

BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Two laypersons to be elected to a three-year term ending in 2017

Name: Gerald W. (Gerry) Dalton

Church: St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

Occupation: Accountant (Retired)

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

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 29 years, I have been a member of St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg. Some of my leadership roles have included Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer of the NYOP, Search Committee, Chair of the NCD Health Team, and Cursillo Team Member. I presently serve as the church Treasurer, vestry member, Chair of the Lay Readers, choir member, Altar Guild member and on the Cursillo Secretariat. 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: Michael A. