

BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Two laypersons to be elected to a three-year term ending in 2016.

Name: Russell W. Ayres, III

Church: Calvary, East Liberty

Occupation: Attorney

Service to the church: Present: President, Board of Trustees (2009-present). Past: Vestry, Junior Warden and Senior Warden (2004-08)

Statement of interest: Having served on the Board of Trustees since we began to reorganize our diocese following the split in 2008, I have been privileged to work with Bishops Price and McConnell and many dedicated trustees to manage our resources to the glory of God and the furtherance of the mission of the Episcopal Church in southwestern Pennsylvania. I believe that by serving one final term on the board, I can help our bishop and trustees to continue this mission, providing continuity and perspective from the early post-split days of the diocese. I have concluded, however, that now is a good time for new leadership on the board and have advised the bishop and chancellor that I believe that the board would benefit from having a new president appointed beginning on January 1, 2014. The bishop is canonically authorized to appoint the next president, and I have offered him my support in that process.

Name: Gerald (Gerry) Dalton

Church: St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

Occupation: Retired

Service to the church: Present: Vestry member, Treasurer, Chair of Lay Readers, choir member, Altar Guild, Lay Deputy to Diocesan Convention. Past: Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer of NYOP, Search Committee, Chair of NCD Health Team, Cursillo Team.

Statement of interest: Upon moving to Pittsburgh in 1968, I became active with the Church of the Ascension, serving as a Lay Reader, vestry member and youth advisor. For the past 28 years, I have been a member of St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg. During my professional life, I served as the controller and/or financial advisor for several small family-owned companies, retiring in December 2009. In thanksgiving for the many who have dedicated their time to this diocese during our difficult years and with excitement for our future of continuing to build God's Kingdom, I wish to serve on the Board of Trustees and use my gifts received from God.

Name: Linda Getts

Church: St. Thomas, Oakmont

Occupation: Retired

Service to the church: Present: Board of Trustees, Judge of Audits, Budget and Assessment Working Group, Church Periodical Chair for ECW Board, member of Cathedral Chapter. Past: President of ECW Board, Diocesan Council.

Statement of interest: I am running for a full term on the Board of Trustees because I want to continue helping the diocese rebuild. I was a long-time parish treasurer and treasurer of the ECW Board before the diocese split. Currently I am the treasurer of the CPC of Province III, Judge of Audits, and serve on the Budget and Assessment Working Group. I am retired and have the energy and time needed to serve. A three-year term will give me the opportunity to fully take part in the financial issues of the diocese.

Name: Amy Jennings

Church: St. Thomas, Canonsburg

Occupation: Director of Estimating

Service to the church: Present: Junior Warden. Past: Rector Search Committee at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon.

Statement of interest: Amy Jennings is a West Virginia native and grew up Catholic. She moved to Pennsylvania in 2004, and began attending St. Thomas, Canonsburg, in 2005. After moving to Mt. Lebanon for graduate school, Amy attended St. Paul's for approximately five years. While there she was received into the Episcopal Church, served on the Rector Search Committee, was a Sunday School teacher, and an active member of the Outreach Committee. After moving back to Canonsburg to be closer to work, she again began attending St. Thomas in 2010. At St. Thomas, Amy serves as Junior Warden and remains active with parish outreach projects. In addition to her involvement with St. Thomas, Amy serves as Secretary for the Washington County Builders Association, and a board member for the Pennsylvania Builders Association. Amy works for Controlled Climate Systems, Inc., a heating and air conditioning company in Canonsburg, and is the Director of Estimating. Amy hopes to put her business experience to use as a member for the Board of Trustees. During this time of transition, there are many financial decisions that will involve property repairs in addition to normal requests from parishes for diocesan support. With a background in estimating, experience in construction, a love of numbers, and plenty of experience setting and following budgets, Amy hopes to be an asset to the board. In her free time, Amy enjoys spending time with friends, fixing her house and planning her next adventure as she works to visit all seven continents and 50 states.

