

BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Two laypersons to be elected to three-year terms ending in 2024



Name: Jane C. Burger

Church: Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh

Occupation: Owner/Partner of a Real Estate and Investment Firm

Mrs. Burger is an owner/partner of the real estate and investment firm, Speedwell, Inc., developing, managing, and investing in residential and commercial properties and private investment funds.

She also works as a consultant to family foundations, community and educational organizations, and municipalities. Currently she serves as a Chatham University Trustee (past Chair) and chair of the Finance Committee. She chairs the Membership Committee of the Board for FISA and is on the YWCA Investment Committee, IWF and WPPP.

Mrs. Burger was the first Executive Director of The Grable Foundation and was a member of the Pittsburgh philanthropic community since 1986 when she became Executive Director of the Henry C. Frick Educational Commission. Prior to this she directed the Allegheny Conference on Community Development's Education and Workforce Fund.

Her volunteer activities have focused on families and children, improving their educational and economic opportunities. Among these have been- President of the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation, the Board of Visitors for the University of Pittsburgh- Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Leadership Pittsburgh, AC Commission on Children, United Way. She has been recognized as a Distinguished Daughter of PA.

Now widowed, Jane and her husband Herb and children Matthew and Jennifer were/are members of Trinity Cathedral. She serves on the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and The Chapter and Executive Committee of Trinity Cathedral.

"I would like to continue, as I believe this a vital time for the Church to be strong and address the problems facing our region. The Trustees are critical to helping the new Bishop and the Episcopal Church and I would like to be part of this service."



Name: Gerald W. Dalton

Church: St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

Occupation: Retired

As a longtime member and lay leader in my Parish, I wish to serve the Diocese and larger community and have the desire to advise and support our new Bishop and all her programs.

I am currently the Financial Administrator of St. Stephen's, as well as a Vestry Member, Choir member, Lay Eucharistic Minister (chairman of the Lay Readers) and Altar Guild. I have served as Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain, over the 31 years I have been on the Vestry. I have served on the diocesan Board of Trustees and continue to be on the Growth Fund and Audit committees. This year, I am serving on the Transition Committee and was a Shepherd for a Bishop candidate.



Name: Anelisa Tarrant

Church: St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

Occupation: Corporate Real Estate Services, Customer Relationship Manager

My name is Anelisa Tarrant, and I am interested in serving on the Board of Trustees. As a lifelong Episcopalian, I've held a number of roles in the parishes I've attended over the years including member of vestry. Currently, I serve as head of both the altar guild and acolytes at St. Brendan's. In these roles, I've learned a great deal about the items used throughout an Episcopal service including vessels, linens, altar hangings, processional items, and vestments.

From a professional perspective, I earned my J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law in 2003. While I am not a practicing attorney, I do work within the corporate real estate field, and have done for the past 15 years. My roles have included working as a lease administrator managing clients' leased portfolios; working with brokers to negotiate lease terms, and draft documents supporting those negotiations; and working with business units to form real estate and occupancy strategy to support their business and budgetary needs.

I feel like the Board of Trustees would be a good fit for my skills, and I welcome the opportunity to further give back to a church family that has given me so much.

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

One clergy and one layperson to be elected to three-year terms ending in 2024



Name: The Rev. Darrell J. Johnson

Church: St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

Occupation: Vocational Deacon

Originally from northern NY state, I have been a resident of the Pittsburgh area for the past 40 years. I was received into the Episcopal Church in 1988 by Bishop Alden Hathaway and have been a parishioner in various parishes; most recently St. Brendan's, where I now serve as deacon. After my retirement from Eaton Corp. in 2016, I sought to become more involved in ministry at St. Brendan's.

From January 2017 through March 2020 I served as a lay pastor to the Sunrise of McCandless assisted-living facility in the North Hills, conducted worship services every other Sunday and provided pastoral care as requested by residents. During this time, I also discerned for ordained ministry and completed my studies at the Stevenson School for Ministry (SSFM) in the diocese of Central PA, graduating in November 2020. Having completed all canonical requirements for ordination, I was ordained as vocational deacon by Bishop Dorsey on May 8, 2021 at St. Paul's Mt. Lebanon.

Married to my partner of 33 years, we have lived in Chippewa (Beaver County) for the past 20 years. Active as deacon at St. Brendan's now, I am interested in serving the diocese at large as a member of the Cathedral Chapter.



