to me.

Diocese of South Carolina Proposed Budget - 2020
229th Annual Dioesan Convention - 11/16/19

Proposed Budget 2020 - Receipts	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change	Comments/Notes:
410000 - Parishes and Missions	\$500,000.00	\$520,000.00		Seeking Increased Pledges From Parishes
420000 - Individuals & Institutions	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00		Individual & Inst. Donations
481500 – Interest Income	\$50.00	\$1,500.00		
Total Parish, Mission and Ind. Receipts	\$530,050.00	\$551,500.00		Projected Receipts
Needed Operating Revenues	\$221,969.26	\$215,751.51		Projected Needed For Operating Revenues
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$752,019.26	\$767,251.51	15,232.25	Increase Over 2019 Budget
Compensation				
510000 - Provisional Bishop	\$63,728.66	\$70,000.00		Part-Time Provisional Bishop
511000 - Bishop Executive Assistant	\$54,724.00	\$54,724.00		3/4 time
512000 - Archdeacon	\$51,078.44	\$51,078.44		1/2 time
512500 - Diocesan Ministry Developer	\$53,424.00	\$53,424.00		3/4 time
513000 - Director of Communications	\$36,500.00	\$36,500.00		1/2 time
513500 - Missioner For Returning Congregations	\$25,000.00	\$39,000.00		Increased Salary Per Agreement
Total Compensation	\$284,455.10	\$304,726.44	20,271.34	Compensation Increase From 2019
Social Security & Medicare				
521500 - Bishop SS & Medicare	\$0.00	\$5,600.00		Negotiable
520000 - Bishop Executive Asst. SS & Medicare	\$4,377.92	\$4,377.92		
521000 - Dio. Ministry Developer SS & Medicare	\$4,273.92	\$4,273.92		
522000 - Director of Comm. SS & Medicare	\$2,920.00	\$2,920.00		
523000 - Missioner For Returning Congregations	\$2,000.00	\$3,120.00		
Total Social Security & Medicare	\$13,571.84	\$20,291.84	6,720.00	Increase From 2019
Lay Pension				
524000 - Bishop Executive Asst. Lay Pension	\$4,925.16	\$4,925.16		Pensioned
524500 - Ministry Developer Lay Pension	\$4,808.16	\$4,808.16		Pensioned
525000 - Director of Communication	\$3,285.00	\$3,285.00		Pensioned
Total Lay Pension	\$13,018.32	\$13,018.32		
Health & Life Insurance Plus Dental				
Bishop Health(1) and Life Insurance(2)	\$19,854.00	\$9,677.92		Lowest Plan Available - Negotiable
Dio. Ministry Developer(1) and Life Insur.(2)	\$8,982.00	\$9,677.92		Lowest Plan Available - Negotiable
Director of Comm. Life Insur.(2)	\$9,426.00	\$256.00		Life Insurance Only(2)
Bishop Executive Asst.(1) Life Insurance(2)	\$8,982.00	\$9,677.92		Lowest Plan Available - Negotiable
Miss. For Returning Health Stipend (1) & Life(2)	\$0.00	\$5,416.00		Medicare B Coverage - Per Agreement
Total Health & Life Insurance	\$47,244.00	\$34,705.76	(12,538.24)	Less Than 2019

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	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change	Comments/Notes:
Cell Phones				
Bishop Adams	\$1,200.00	\$750.00		Cell Phone Reimbursement
Bishop Executive Asstistant	\$360.00	\$360.00		Cell Phone Reimbursement
Dio. Ministry Developer	\$960.00	\$720.00		Cell Phone Reimbursement
Director of Communication	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00		Cell Phone Reimbursement
Missioner For Returning Congregations		\$750.00		Cell Phone Reimbursement
Total Cell Phones	\$3,720.00	\$3,580.00	(140.00)	Less Than 2019
Mileage				
530000 - Bishop Mileage (Diocesan)	\$8,000.00	\$6,000.00		Adjustment From 2019
531000 - Archdeacon Mileage	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
532000 - Bishop Executive Assistant Mileage	\$750.00	\$600.00		Adjustment From 2019
533000 - Director of Communications Mileage	\$750.00	\$500.00		Adjustment From 2019
532500 - Ministry Developer Mileage	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		Regular travels
533500 - Missioner For Returning Congregations	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00		Potentially Increased Travel
Total Mileage	\$13,500.00	\$11,600.00	(1,900.00)	Less Than 2019
Conference & Training				
532000 - Bishop Executive Asst. Conf. & Training	\$3,000.00	\$0.00		
533000 - Director of Communications Training	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00		Conference attendance and costs
532500 - Ministry Developer Training	\$3,000.00	\$0.00		
- Missioner For Returning Congregations	\$0.00	\$0.00		
- Other Conference & Training	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Conference & Training	\$8,500.00	\$1,500.00	(7,000.00)	Less Than 2019
Reimbursements				
537000 – Archdeacon Reimbursment	\$500.00	\$750.00		
Total Reimbursements	\$500.00	\$750.00	250.00	Accurately Reflects Expenses
Episcopate				
538100 – Bishop Office	\$500.00	\$0.00		
538150 – Bishop Travel (Outside of Diocese)	\$8,000.00	\$5,000.00		
538200 – Conferences & Meetings Episcopate	\$6,200.00	\$2,500.00		
538500 – Dio. Guest House/Rent/Electricity/Insur.	\$27,500.00	\$28,500.00		Full- Year Rental-Rent/Electric/Insurance
Total Episcopate	\$42,200.00	\$36,000.00	(6,200.00)	Lower Cost Adjustment For 2019