Name: John P. Sozansky

Church: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Occupation: Director, Real Estate Appraiser/Analyst

Service to the church: Present: Lay Eucharistic Minister, choir member, Outreach Commission member, ECM member. Past: Vestry member, Rector Nomination Committee

Statement of interest: None submitted.

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

One clergy and one layperson to be elected to a three-year term ending in 2016.

Name: The Rev. John R. Schaeffer

Church: All Saints, Brighton Heights

Occupation: Bi-vocational: Priest and financial professional

Service to the church: Present: Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Brighton Heights. Past: Senior Warden, Christ Church, North Hills; Church school teacher for over ten years.

Statement of interest: I respectfully submit my nomination to serve as a clergy representative on the Cathedral Chapter. As a bi-vocational priest, I maintain an office in downtown Pittsburgh in my secular career in the financial service business. I believe with both my 30+ years of practical business experience along with service in a number of parishes as both lay leader and clergy, that I can add value to the Cathedral Chapter for my training, education and experience. I firmly believe that the cathedral is important not only as a center for worship and refuge for those seeking spiritual nourishment. The cathedral is a beacon to our communities that the Episcopal Church is alive, involved and available to bring the gospel to all and to serve those in need.

Name: Michele Baum

Church: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Occupation: Senior Writer/Project Manager

Service to the church: Present: Vestry (2009-13); co-chair, communications, welcoming, fellowship and outreach commissions; chorister since 2001, lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister since 2008. Past: Volunteer for set-up/take-down/music, Refuge at St. Paul's.

Statement of interest: Michele D. Baum has been a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon, since 2001. Parish activities include service on the vestry, as a lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister, and singing soprano in the choir. A Johnstown native, she was baptized twice – once while hospitalized as a newborn and later at Franklin Street United Methodist Church, where she first grew in faith. Ms. Baum was received into the congregation of Grace Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN, in 1998, by the Rt. Rev. Charles vonRosenberg, former bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee (now bishop of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina). While at Grace, she sang in the choir and served as editor for *Ecsetera*, the newsletter for the Episcopal Commission of Southeast Tennessee. She is a senior writer/project manager at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Prior to joining the Pitt staff, she served as a media relations manager for UPMC and reported for newspapers in three states, as well as CNN.com. She lives in Upper St. Clair with her husband, Tim; son, Chris; and three cats. It would be a privilege to serve as a member of the Cathedral Chapter during this time of rebirth in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

One member to be elected to a three-year term ending in 2016.

Name: Carolyn R. Booker

Church: St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

Occupation: Retired educator and social worker / Own and operate interior design business

Service to the church: Present: Order of the Daughters of the King Second Vice President (Membership Chair) Assembly of Pittsburgh and Province III; Episcopal Church Women Diocesan Board; created and facilitating a series "Getting Older" at St. Stephens. Past: Order of the Daughters of the King National Membership Chair, National Evangelism Chair, Province III President, First Vice-President of the Province, Chapter President, Junior Directress; Episcopal Church Women Diocesan Board; Cursillo Church Representative; Diocesan Representative to Cathedral Chapter.

Statement of interest: My experiences in the secular world and the church have provided me with many opportunities to encourage and develop individuals. During my career in education while working as a teacher, I was Clinical Resident Teacher at the Schenley Teacher Center. As a social worker (Intervention Specialist), I supervised students from the University of Pittsburgh who were pursuing their Masters of Social Work degree. In the church setting as a Daughter of the King, I took vows to follow a rule of life of prayer and service while evangelizing for Christ's kingdom. In my various leadership roles, I have developed and encouraged many individuals. Outside of the church as a Christian woman, I am involved in Community Bible Study as a core leader and Gateway Healing Rooms. I enjoy lay ministry and the opportunities that have been provided to me to serve. I would be honored to serve on the Commission on Ministry along with others where I would assist the bishop in the discernment process of those pursuing ordination.

Name: Nancy Lapp

Church: Holy Cross, Homewood

Occupation: Retired

Service to the church: Present: Commission on Ministry; Social Justice and Outreach Chair; acting Treasurer of Holy Cross. Past: Vestry of Christ Church, North Hills; Church School teacher; Outreach Committee; Diocese Examining Chaplain; Diocesan Representative to North American Regional Committee of St. George's College, Jerusalem; led study tours to Holy Land for diocese in 1981, 1983 and 1986.