Name: Anthony J. Turo
Church: St. Brendan's, Franklin Park
Occupation: Public Administrator

I, Anthony J. Turo, am a member of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church in the North Hills (Sewickley) area of Pittsburgh, I first attended St. Brendan's on the Frist Sunday of Advent 2018, after being a life-long Roman Catholic, and was officially welcomed into the Episcopal Church by the Bishop in May 2019. I attended St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church until 2017, about the time of my separation and consequent divorce from my wife, Maureen. I have three adult children, and five grandchildren, including a special needs grandson who has Down Syndrome.

Since joining St. Brendan's, I have become a lector, served on the Re-Opening Committee (in response to the 2020 COVID-19) pandemic, and I am currently serving on the Discernment Committee charged with facilitating the selection of our new Priest-in-Charge who will succeed our current Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Regis Smolko, who is retiring this December. I was recommended for the Cathedral Chapel by my pastor and I would be happy to serve in that capacity should I be offered the opportunity.

I became the executive director of Ursuline Senior Services in April 2004. In 2011, I oversaw the merger into this organization of the Good Grief Center for Bereavement Support and have most recently led the organization's staff and volunteer leadership through a strategic planning process that ended with the development of a re-branding of the agency as "Ursuline Support Services," along with a newly developed mission and vision for the future. I have more than 35 years of experience with various human services organizations in the Pittsburgh area, including the Northern Area Multi-Service Center, and the local chapter of the American Red Cross where I served as the project director for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

I joined Ursuline after 10 successful years with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. For more than eight of those years, I served as an administrator with Catholic Charities overseeing many diverse human service programs including childcare services, clinical therapeutic services, employment services, refugee resettlement, social ministry, and programs for the aging.

Leadership positions I have held with state, regional and national associations and advisory boards are among my proudest professional accomplishments. I have held statewide appointment to the Pennsylvania Council on Aging (PCOA) and continue to serve as a member of the PCOA Southwest (PA) Regional Council on which I have held both Chair and Vice-Chair positions for several years. I also served as the Chair of the Board for Vincentian Regency Nursing Home, and until very recently served on the Vincentian Collaborative System corporate Board of Directors. I also have recently rejoined the Board of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging (SWPPA) for a second rotation, where I served as Secretary and currently serve as Vice-Chair. I am also an active member of the Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership (GPNP).

I hold a master's degree in Public Administration from The University of Pittsburgh. I also earned a bachelor's degree in Individual and Family Studies, emphasizing in Adult Development and Aging, from The Pennsylvania State University. A resident of the Pittsburgh area since my graduation from Penn State, I currently am single and reside in the North Hills.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

One clergy and one layperson to be elected to three-year terms ending in 2024



Name: The Rev. Luke Zerra
Church: St. Andrew's, Highland Park
Occupation: Curate

I currently serve as Curate at St. Andrew's, Highland Park and have previously served as Youth Minister at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon.

I have completed a Master of Divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary and am close to completing a Ph.D. in Christian Ethics at Princeton Theological Seminary. I was ordained to the diaconate in December 2019 by Bishop Stokes of New Jersey and to the priesthood in September 2020 by Bishop McConnell. I have served on the Transition Committee for the IX Bishop of Pittsburgh.

I am interested in serving on the Committee on Constitutions and Canons to learn more about the canons which govern our Diocese and to help ensure that our canons help us glorify Christ in all things.



Name: Catherine Davidson
Church: Calvary, East Liberty
Occupation: Writer

I have been a member of Calvary East Liberty since 2003 and have served as a lay deputy for the last two diocesan conventions, as well as the recent bishop election. In the course of that service, I have become interested in how questions of church governance shape our interactions, and how they create a formal structure that ideally fosters respect and support for our life together in this diocese.

After 42 years working for research universities as a writer, I retired from Carnegie Mellon University I March 2021. I continue to do consulting work for a number of nonprofits in Pittsburgh and around the country. My husband, Steven Sharratt, died in 2017; I have a daughter and a grandson, who live in Orlando, Florida.

Since I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 1979, I have been a parishioner at Episcopal parishes both large and small, in New York, Minnesota, and now Pittsburgh. At Calvary, I have served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden, have been twice elected to our Parish Council.



Name: Ian Everhart
Church: Calvary, East Liberty
Occupation: Attorney

Ian Everhart was born and raised in Pittsburgh, attended Rice University in Houston, then served in western Honduras with the Peace Corps before graduate school brought him back to Pittsburgh (law school at Pitt and a master's degree at Carnegie Mellon). He worked in state government for four years in Harrisburg before again boomeranging to his hometown, where he works in private practice downtown. When he met his wife Laura in a singing group, Ian became the third generation in a row of Everhart men to have met his wife in a choir. They have sung

together in several church choirs (including St. Andrew's parish choir, Calvary's schola cantorum, and St. Stephen's in Harrisburg) and other ensembles. Ian also has participated in Education for Ministry (EfM) and Calvary's young adults group. He and Laura are expecting a baby girl in fall 2021.