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	2018 B	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change	Comments/Notes:
Support for Ministry of The Laity					
540000 – Conferences & Education Fees		\$1,500.00	\$0.00		
541000 – Lay Mileage Reimbursement		\$1,000.00	\$500.00		
Total Support for Personnel		\$2,500.00	\$500.00	(2,000.00)	Adjustment From 2019
Administrative					
550000 – Annual Audit		\$8,000.00	\$14,000.00		Reflects Actual Cost
*NEW - ACS Database		\$0.00	\$4,000.00		Defined Rather Than Grouped Together
550050 – Bookkeeper		\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00		
551000 – Bank Service & Vanco Charges		\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00		Adjustment From 2019
551100 – Chancellor Expenses		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
551200 – Church Insurance & Surety Bond		\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00		
551400 – Software & Internet Expenses		\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00		Adjustment From 2019
551500 – Computer & Communication Equipment		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		Reflects Potential Equipment Need
552100 – Meetings & Meals		\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00		Adjustment From 2019
552200 – Office Supplies		\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		
552300 – Payroll Processing Fee		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		
552400 – Postage & Delivery		\$1,000.00	\$750.00		Adjustment From 2019
552500 – Office Resources		\$500.00	\$500.00		
552600 – Rent Expense		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		Appr. for Building Use - Grace Cathedral
552700 – Safeguarding God's Children		\$200.00	\$200.00		
552850 – Telecommunications		\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00		Adjustment From 2019
552900 – Treasurer Support		\$500.00	\$500.00		
553000 – Workers Compensation		\$500.00	\$1,100.00		Adjustment From 2019
* NEW - TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship)		\$0.00	\$500.00		Defined Rather than Grouped Together
555000 – Miscellaneous Expenses		\$0.00	\$500.00		Adjustment From 2019
Total Administrative		\$44,400.00	\$55,550.00	11,150.00	Bottom Line Increase
Diocesan Programs & Support					
560000 – Advertising & Promotion		\$500.00	\$0.00		
561000 – Annual Diocesan convention		\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00		Potential Increase For Dio. Convention
561200 – Background Checks		\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00		Adjustment From 2019
561250 – Discernment		\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00		Adjustment From 2019
561300 – Clergy Conference		\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00		Camp St. Christopher
561400 – College Ministry Program		\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00		Adjustment From 2019
561500 – Deanery Meetings		\$1,000.00	\$0.00		
561600 – Diocesan Publication/Carolina Grace		\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00		
561800 – Renewal of Vows		\$1,000.00	\$0.00		
* NEW - Retired Clergy Gathering		\$0.00	\$2,000.00		Request From Budget Creation Process
561900 – Voorhees College		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		

Diocese of South Carolina Proposed Budget - 2020
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	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change	Comments/Notes:
562000 – Youth Programming	\$8,000.00	\$15,000.00		More Activity in 2020- EYE, Happening
562100 – Under One Roof	\$3,000.00	\$0.00		Removed From 2020 Budget
562200 – Porter Gaud Support	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
Total Diocesan Programs & Support	\$36,500.00	\$39,700.00	3,200.00	Slight Increase From 2019
Parishes & Missions Support				
570000 – Department of Missions	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00		Current and anticipated need to support congregations and clergy
Total Parishes and Mission Support	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	Same As 2019
Work Outside the Diocese				
571000 – Childrens Home (York Place)	\$500.00	\$0.00		Removed From 2020 Budget
571100 – Coastal Chaplaincy	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		
571150 – Lowcountry Community Chaplaincy	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		
571200 – Ecumenical Ministry	\$250.00	\$250.00		
571400 – Kanuga	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		
571500 – Sustainable Development Goals – ERD	\$3,100.00	\$3,500.00		
571550 – Synod Meeting	\$0.00	\$3,500.00		Pre-General Convention Meeting at Kanuga
571600 – Province IV Assessment	\$1,427.00	\$875.00		Per Statement Notice
571700 – Seminarian Support	\$11,000.00	\$6,000.00		Potentially Not As Many In Seminary
571800 – The Episcopal Church	\$68,433.00	\$74,004.15		Based On General Covention Formula
571900 – University of the South	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
Total Work Outside the Diocese	\$91,910.00	\$95,329.15	3,419.15	Increase From 2019
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$752,019.26	\$767,251.51	15,232.25	Increase Vs. 2019
Other Expenses				
538000 – Bishop Discretionary				
Bishop Search	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		Escrowed
Lambeth Conference	\$5,000.00			Removed For 2020
570100 – Grants Committee		\$50,000.00		Same as 2019
570200 – Communication Plan	\$130,000.00	\$30,000.00		Rawle Murdy Reduced In 2020 Budget
610100 – Transition Expense	\$100,000.00			Potential Amount & Not Certain
Bishop Search Consultant Fee		\$12,000.00		
General Convention/Deputies	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00		Escrowed
Total Other Expenses	\$258,500.00	\$115,500.00	(143,000.00)	Other Expenses Reduced in 2020

DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Convention Report
of the Constitution And Canons Committee
for the 229th Annual Convention

The Committee on Constitution and Canons discussed the following proposals, with the eye of considering whether the present Constitution and Canons, as written, would serve us best in this time of diocesan life:

I. ARTICLE V, SECTION 4: (Canonically Resident Retired Clergy)

The first item of consideration was whether or not Convention should revisit the time requirement for canonically resident, retired priests to be entitled to vote in Convention, and whether to expand their service eligibility requirements for voting. The current requirements are:

“Each canonically resident priest who served a church, an institution of the Diocese, or on diocesan staff for at least five years immediately prior to retirement shall be entitled to all privileges as a member of Convention.”

DISCUSSION:

“Each canonically resident priest who served a church, an institution of the Diocese, on the diocesan staff, (adding, “or in any other capacity, cure, or position, volunteer or paid, at the direction of the Bishop”), for at least five (should the time period change?) years immediately prior to retirement shall be entitled to all privileges as a member of Convention.”

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee discussed the possible amendments above, addressing prior service time period and expanding the types of service eligibility, and recommend not to make changes at this time of transition in the diocese.

II. ARTICLE V, SECTION 5: (Canonically Resident Deacons) The second item to consider is whether canonically resident deacons should be entitled to vote in Convention. The current requirement is:

“Each canonically resident deacon of the Diocese shall be entitled to seat and voice as a member of Convention.”

DISCUSSION:

- A. To maintain the current practice of the Diocese;**
- B. To allow all canonically resident Deacons, currently serving in a diocesan Parish, Mission, or Worshipping Community to have Seat, Voice, and Vote in Convention; or**

- C. **To allow canonically resident Transitional Deacons, currently serving in a diocesan Parish, Mission, or Worshipping Community to have Seat, Voice, and Vote in Convention.**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee discussed the above options, and recommend that no changes to this constitutional section should occur at this time of transition in our diocese; however, that this issue should continue to be discussed on a diocesan-wide level.

- III. The Committee discussed whether there is a need to make any specific constitutional and/or canonical changes relating to Returning Congregations with vestries and delegates that will be appointed by the Bishop, in order to determine if either document addresses delegate status in the upcoming Convention.

RECOMMENDATION:

After discussion of this important issue, the Committee agreed that our current governing documents adequately address Convention rights of delegates from Returning Congregations, and that no new canonical or constitutional changes be proposed. (See Canon 5 and Article VIII of the Constitution below).

The Committee further recommends that the Resolution Committee draft a Resolution, that will welcome Returning Congregations with Seat and Voice in the upcoming Convention.

- IV. There is a possible discrepancy between the Constitution of the Diocese and the Constitution of The Episcopal Church as to the type of clergy deputation that can be elected to General Convention. (See TEC's Constitution Article 1.4 and the Constitution of the Diocese, Article 10):

The Episcopal Church Constitution: Article 1.4

*Sec. 4. The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than **four ordained persons, Presbyters or Deacons**, canonically resident in the Diocese and not more than four Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to Election of Presiding Bishop. Term and tenure of Office. Succession. House of Deputies. Article I.2-4 Constitution 2 not fewer than two*

Deputies in each order. Each Diocese, and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.