Statement of interest: Having served on the Commission on Ministry for the past two years, I would like to continue that service to the diocese for another term. My participation in a seminary community and the academic world most of my adult life indicates my interest and concern for men and women preparing for the Christian ministry. My work included teaching and advising students particularly in various areas of Biblical studies. For the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh I served as the Examining Chaplain in Old Testament for a number of years. (At that time it was a subcommittee of the Commission on Ministry.) I believe I can bring my past experience and continuing commitment to theological education to the Commission on Ministry in their efforts for competent and dedicated leadership in our diocese and the Episcopal Church.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

One clergy and one layperson to be elected to three-year terms ending 2016.

Name: The Rev. Charles B. W. Hamill

Church: Christ Church, North Hills

Occupation: Parish priest

Service to the church: Present: Assistant Rector, Christ Episcopal Church North Hills; Secretary Pro Tem, Committee on Constitution and Canons; member of Executive Board of Episcopal Clergy Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Statement of interest: I am currently serving as Secretary to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, having been asked to fill a vacancy this past March. My organizational and listening skills, as well as my ear for language have allowed to me to interact well with the committee as they work through the restructuring and updating of constitutional language geared towards the re-growth of the diocese into the 21st century. As a newer priest in the diocese, I hope to be able to bring fresh eyes and ideas to the discussion and play an integral part in keeping our Constitution and Canons updated and healthy.

Name: Michael E. Braxton

Church: Calvary, East Liberty

Occupation: University fundraiser

Service to the church: Present: Chair, Committee on Constitution and Canons; Alternate Deputy to General Convention; Verger, Calvary Church; Calling Committee for the 16th Rector of Calvary Church; Lay Deputy to Diocesan Convention. Past: Secretary, Committee on Constitution and Canons; Calvary Vestry; President, Calvary Parish Council.

Statement of interest: As Christians, I believe that we are each called to use our skill, time and talent to serve the Church and build our community, and I hope that you will help me do so in the offices I seek: member of the Constitution and Canons Committee and Deputy to General Convention. I am an incumbent member of the Constitution & Canons Committee and have served variously as its secretary and its chair over the past three years. I am currently a Calvary deputy to diocesan convention and was honored to serve as an alternate deputy to the 77th General Convention in Indianapolis. For nearly 20 years, I have been an active member of Calvary Church, serving on the parish council, vestry and most recently on the rector search committee. For the last 15 years, I have been one of the parish's vergers.

Professionally, I am a major gift fundraiser for Carnegie Mellon, working with high-level domestic and international donors. Previously, I practiced law as a commercial litigator. I am a western Pennsylvanian, having returned to Pittsburgh after graduating from Princeton and Columbia Law School. Pray for me as I endeavor to serve you, our diocese and our Church.

DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION

*Four clergy and four lay deputies, and four clergy and four lay alternates,
to be elected to a three-year term ending 2016.*

Name: The Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker

Church: St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

Occupation: Clergy

Service to the church: Present: Rector, St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg; Planning Team, Diocesan Conversation on Human Sexuality; Commission on Racism. Past: Standing Committee (President); Chair, Bishop Search Transition Committee.

Statement of interest: General Convention is the time when representatives of the whole Episcopal Church are gathered to "take counsel for the renewal and mission of Christ's Church." I think it is a responsibility that, as a priest in the diocese, I am called to be willing to fulfill. I bring a heart for faithful mission, a commitment to prayer, and a conviction that the Holy Spirit does guide us when we work together to discern God's will.

Name: The Rev. William L. Geiger

Church: Christ Church, Indiana

Occupation: Priest

Service to the church: Present: Standing Committee, Disciplinary Board, Human Sexuality Dialogue facilitator, Misconduct Prevention Trainer. Past: Diocesan Council, 2009-12 (President 2010-11); Episcopal Nominating Committee; General Convention Clergy Deputy, second alternate.