Lots of rules hover in the background of our lives and do not seem very relevant or interesting, until all of a sudden, they are of extreme importance. Our recent experiences as a diocese, both in questions of governance in the national church, and in addressing the COVID pandemic, have shown the importance of having well-drafted constitutions and canons in place, to help weather any stressful moments, rather than (intentionally or unintentionally) hindering a response. I want to bring my experience in the secular world (reading and drafting the language of statutes, regulations and contracts) to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, to support the diocese, its parishes and its people.



Name: Joan R. Gundersen
Church: Redeemer, Squirrel Hill
Occupation: Retired Historian

A member of Church of the Redeemer for the last 21 years, I have served on the vestry, and have been continuously a member of the choir, worship committee, and lector. From 2007 until covid-19 shut it down, I also regularly provided mid-week Morning Prayer at Heritage Place Long Term Care facility. I was able to host a zoom version of Redeemer's English Language Conversation program that has been operating for over a year. When worship went on-line, I acted as zoom host for all services, and organized regular virtual choir recordings, doing all music and video editing for the parish. Previously a leader in the groups that opposed the schism in 2008, I served as an administrator for the diocese in various capacities following the split. In retirement, I became Redeemer's archivist. My original career was as a college professor and administrator with a Ph.D in history. My historical work on the Episcopal Church has been recognized nationally, and Virginia Theological Seminary honored my contributions with an honorary doctorate in 2019.

I served two terms on Constitution and Canons during the diocese's reorganization and returned to the committee after a long break three years ago. I was involved in the governance subcommittee of the Committee to Reimagine the Diocese and helped facilitate the constitutional and canonical changes proposed by that body. My purpose for continuing on the committee for one more term is to help with any adjustments necessary so that our diocese and its new bishop may have clear governing rules and documents to facilitate our ministry together.



Name: Courtney Horrigan
Church: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon
Occupation: Attorney

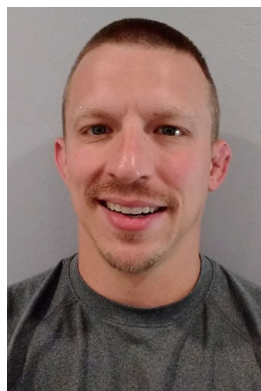
Courtney Horrigan has been an active member of St. Paul's since 1996. During her time at St. Paul's she has served as a Sunday School Teacher, a Confirmation Instructor, and a Trustee of the St. Paul's Nursery School. Courtney is a partner at Reed Smith LLP in their insurance recovery group, and she represents corporate policyholders in complex litigation with their insurers. Her leadership roles at Reed Smith include Vice Chair of the Global Insurance Recovery Group from 2017 – 2019 and Hiring Partner for the Pittsburgh Office from 2013 - 2018. Courtney is the Chair of the Pittsburgh Public Theater's Board of Trustees and is also on the Board of Hello Neighbor, where she serves on the Governance Committee. She has previously served on the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

I am familiar with the rules of governance from my prior service on the Committee, and from my professional work and board service at both the Pittsburgh Public Theater, Hello Neighbor, and St. Paul's

Nursery School. I am happy to serve the Diocese as a member of the Committee on Constitution and Canons should that be the choice of the delegates.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

One member to be elected to a three-year term ending in 2024



Name: The Rev. Daniel J. Isadore
Church: St. Thomas, Oakmont
Occupation: University Chaplain/Associate Rector

I have served as the Episcopal University Chaplain for the Diocese of Pittsburgh for six years and was appointed Associate Rector at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in March of 2021. From 2015 through 2017, I served as assistant to the Rector at both St. Andrews, Highland Park, and St. Thomas. From January of 2018 until December of the same year, I served as Priest-in-charge at All Saints, Brighton Heights.

I've ventured through two ordination processes, first in the PCUSA, and then in TEC. I have attended two seminaries (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Reformed Theological Seminary). I have spent the last 15 years serving in both parish and chaplaincy contexts, all the while engaging in extensive home-based ministry. I spend the majority of my time ministering to people under 45 years of age, a handful of whom I have mentored into ordained ministry. I'm an extensive reader, and enjoy diving into questions alongside others, especially in the context of a good meal.