Constitution of the Diocese: Article 10

*Section 1. At an Annual Convention during the triennium between General Conventions, but preceding each General Convention, **priests and laypersons**, in the appropriate number and having qualifications established by The Episcopal Church, shall be chosen by ballot to represent the Diocese at the next succeeding General Convention. No more than the requisite number of other priests and laypersons, having the same qualifications, shall be chosen by ballot, as alternates for those selected. Such representatives and alternates shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.*

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends that no changes are needed at this time, as the language in TEC Article 1.4 allows Presbyters or Deacons.

- V. The diocesan Rules of Order, Rule 1 Sec. (5)(c) require 5-6 members of the Finance Committee, and over the years, a greater number has been used.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee discussed whether to propose a larger number of members to be appointed to the Finance Committee or to reduce the actual number of members in order to be consistent with the Rule.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends that this decision should be left to the Bishop, with input from the Treasurer and the Chair of the Finance Committee, to appoint at least the current number of members specified in the Rules, but a greater number if the Bishop feels that it is necessary or helpful to the diocese.

The Committee may receive suggestions for additional changes to the Constitution and/or the Canons during deanery meetings and/or during the meeting of the Committee that will be held before the start of Convention. The Committee will address any such issues prior to Convention. Any matters that come before the Committee at that time will be considered. If the Committee deems it appropriate, a revised report may be presented to the Convention.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melinda Lucka Kelley
Committee Chair

Adopted by Convention on _____, 2019

Secretary of the Convention

SECTIONS OF DIOCESAN CONSTITUTION AND CANONS RELATED TO ITEM III:

Canon 5, Section 3, (below), requires any parish or mission that is declared dormant, and dissolved by the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, to be re-admitted to the diocese via Article VIII of the Constitution (below). Dormant parishes are defined in Canon 5 Section 2, (below), as those parishes or missions that have not elected a vestry, sent delegates to Convention, filed annual reports, or made financial contributions to the diocese for three successive years. Further, Canon 5 Section 4 (below) gives the Bishop the authority *not* to dissolve dormant parishes or missions, and instead, to appoint priests-in-charge of the dormant parishes or missions. This Committee will discuss the above Canon sections and propose a recommendation to Convention.

CANON 5: Dormant Parishes and Missions

Section 2. If any parish or mission shall have failed for three successive years to elect a vestry (if a parish), or to send a delegate to the Convention (if in union with the Convention), or to make the reports required by Title 1, Canon 6, Section I of the General Convention, or to make a financial contribution to the program of the Diocese, such parish or mission shall be considered dormant, and may be dissolved by the Bishop with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Section 3. Dormant parishes or missions may not again be in union with the Convention, except under the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the ecclesiastical authority to adopt measures necessary to preserve the property of such parishes or missions as may be dormant or virtually extinct. If a dormant parish is not dissolved pursuant to Section 2 of this Article, the ecclesiastical authority may appoint a priest-in-charge for such parish if it be without a priest, which priest may be withdrawn at any time.

ARTICLE VIII of the Constitution: Admitting Parishes and Missions Into Union with the Convention (if dissolved by the Bishop, w/consent of Standing Committee, per Canon 5.2)

Section 1. Parishes and/or missions, which have been organized as provided by the canons of both The Episcopal Church in South Carolina and The Episcopal Church for not less than one year, may apply for and be admitted into union with the Convention by vote of the Convention, provided that the requirements hereinafter set forth in the canons have been met.

Section 2. At the annual Convention next succeeding the receipt of application for admission to union with the Convention, the Secretary shall communicate the same to the Convention on the first day of its session. After reference to both the Committee on Admission of New Parishes and the Committee on Constitution and Canons, the application shall be acted upon by the Convention.

Section 3. A parish or mission shall be accorded full privileges of membership in the Convention when it is admitted into union with the Convention, including the right of a voice and vote in the proceedings.



THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Report of the Resolution Committee 229th Annual Diocesan Convention

Proposed Resolution # 1

Resolved that this convention instruct the South Carolina deputation to the next General Convention of The Episcopal Church to request the General Convention to act officially to establish a task force to do all of the following:

- investigate and gather the learnings in each diocese where breakaway divisions have occurred
- publish the findings for the whole church
- develop recommendations for canonical and/or policy changes for the consideration of the Committee on the State of the Church (or other appropriate committee designated by General Convention)
- assign responsibility prior to the next following General Convention for the implementation of actions to preclude further divisive efforts

Explanation

South Carolina is one of a number of dioceses experiencing the rending impact of breakaway efforts and lawsuits now long known to have occurred in The Episcopal Church and known to result from a carefully crafted, documented plan of attack originated in ultra-conservative elements of the Anglican Communion. Given the apparent lack of any proactive defensive strategy to date, failing to develop and implement a strategic action plan to counter breakaway efforts, especially legal efforts, would be a serious lapse of fiduciary responsibility and trusteeship. This resolution seeks to prompt meaningful action without further delay.