Statement of interest: Having served as an alternate clergy deputy at the 2012 General Convention, I am eager to serve the diocese again at the 2015 General Convention in Salt Lake City. Pittsburgh has emerged from the pain and chaos of 2008 to be a diocese making a new path of Christian community across historically polarized lines of theological difference. Having received so much support from the rest of the church through our troubles, we now have the opportunity to give back with a truly unique and unfolding journey of reconciliation, and I would be honored as always to represent our whole diocese to the wider church.

Name: The Rev. Louis B. Hays

Church: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Occupation: Episcopal priest

Service to the church: Present: Vice President, Diocesan Council; Chair, Commission on Ministry; member, Committee on Constitution and Canons; Rector, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon. Past: Alternate Clergy Deputy to General Convention, 2009 and 2012.

Statement of interest: The Episcopal Church is undergoing significant self-examination and renewal. The 2015 General Convention will make decisions that will shape TEC for years to come: electing a new Presiding Bishop and acting on the recommendations of the Taskforce for Reimagining the Episcopal Church. My commitment, passion, and experience in the Diocese of Pittsburgh and elsewhere have prepared me to be a participant in the renewal that will be shaped by this General Convention. My relevant experience includes serving as Chair of the Commission on Ministry since 2008, serving as member and Vice President of Diocesan Council and member of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, serving as Rector of St. Paul's Mt. Lebanon since 2007, working with Kris McInnes to rebuild

St. David's in Peters Township, and my previous experience in two large dioceses (Maryland and Connecticut). I was a participant in the 2009 General Convention as Alternate Clergy Deputy, and was elected as an Alternate Clergy Deputy to the 2012 General Convention. It would be a privilege to serve as Clergy Deputy from the Diocese of Pittsburgh to the 2015 General Convention.

Name: The Rev. Kris McInnes

Church: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Occupation: Clergy

Service to the church: Present: Commission on Ministry, Chairperson of District III, Priest-in-Charge of St. David's, Peters Township. Past: Nominating Committee for Eighth Bishop of Pittsburgh, board member of Clergy Association, chair of Pittsburgh Youth Initiative.

Statement of interest: The role of deputy to General Convention has always been of interest to me and this year I feel called to seek a seat on the deputation. In years past I did not run, thinking that deputy to General Convention was a position for the more experienced clergy in the diocese. While experience is important, I now realize that younger deputies are needed just as much if not more. Not simply because our church needs to hear younger voices, but because to be effective, one must have an ongoing presence at convention. Experience is important, but if we do not elect younger deputies, then we will miss out on the continuity required to be a part of our church's core decision making in the long term. I have five years experience in and around our church as a priest. I have served on many diocesan committees. I have a young and fresh perspective. But perhaps the most important asset that I will bring to our deputation is the ability to serve for many years to come.

Name: The Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre

Church: Holy Cross, Homewood

Occupation: Professor/Rector

Service to the church: Present: Standing Committee; Rector. Past: Diocesan Council (two terms); History and Archives Commission.

Statement of interest: I would be honored to represent the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh at the 2015 General Convention. I have been a priest in good standing in this diocese since 2000, and this would be my first time serving in this capacity. I believe that I could offer a fresh new voice to discussions on topics of concern to the church and the world. As rector of the Church of the Holy Cross for six years and priest-in-charge for nearly three years before that, I have come to know some of the challenges of leadership in the church, especially in the African American community. As assistant professor in the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy at Duquesne University for 13 years and in the Theology Department for ten years, I have a keen interest in the intersection of church and world affairs. Previous General Conventions have made strong policy statements and changes. I believe that all such claims need to be grounded biblically and theologically. My particular experience in these areas could be of significant assistance in decision making and consensus building. I would plan to be available to help implement these changes at the conclusion of the General Convention.