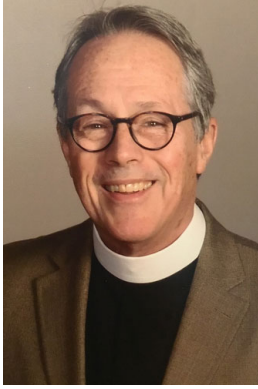
I believe that I could provide a unique vantage point to those seeking ordination, as well as those serving on the COM. I have experience walking alongside persons seeking to discern God's call on their lives across the theological spectrum and am willing to offer what I've learned to serve the Diocese in this capacity.



Name: The Rev. Shawn Malarkey
Church: Nativity, Crafton
Occupation: Rector

I have been Priest-in-Charge and then Rector of Nativity, Crafton since 2015. During my time as Canon to the Ordinary under Bishop McConnell in 2018-19, my responsibilities included participation in the meetings of all of the governing bodies and committees of the diocese, which has given me perspective on how these groups interconnect and cooperate in the furtherance of our mission. I am currently completing a Doctor of Ministry program in Christian Spirituality at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, in addition to my parish work.

In recent years, I've had the honor of serving as field experience mentor for multiple seminary students, which has helped me to reflect on the important practical and spiritual responsibilities held by a diocesan Commission on Ministry. "Mutual discernment" might be the process reduced to a single term, but I see the role of the CoM as something far deeper and more spiritually profound than simply acting as a gatekeeper to ordination. At its best, it is a prayerful and supportive collaboration that leaves each potential candidate lifted up and closer to Christ by its conclusion, regardless of outcome. God's call upon each of our hearts is sacred ground. If elected, I would work to treat it as such.



Name: The Rev. Geoffrey Royce
Church: Calvary, East Liberty
Occupation: Deacon

“O, my Master on whose errand I come; let me hold my peace and do thou speak thyself, for thou art love and when thou teachest all are scholars.” --George Herbert

While I have only been ordained a short while it was during our time in formation that Bishop McConnell spent a typical afternoon with our cohort in retreat and I had an important experience. He wanted to know what our thoughts were on our formation so far. He also wanted to have some basic facts about our various time tables and educational opportunities. My experience with the Commission on Ministry (COM) at times seemed to shift into neutral and I felt as though my only guidance was coming from my sponsoring priest and mentor Jonathon Jensen. In a sense this was just fine. All of my interviews with the COM. went well and I never worried about my process. I knew if God wanted me to be ordained a deacon I would be ordained a deacon. After that time with the bishop things seemed to move along with more communication and guidance. It simply was the case that I entered into the process at the same time that the COM was rethinking the formation process. It provided me with an ample education about why this process is so important and how we are living in a very different time than when many ideas about formation were conceived. The participation, understanding and support of the entire Body of Christ is necessary to secure the graces of a positive discernment and formation. People are called out of groups and made servants of groups because God moves through groups.

As to my skills I am an oddly mixed bag. I have earned my living for most of my adult life as a carpenter/building and grounds maintenance guy. As I was nearing the end of my working life I spent a lot of time on solving hunger problems among the less fortunate in both rural and urban settings. When I moved to Pittsburgh, I took a job as a supermarket deli clerk. I also volunteered at EECM. I have stopped all this activity since Covidtide. I write often for Calvary’s various publications. I am part of Calvary’s staff.

GROWTH FUND

One member to be elected to a three-year term ending 2023



Name: Donna Aiello
Church: St. Brendan’s, Franklin Park
Occupation: Retired owner of direct marketing agency

I am excited about the possibility of joining the Growth Fund Committee of the Pittsburgh Episcopal Diocese. A little about me...

I have been attending St. Brendan's Episcopal Church for the last four years. In that time, I have participated in the following activities:

- Currently serving on the Vestry and am in charge of Outreach Programs
- Chairperson of the newly-formed Justice Ministry for two years, and am now an active participant in that Ministry
- Member of the Worship Committee
- Initiated the Spirituality Group at St. Brendan's six months ago
- Have been a Greeter for several years, and am now heading up that Group
- I also am a reader and an usher, have participated in Merry Mealmakers and CRIES, and participate in the Modern Episcopalian and Bible Lite weekly groups

I have co-owned my own direct marketing agency for the past 30 years. I have a strong work ethic and have been blessed with amazing clients. During these years, I have had to develop and adhere to budgets for projects from \$20,000 to \$500,000, probably 20 to 40 projects every year.

I feel I will be an asset to the Growth Fund. My hope is that I can help evaluate applications and be fair about the distribution of funds to those churches in need. I suspect there are many emergency situations at churches during this time of unrest.

STANDING COMMITTEE

One clergy and one layperson to be elected to four-year terms ending 2025



Name: The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

Church: St. Mark's, Johnstown

Occupation: Priest

Service to the church: Priest-in-Charge, St. Mark's (seven years), Past: Rector, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile, AL (eight years), and Curate, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Mobile, AL. (two years).