Resolution Committee:

The Rev. Pam Fahrner, Chair

The Rev. Sr. Miriam Elizabeth Bledsoe

Mr. Wayne Helmy

Ms. Rebecca Lovelace

Mr. Thomas Tisdale



THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

229th Annual Diocesan Convention
Report of Institutions



2019 Report to the Diocese of South Carolina

The road to Kanuga is unique for each guest that travels here. For some it's a path to self-discovery, an opportunity to learn a new skill or engage in an eye-opening discussion. For others it's a familiar journey to a time honored family tradition. And for others still, it's an exciting adventure that allows them to experience what nature has to offer while they grow and create new friendships.

Established in 1928 by the dioceses of the two Carolinas, Kanuga originally provided summer programs and camps to people from across the Southeast. Within 10 years, Kanuga had become the largest conference center associated with the Episcopal Church. Today, Kanuga serves the Episcopal Church broadly through Faith and Education, Wellness and Recreation, Artistic Expression, Outdoor Exploration and Camp Activities.

Last year, Kanuga unveiled our guiding set of **Core Values:** Service, Respect, Sustainability and Stewardship, to serve as the cornerstones of Kanuga's future. In March, we were pleased to reveal new mission and vision statements. In 1928, Bishop Kirkman Finlay envisioned a place in the mountains of Western North Carolina, rooted in the Episcopal Church, grown from the love of Jesus, and open to all people. **Ka-nu-ga**, is a word borrowed from the Cherokee and once thought to mean the meeting place of many people. These statements are both a reflection on where we have come from and on the values that we uphold today.

Our Mission: Kanuga is a gathering place inviting all people to connect with each other, nature and the Creator.

Our Vision: To inspire a more mindful and compassionate world.

Our Culture: We share the spirit of this place equally with all who desire its experience and affect in the world, and we welcome people of all religions, genders, ethnicities, nationalities, ages, abilities, sexual orientations and gender expressions.

Kanuga hosted 50 parish related retreats for churches across the Southeast and are honored to host annually the historical Diocese of South Carolina's clergy retreat. We've developed a New Parish Weekend Model at a reduced rate (family of four under \$500) that includes programming and childcare.

The Episcopal Church utilized Kanuga for the House of Bishops Spring Meeting, The General Board of Examining Chaplains, The Episcopal Church Foundation's Congregational Leadership Initiative and The Church Pension Group's Business Partnerships retreat. Province IV often utilizes Kanuga for Synod, ECW and Daughters of the King retreats. Sometimes our mission calls us to be a safe refuge from the storm. In early September, we served as an evacuation site for Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community from Charleston, SC. bringing about 80 assisted living patients to us, along with an equal number of staff plus family members.

In Kanuga developed programming, many offerings for Adults and Families, both familiar and new, occurred throughout the year. Funding Ministry through Innovation: **Life Beyond the Plate and**

Pledge, is a collaboration of The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes Network, Trinity Church Wall Street and Kanuga. A program centered on the desire for in-depth leadership development amid the realities of a changing 21st century church. Teams of one clergy and one layperson from diverse parishes throughout the United States and abroad attended in September a summit and symposium on discerning new paths to fund mission and ministry that embrace the economic realities of today's church.

#elevateECOJUSTICE, a Creation Care and Environmental Justice gathering for the Church at Kanuga, March 13-15, 2020. This community will share stories from key players in the Church's creation care and environmental justice work, offer resources from groups intimately involved, and develop intentional plans for bringing this work to life in communities across the Church and the world. Elevate Eco Justice is part of Kanuga's annual Lansing Lee series which is made possible by an endowment established by Natalie Lee honoring the memory of Lansing B. Lee Jr. of Augusta, GA and with major support from the Buford L. Bowen Endowment.

Nuevo Amanecer, translated as New Dawn, is the largest Kanuga conference serving TEC biennially, and it celebrates and supports Latino ministries in the Church. Nuevo Amanecer is organized by the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries in partnership with Kanuga and will be held on May 12-15, 2020 with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry as keynoter.

Often overlooked is Kanuga's impact on youth and children. Camp Kanuga experienced a 15% enrollment increase from 2018, Camp Bob, our free summer camp experience for children who are under served, experienced a 40% enrollment increase. Through Camp Kanuga, Camp Bob, Mountain Trail Outdoor School, KEY (Kanuga Empowered Youth) Conferences, Summer Conferences and Guest Period, Kanuga served nearly 5,000 youth and children.