Name: The Rev. Jeffrey D. Murph

Church: St. Thomas, Oakmont

Occupation: Priest

Service to the church: Present: Rector, St. Thomas Church, Oakmont; Chaplain, UPMC St. Margaret. Past: President, Standing Committee; Diocesan Council; Board, Sheldon Calvary Camp; Bishop's Task Force on Strategic Planning; Continuing Education Commission; Clergy Conference Planning Committee; Legal Affairs Committee

Statement of interest: When I first went to General Convention, I had some trepidation. I had been warned, with the considerable amount of legislation and other matters that must be completed, that it was difficult to keep up with the pace and to keep everything organized. I soon adjusted to the fast pace of the convention and, even though I had been a priest for twenty-five years, learned new things about the

Episcopal Church. In our own deputation, there was a broad spectrum of representation, which reflected our diocese very faithfully. In our diocese, I have participated in Across the Aisle, on the original reorganizing Standing Committee and on the Bishop's Task Force on Strategic Planning. I hope I can serve again as a General Convention deputy representing the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Name: The Rev. Canon Scott T. Quinn

Church: Nativity, Crafton

Occupation: Priest

Service to the church: Present: Canon to the Ordinary, serves Cathedral Chapter, Growth Fund, Commission on Ministry and Diocesan Council; board member of Old St. Luke's and UPMC Senior Communities. Past: Deputy to six General Conventions since 1997; President of Standing Committee; President of District V; Diocesan Council; board member of Calvary Camp.

Statement of interest: I have served as a deputy to the General Convention six times since 1997. As a deputy for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, I wish to continue to foster community in our common life with the church at large.

Name: The Rev. Bruce M. Robison

Church: St. Andrew's, Highland Park

Occupation: Rector, St. Andrew's Church, Highland Park

Service to the church: Present: President, Standing Committee (2013); Member, Standing Committee (2010-13); Chair, Task Force on Collaboration (2009-present); Chair, Compensation Committee of Diocesan Council (2012-present); Board Member, Pittsburgh Episcopal Clergy Association (1995-present). Past: Deputy, General Convention (2009); Alternate Deputy, General Convention (2012); Member of Standing Committee (1999-2003); President, Standing Committee (2002-03); President, National Network of Episcopal Clergy Associations (2002-04); President, Pittsburgh Episcopal Clergy Association (2000-05).

Statement of interest: At General Convention 2015 the spotlight will be on issues of leadership and structure. The House of Bishops will elect and the House of Deputies confirm the election of the 27th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and bishops and deputies together will consider and act on the recommendations of the Task Force for Church Structural Reform established by General Convention 2012. It's going to be a challenging convention, with the potential to shape and focus the denomination for many years to come. My goal would be to encourage decisions that will promote lean and healthy mission-focused administrative structures and a Christ-centered and generous culture of evangelism, congregational development, and spiritual renewal. It was my privilege to serve as a clergy deputy from Pittsburgh to General Convention in 2009 and as an alternate clergy deputy in 2012. I believe my experience – in the deputation, in leadership roles in our diocese through these challenging years of transition, and in leadership of the National Network of Episcopal Clergy Associations – would provide a strong foundation to contribute in an effective way to the work of the next General Convention. If elected, I will be honored to serve.

Name: The Rev. Dr. James B. Simons

Church: St. Michael's, Ligonier

Occupation: Priest

Service to the church: Present: Deputy to General Convention. Past: Standing Committee (twice); COM Chair (ten years); Deputy to General Convention (eight times); General Convention Secretariat; Chair, Dispatch of Business (twice); Executive Council.

Statement of interest: I have been a priest in the diocese for 28 years and have been a deputy to General Convention eight times. I am a member of the leadership team which organizes the convention before and during its convening. I currently serve on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. I am

committed to the church and diocese and hope to continue to serve the church as I represent us to the General Convention.

Name: Michele Baum

Church: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Occupation: Senior Writer/Project Manager

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Name: Michael E. Braxton

Church: Calvary, East Liberty

Occupation: University fundraiser

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Name: Jon Delano

Church: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Occupation: Media/Adjunct Professor/Attorney

Service to the church: Present: Standing Committee (Secretary); Judge of Election (Diocesan); Lay Eucharistic Minister (parish coordinator). Past: Deputy to Diocesan Convention (reorganization); St. Paul's Vestry; chaired parish stewardship commission, etc.