Committees: Currently member of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, Clergy Alternate Deputy to 2022 General Convention, Consultant to Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee, former Chair of District 4, Clergy Alternate Deputy to 2018 General Convention

Statement of interest: I have attended Diocesan Council meetings as Chair of District 4 and to prepare for my attendance at General Convention. From that I have developed an interest in a greater understanding of the polity of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. I would be honored to be elected to the Standing Committee especially now as the diocese moves to new leadership with Bishop-Elect Solak.



Name: Florence W. Atwood

Church: Calvary, East Liberty

Occupation: Home Business and Property Manager

As a life long Episcopalian, I am happy to offer my service to the Diocese of Pittsburgh as a member of the Standing Committee. I was born in North Carolina where I was baptized, confirmed, and married at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Hayesville, NC. Following college at The University of the South, Sewanee, I lived in Birmingham, Alabama and attended the Cathedral Church of the Advent for 8 years. In 1991, I moved to Pittsburgh and have been a member of good standing at Calvary Episcopal Church, East Liberty for the past 30 years. My husband, Charles, and I have two grown daughters, Catherine and Sarah.

Since leaving my work as a neonatal nutritionist in 2005, I have managed 2 home businesses and multiple family-owned properties. In addition, I have served as a volunteer in the Fox Chapel School District, as a member of the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute, and continued to serve my parish in a myriad of ways.

At Calvary, I have served as Senior Warden and Vestry member; Parish Council President and member; Stewardship Committee Chair and member; Search Committee member for a curate, a stewardship director, a Beginnings pre-school director, and a rector; Building Committee member; Finance Committee; Deputy to Diocesan Convention; Endowment Committee; Representative to the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Churches; Beginnings Pre-school Board President and member; Pastoral Care Committee; Choir, Altar Guild, Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer.

For the Diocese of Pittsburgh, I am currently a member of the Board of Trustees, a member of the Growth Committee and the vice-chair of the Transition Committee. In 2019, I worked on the Project CREED Communications Task Force.

Given my experience and love of the Episcopal Church, I feel called to serve on the Standing Committee. As we go forward with our new bishop, I hope to provide a bridge between the past and the future of our diocese, a voice of reasoned thought, and a passion for the work of the church in Southwestern Pennsylvania.



Name: Wesley M. Rohrer

Church: St. Andrew's, Highland Park

Occupation: Retired Public Health Educator

Dr. Rohrer has served as an educator in both the Graduate School of Public Health and the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. Throughout his career, Dr. Rohrer has taught and published in the areas of organizational studies and management, leadership theory and managerial ethics, human resources management, strategic and financial management as applied to health care and later in his career, global health policy.

Dr. Rohrer has taught and mentored over one thousand students in these areas primarily at the graduate level for almost 40 years. Although he officially retired as Associate Professor Emeritus, Health Policy and Management Education, in June 2019, Wes continued to advise MPH students, mentor Doctoral dissertation research, and Master's degree field placement projects. Among his most valued recognitions, Dr. Rohrer has received an award for Distinguished Service to the University Senate in 2018 and the Craig Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2017.

Dr. Rohrer's has recently been elected as President of the Board of CLASS (formerly UCP of Pittsburgh) one of the leading service providers and advocates for people with physical and cognitive disabilities in the Pittsburgh Region having served on the Board and its committees since the mid-1980s. He received the Cohen/Bolden award for service to CLASS in 2019.

In addition to his service to CLASS, Dr. Rohrer has been active in both School and University governance and various community service nonprofit organizations for over 40 years. Recently he stepped down after serving for four years as the Chair of the Board of Off-the-Floor Pittsburgh, a faith-based furniture bank that delivers gently used furniture and household furnishings to families and individuals in housing crisis and transition.

Wes has been an active lay leader in St. Andrew's Parish in Highland Park for the past 17 years, having served on the Vestry, as a chaliceist, lay Eucharistic visiting minister and lay reader. Currently he is serving as Treasurer and in his third term on the Vestry. Wes has led several adult Bible studies and volunteers with the St. Andrew's team to provide meals for the EECM homeless shelter. Wes currently serves on the Commission on Ministry and as lay Chair of District 2 in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

I wish to serve on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pittsburgh as an expression of my commitment to lay ministry and service. I believe that guided by the Holy Spirit and drawing upon my long experience in nonprofit governance and leadership, predisposition to collegiality and balanced judgment, I can make a modest contribution to deliberation and decision making in support of the new Bishop and the faithful people of the Diocese.