Known as a gathering place, we also take Kanuga on the road. Camp Kanuga collaborates with local churches and communities to offer unique youth programming and Day Camps in your area. Camp Kanuga Expeditions are dynamic exploratory experiences for high school students in Pisgah National Forest, Alaska and Hawaii that encourages the development of self-reliance, adaptability and Christian leadership.

A new resident program for young adults is in development that will explore the intersection of agriculture, nature and spirituality. A pilot program will begin in January 2020 with the full yearlong program beginning in August 2020.

We are also active locally with missional collaboratives like Interfaith Assistance Ministry, Friends of DuPont Forest and Camplify, which uses a series of camp-based and experiential learning programs to teach kids-in-need the life skills required to succeed and become the leaders of tomorrow. Kanuga awarded the Blue Ridge Service Corp, the Diocese of Western North Carolina's emerging Episcopal Service Corp project, \$9,000 through the Minkler Howell grant. As the Kanuga community, staff and guests, we have donated, through the Blood Connection's mobile bus, 144 units of blood. Each unit can help up to 3 patients in local hospitals, which means we could have reached as many as 432 people through our giving.

Kanuga's mission and vision statements are designed to carry us forward to our centennial celebration in 1928 and beyond. Since its founding, Kanuga has been shaped by a Spirit of true Christian Community. It is reflected in our Mission and demonstrated by the personal transformations that occur here. In navigating a rapidly changing world, we understand that its not going to do any good to try harder. We have to make an adaptation, and the key to adaptation begins with going back to our core values and

creating a capacity to experiment and to learn. Our purpose remains clear and our Mission has never been more meaningful to those who seek to reconnect with themselves, each other and the Creator.

All of us at Kanuga continue to be grateful to friends, supporters and partners in ministry from the historical Diocese of South Carolina. No matter what brings you here, we look forward to welcoming you with open arms and unparalleled service.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael R. Sullivan
President



James L. Haden
Executive VP: Mission



2019 Annual Report

Danny Sanford, Chief Executive Officer

In 2019, Still Hopes opened a brand new building named Greenway. Greenway brought to life 22 new assisted living apartments, the Riverbanks Apartments, and replaced our older nursing center with three new 16 room nursing care neighborhoods. Each of these skilled nursing neighborhoods are scaled down to allow a much more home-like environment, both in the size of the building, and in the intimacy of the care. These three neighborhoods are each named for Columbia's three rivers: the Saluda, the Broad, and the Congaree. These three neighborhoods collectively form the Dr. Jane Bruce Guignard Healthcare Neighborhoods. This combined effort of the Greenway building brings to life a significant part of our 2001 Master Plan to re-invent the Still Hopes campus for a vibrant future.

In May we began another new building, which will see us bring to life the final component of our 2001 Master Plan. This new building will be called Hopewell, and consists of 80 additional luxury apartments, along with a fifth dining venue for residents of our apartments and cottages. These apartments, almost all of which are two bedroom, and all of which provide large balconies, are pre-sold now, with the new residents-in-waiting eagerly anticipating the building's completion in March of 2021.

In addition to these construction projects, the Board of Trustees has worked with the management of Still Hopes to bring to life an on-site medical practice for the use of our residents. Dr. Victor Hirth, a renowned geriatrician, is the physician we have partnered with to operate this new concierge style practice. The practice offices were constructed as a component of the Greenway building completed in 2019. The practice is officially open as I write this report, and Dr. Hirth has already begun meeting with his patients, those residents of Still Hopes who have elected to join. We are excited to bring this amazing new service to our residents, assuring them the highest quality physician care in a time when the Medicare program is being re-tooled to do the opposite. Still Hopes believes the wellness of our residents is multi-faceted, and Dr. Hirth's personal approach to medicine aligns with ours and will certainly benefit the health of those who choose to participate in his practice.

Outside the walls of our campus, we are still actively working with the Diocese of Upper South Carolina to bring an intergenerational community to life in York, South Carolina. This community will not only provide a middle-market option for those in their retirement years, but will also offer early childhood development programs to a community in need of this service. The early stages of fundraising are underway for this effort, in conjunction with two additional ministries of the Diocese: Camp Gravatt and Campus Ministries.