Statement of interest: After serving a number of years in various diocesan positions (Standing Committee, District Chair, the Array, co-chair of Diocesan Convention, Judge of Elections) and grounded with parish service and worship (Vestry, Deputy to Diocesan Convention, Lay Eucharistic Minister

coordinator, Stewardship chair, etc.), I think my experience and background in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, coupled with my skills in communication, law, and mediation, will be helpful as we strengthen the Episcopal Church in a challenging world. As a deputy, my goal is to strive to make sound judgments on all matters before General Convention, always tempered by the counsel and wisdom of the clergy and lay people in this diocese. Our worship together as Episcopalians in the greater Anglican Communion depends on our ability to transcend and navigate differences in a public environment while remaining true to our core beliefs as Christians who value the diversity led by the Holy Spirit that is the ever-evolving American experience of this Church.

Name: Joan R. Gundersen

Church: Redeemer, Squirrel Hill

Occupation: Archivist and Property Manager for diocese

Service to the church: Present: Co-Chair of Diocesan Disaster Preparedness Planning Commission; Committee on Constitution and Canons (2008-present); Deputy to General Convention (2009, 2012), licensed lay reader, lector, etc. since 1978; Diocesan Council and Board of Trustees; member of Legal Committee (advisory to Chancellor and Bishop). Past: Diocesan Treasurer; Diocesan History and Archives 2000-06; Vestry service at Redeemer (two terms); Deputy to Diocesan Convention, two terms; choir, part of lay ministry to Heritage Place Care Home; at other parishes in other dioceses – parish treasurer and ECW treasurer, vestry, choir, lay reader, Worship Committee Chair, Sunday School teacher, Search Committee member.

Statement of interest: I have been privileged to have been sent by this diocese to General Convention in 2009 and 2012. Both times, I served on the National and International Concerns committee, and this last time was instrumental in shaping several of the resolutions related to gender and race equity, and tried to help the committee understand the complexity of issues such as “fracking” for a diocese like ours where people are passionate both for and against this extraction process. On other levels the Convention continued to be a spiritual “family reunion” and I was refreshed by the chance to interact and pray with people of faith from around the world. I now feel that I understand how General Convention works in a way that lets me be an effective member. It would be a great honor to once again be able to serve this diocese, our church, and Christ by serving as a deputy to the 2015 General Convention in Salt Lake City.

Name: Betsy Hetzler

Church: Nativity, Crafton

Occupation: Retired teacher

Service to the church: Present: Standing Committee; Vestry; Deputy to Diocesan Convention; Secretary of Vestry; Altar Guild. Past: UTO (Diocesan Coordinator); Search Committee for Bishop; 2012 Intake Officer; Diocesan Council (2002-08); Disciplinary Board.

Statement of interest: Having served the Diocese of Pittsburgh and my local parish in various capacities (some of which are listed above), I would also like to serve our diocese at the national level by becoming a lay deputy to the 2015 General Convention in Salt Lake City. In addition to volunteering with the church, I am also active in local charitable and community organizations. A retired teacher, I am told I am thoughtful, a good listener, and someone who enjoys helping others.

Name: Jamie McMahon

Church: Calvary, East Liberty

Occupation: Fundraising, Carnegie Museum of Art

Service to the church: Present: Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development (2009-15, Chair 2012-15); Vestry, Calvary Church (2011-15); Fundraising Consultant, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Highland Park (2011-13). Past: General Convention Deputy (first lay alternate, 2012); General Convention management staff (2009-12); Standing Commission on Communications and Technology (2003-06).

Statement of interest: I would be honored to serve the Diocese of Pittsburgh as a deputy to General Convention in 2015. Over the past decade I have served the Episcopal Church in a number of roles at General Convention including management staff in 2008, the House of Deputies Secretariat in 2012, as well as being the first lay alternate for Pittsburgh's deputation in 2012. As the youngest member of our deputation, I enjoyed the opportunity to work with and learn from my more experienced colleagues from many different parishes around the diocese. I currently serve as the chair of the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development, one of the national interim bodies that meets between general conventions to develop new resolutions to bring in subsequent years. Within the Diocese of Pittsburgh, I have been working most recently as a fundraising consultant for an ongoing capital campaign at St. Andrew's in Highland Park, and I have also consulted with several other parishes in the diocese that may be planning fundraising campaigns in the future. At Calvary I serve as a member of the Vestry, Stewardship Committee, choir, and as a vergier.

Name: Mary C. Roehrich

Church: St. Andrew's, Highland Park

Occupation: Retired

Service to the church: Present: Deputy to General Convention; member, Diocesan Dialogue Planning Team; Commission on Architecture. Past: Standing Committee; Diocesan Council; Across the Aisle; Senior Warden; Deputy to Diocesan Convention.

Statement of interest: It has become my personal ministry to work for grace-filled community in our diocese and in the Episcopal Church. To that end, I served on the Cathedral Chapter, on Diocesan Council just before the diocesan split, on the Steering Committee of Across the Aisle as we prepared to maintain organizational continuity in the event of a split, on the reorganized Standing Committee, and on the planning team for our sexuality dialogue. I was a deputy to the General Conventions of 2009 and 2012. Being a General Convention deputy has allowed me to represent our extraordinary and complicated diocese to the wider church. The General Convention can be an inspiration, suggesting how we can better live out our Christian vocation in southwestern Pennsylvania and in the world. However, sometimes its actions seem to require creative adaptation in our diocese as we seek to live out our ministry and mission in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. There is no other diocese in the Episcopal Church I would rather be in, no other people with whom I would rather share the joy and work of being Christian. I hope to continue my ministry of encouraging community for effective Christian mission as a deputy from the Diocese of Pittsburgh to the 2015 General Convention.

Name: Steve Stagnitta

Church: St. Andrew's, Highland Park

Occupation: Sr. Programmer Developer

Service to the church: Present: Parish Ministry Committee; Lay Reader; Diocesan Council; Budget and Assessment Working Group (Chair); Commission on Ministry; General Convention Deputy (Lay). Past: Vestry; Diocesan Committee on Canons (former chair).

Statement of interest: I have served as a lay deputy to general convention for the past four conventions. The past two conventions I have served as a regular deputy, also performing substantial work on the Evangelism Committee drafting legislation that is being used to help build the national church, and help our diocese, and the previous two conventions I served as an alternate deputy, representing the diocese but not serving on a committee. During my past work with General Convention both on committees and as part of the House of Deputies, I have developed legislation which is being used to build the church at the national and on a more local level, and have a strong understanding of where we as a diocese fit into the national church and how we can help build the church and what the national church can do to help build the diocese. I hope, if and when I am reelected to this position to work as a liaison between our new rebuilding diocese and the national church, and hope to bring in ideas that we can use in our rebuilding of parishes within the diocese. I pray that you might give me your support.

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Two clergy and one layperson to be elected to three-year terms ending 2016.

Name: The Rev. Ben DeHart

Church: Nativity, Crafton

Occupation: Youth Leader

Service to the church: Past: Campus Minister at Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh; Curate at Trinity Cathedral.

Statement of interest: “Not to undermine the consequence, but you are not what you do.” This lyric by *Jars of Clay* – from their excellent song “Boys (Lesson 1)” – concisely summarizes my reasons for running for the Disciplinary Board for the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. It simplifies the age-old notion that our salvation is not contingent upon what we bring to the table, but by the work of Jesus. Our identity is not found in how very good or how very bad we’ve been, but in the radical love of Christ. So how does this apply to what I might do on the Disciplinary Board? It means that any kind of discipline or punishment that would be brought upon a clergyperson would not be to condemn. It would be to restore. This attitude leads to mercy and not judgment. Sure punishment is necessary – “not to undermine the consequence” – but, at the same time, we understand that the victimizer is still beloved in Jesus Christ. A grace-focused disciplinary demeanor engenders restoration. As the Lutheran theologian Gerhard Forde makes clear, “It is quite true, ‘faith without works is dead’. But no amount of talk about ‘works’ to be done will ever revive a dead faith.” Gracious discipline grounded in love has a better chance at reviving dead faith and restoring the wayward, than condemnation. I hope to contribute to our Disciplinary Board by being firm but ultimately gracious.