Still Hopes' Mission is to provide a faith-based community where life will be rich and full as God intends it to be, holding to our values, serving one another with dedication, and promoting health and wellness for all. Never before have we honored our Mission as well as we do today, and be assured that we will continue to find ways to further brighten the journey of our residents and their families. Your role, as supporters of our efforts, is vital to our success and we thank you for your kindnesses, both with your monetary support and your prayers. It is my pleasure to bring you this report and to continue to serve this great ministry organization.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Danny Sanford". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.



Religious Life: Annual Report

**The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina
The Episcopal Church in South Carolina
Porter-Gaud Board of Trustees
October, 2019**

LEADERSHIP

J. Walker Coleman '87 is the currently-elected Chair of the Board of Trustees. He began his first 3-year term in July. Cordes Ford '94 is chair of the Porter-Gaud Foundation, which oversees the philanthropic efforts for the school including the current capital campaign for a new performing arts center and auditorium as well as a chapel. There are three clergy representatives on the board in addition to eighteen other members. These are held by The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, The Rev. Canon Caleb J. Lee, and The Rev. Greg Snyder. Dr. John McCardell, Vice Chancellor of Sewanee is also serving on the Board of Trustees. DuBose Eggleston is in his 11th year as Head of School. DuBose currently serves on the Governing Board for the National Association of Episcopal Schools and the Board of Trustees for the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

CHAPLAINCY FACULTY and STAFF

The Rev. Jill Williams - Lower School Chaplain

Ms. Henrietta M. Rivers - Middle School Chaplain

The Rev. Charles Echols, PhD - Upper School Chaplain and Chair of the Religion Department

Mr. Nick Rindge - Upper School Religion Faculty and Lay Chaplain

HISTORY

Porter-Gaud has a long history of living out its spiritual identity as an independent Episcopal school rooted in the rich heritage of Anglicanism. For much of its history, Porter-Gaud had one chaplain who taught all the religion classes, conducted chapel services, and provided pastoral care for the school community. As the School has grown and the needs for ministry have increased, the Board of Trustees has bolstered the chaplaincy so that there are now three full-time chaplains on campus in addition to a faculty member teaching Religion classes and supporting student ministry.

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

In addition to the traditional celebration of Holy Communion each Thursday morning in St. Timothy's Chapel, there is weekly chapel on a divisional basis for the Lower, Middle, and Upper School students and faculty. The School observes the major festivals of the church calendar. Advent chapel services are held in all three divisions. The Lower School holds a Christmas chapel and the Middle and Upper Schools have a Christmas Eucharist. The School's service of Lessons and Carols, held at the Church of the Holy Communion, is a tradition that dates back over 30 years and is a highlight of the Christmas season for the school community. All three divisions mark Ash Wednesday in their respective

chapels, and the Middle and Upper Schools celebrate the Eucharist during Holy Week. The Middle and Upper Schools have, furthermore, developed a vibrant ministry of student groups. Vestry and Bible study groups meet weekly with strong attendance. Vestry members hold significant leadership roles on campus and assist in leading worship in chapel. The students participate in a retreat in the fall. The chaplains continue to develop this ministry and are discussing service opportunities, and how to develop a sequential curriculum for student spiritual growth.

ACADEMICS

Porter-Gaud offers Godly Play and character education curricula in the Lower School that focus on the major stories of the Bible in tandem with selected virtues each month. In Middle School, virtues are taught using C. S. Lewis's *Narnia* novels, and eighth graders take a survey course of the Old Testament. The Upper School features a required course in the New Testament and Ethics and an elective on the writings of C. S. Lewis. The Upper School Department of History curriculum includes World Religions as an elective every other year. In the Middle and Upper School, the character education thread is woven through Advisory, Chapel, and other programming for students that follows the virtues framework established in the Lower School.

SERVICE

Porter-Gaud has an active community service program through which students volunteer thousands of hours annually to assist various agencies throughout the Lowcountry. Service opportunities are available with agencies working with at-risk and special-needs children, environmental and animal welfare, health and senior-adult issues, and hunger and poverty needs.

Porter-Gaud Mission Statement

Porter-Gaud is an Episcopal, coeducational, independent, college preparatory day school. We acknowledge the sovereignty of God, recognize the worth of the individual, and seek to cultivate a school community that endows its citizens with a foundation of moral and ethical character and intellect. Porter-Gaud fosters a challenging academic environment that honors excellence in teaching and learning, respects differences, expects honesty, and applauds achievement. The school strives to create an environment that nurtures and protects what we value most in our children: their faith, their curiosity, their talents, their integrity, their humanity, and their dreams.