Name: The Rev. Kris McInnes

Church: St. David’s, Peters Township

Occupation: Clergy

Service to the church: Present: Commission on Ministry; Chair of District III; Chair of Nominating Committee. Past: Pittsburgh Youth Initiative; Disciplinary Board; Board member of Pittsburgh Clergy Association; Board member of National Network of Episcopal Clergy Association; Nominating Committee for the Eighth Bishop of Pittsburgh.

Statement of interest: I have served for a term on the Disciplinary Board in the past and am happy to do so again. I hope that it is never necessary for the Board to meet, but if it does, I promise to maintain the balance of grace and responsibility that is required of any member of the Disciplinary Board.

Name: Erin Harter Janiak

Church: St. David’s, Peters Township

Occupation: Homemaker

Service to the church: Present: Vestry member; Children’s Church volunteer. Past: Worship Leader Teen; Teen Leadership; Acolyte.

Statement of interest: Erin grew up at St. David’s in Peters Township and she is happy to be back to raise her two-year-old daughter there as well. She is running for the disciplinary board with the hope of bringing perspective and acting with love particularly in delicate situations.

STANDING COMMITTEE

One clergy and one layperson to be elected to four-year terms ending 2017.

Name: The Rev. Chuck Weiss

Church: St. Thomas, Canonsburg

Occupation: Rector

Service to the church: Present: Sheldon Calvary Camp Board (Vice-President); Social Justice and Outreach Committee. Past: Public Conversations Project; Diocesan Council (Secretary, Vice-President); Diocesan Life Committee; Pittsburgh Youth Initiative; Department of Youth Board; Ecumenical Youth Leaders Council; Diocesan Christian Education Committee and Diocesan Life Committee in the Diocese of Delaware.

Statement of interest: I am grateful to be considered for a place on Standing Committee. I imagine that acting as part of a council of advice to our bishop would be both humbling and exciting. I've been impressed by Bishop McConnell's collegial spirit, and I expect that this will serve our diocese well as we consider not only controversial matters, but also our broader path forward, seeking to be a meaningful Christian presence in our part of the world. Over the course of my fifteen years in the priesthood, God has often used me as a bridge among people with varying viewpoints; and so I believe that God could use me in this way on Standing Committee. It would be an honor to walk alongside our bishop, and other colleagues in ministry, in this way.

Name: John M. Adams

Church: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Occupation: Lawyer

Service to the church: Present: Diocesan Board of Trustees. Past: Bishop Search/Transition Committee; St. Paul's Vestry: Senior Warden, Treasurer, Chairman Outreach Committee; St. Paul's Commission on Ministry, Sunday School Teacher, Board Member of St. Paul's Episcopal Nursery School.

Statement of interest: None submitted.

Name: Nick Hays

Church: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Occupation: Media Consultant

Service to the church: Present: St. Paul's Vestry; Facilitator, Diocesan Human Sexuality Dialogue; Board of Directors, Old St. Luke's; Board of Directors, St. John in the Wilderness, Eagles-Mere, PA. Past: Consecration Committee, Logistics Chairman, Ordination & Consecration of Bishop McConnell (2012).

Statement of interest: The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is at a critical point in its history. Having survived what we euphemistically call "the late unpleasantness," the diocese, under Bishop McConnell's leadership, has charted a course of healing, reconciliation and moving forward – together. The most important thing we can do in the next four years is talk with one another, openly and respectfully, but always together. I've had the good fortune to work with people from across the diocese in the past two years as a member of the Transition Committee for Bishop McConnell; a facilitator of the human-sexuality dialogue; on the Vestry at St. Paul's; and as a director at Old St. Luke's. These experiences show that I can help bridge the gaps between laypeople and clergy; older people and younger; members of smaller parishes and larger ones; Anglo-Catholics and Protestants; liberals and conservatives, and will serve Bishop McConnell and the Diocese of Pittsburgh with honor on the Standing Committee. What happens in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have an impact far beyond southwestern Pennsylvania, so let's be a beacon of hope, healing and reconciliation for the whole Episcopal Church, as well as our small corner of it. Let's move forward, together.