Episcopal Identity at Porter-Gaud

As an Episcopal school, Porter-Gaud stands on the foundation of Anglican theology rooted in the Scriptures and expressed in the Book of Common Prayer. Because the school community is inclusive and diverse, we cultivate a climate of respectful dialogue in matters of faith. The School respects different faith traditions while simultaneously emphasizing its Episcopal core. We uphold the principles of honesty and integrity and the pursuit of moral and ethical character. Inherent in the Porter-Gaud mission is the belief that we possess certain distinctive gifts and talents given to us by a loving God. The school community reflects this belief and our teachers are committed to helping each student discover his or her gifts and talents.

The WATCH Prayer

O Lord, may our words be full of truth and kindness, our actions gracious and honorable, our thoughts unselfish and charitable, our character noble and upright, and our habits virtuous, that our school family may grow in faith, honor, and knowledge, as we watch together in all things. AMEN.

BISHOP GADSDEN



Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community embraces God's call to ministry.

We affirm positive living for all who live and work here.

We serve with integrity.

We exercise wise stewardship.

We reach out with a generous spirit.

The Bishop Gadsden mission statement above guides our philanthropic outreach, core business, and continued growth. Bishop Gadsden now serves some 500 residents and over 400 team members every day, providing a unique mix of hospitality, healthcare, amenities and services. Currently, we are completing construction on 8 cottages in a new neighborhood known as The Glebe on the west side of our campus. We look forward to welcoming these new residents beginning in December. Nowhere is our mission more visible than in the compassionate medical support provided in our health care residences. Groundbreaking will occur soon on an expansion of these services, to include a new wellness and hospitality focused healthcare center, and a repositioning of some of our oldest buildings to create 24 new one- and two-bedroom assisted living apartments.

The new healthcare center will provide 32 beds for short-term post-acute rehabilitation, 32 assisted living memory care residences, and 64 beds for long-term skilled care, with capacity to serve not only Bishop Gadsden residents but those in the greater Charleston community as well. Large private suites with multiple exposures and beautiful courtyards will surround a spacious 2-story Commons with an atrium library, gathering/multipurpose space, and an upbeat bistro with a bakery, fresh food market and retail shop. On the 2nd floor, The Christie Family Rehab Center will feature soaring glass bringing healing natural light into the rehab gym/fitness center. The planned medical clinic, relaxing spa, and family prayer and meditation space will provide a restorative context to short-term rehab. We anticipate completion of this project in 2021.

Generosity and philanthropy are defining elements of our Community culture for our residents, future residents, family members, board and staff. Our community has demonstrated this incredible generosity through our Shared Futures Campaign, currently advancing quickly toward a goal of \$5M to support the healthcare expansion. Over the past year we have provided \$544,888 in grants to support residents in financial need, enabling access and continued care for those in need of assistance. Residents selected and partnered with variety of not-for-profit organizations that serve others in the Charleston community, including Vantage Point Foundation, Lowcountry Food Bank and Turning Leaf with support totaling \$223,186. Our Strongheart Employee Scholarship Program continues to expand and offer opportunities to staff members seeking to further their education or pay down education debt. Fifty-seven staff members have received over \$100,000 in scholarship funds last year and so far this year, with another round of scholarship distributions coming this month. Social accountability is a part of wise stewardship, and our entire Community embraces our philosophy of giving back.

In addition to *giving*, Bishop Gadsden experienced the profound grace and gratitude of *receiving* this year through the support of two Episcopal Church institutions, Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community and Kanuga. Both organizations, along with a 3rd partner LMC Extended Care, were relocation sites for us during our evacuation for hurricane Dorian. To be welcomed with such gracious

hospitality and to have the support and commitment of the wider Episcopal Church in a time of great need was a true comfort.

The single most significant event in our Community life this past year has been the honor of celebrating the incredible ministry and impact of C. William Trawick, Bishop Gadsden President/CEO for the past 34 years. Bill announced his retirement earlier this year, beginning our journey through a leadership transition for the first time in our Community's modern history. During Bill's tenure, Bishop Gadsden has become a recognized model of innovation in senior living, through excellence in programs, amenities, philanthropy, architecture and design. Our unique culture of mutual support and care, established through Bill's personal example and servant leadership, has blessed thousands of lives. For this, the Board of Trustees in partnership with the Resident Council announced the naming of Trawick Commons in his honor, with hearty affirmation of the entire Community. Bill continues to serve Bishop Gadsden as the Chair of the Shared Futures Campaign and is undertaking the documentation of the Community's history.

It is a profound honor for me to be called now to advance our ministry of generosity, care, and service. Bishop Gadsden's 169-year history reflects an unwavering commitment to our founder's vision. We are grateful to our residents, family members, donors, team members, and the community of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina for being part of this extraordinary mission.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Tipton".

Sarah Tipton

President/CEO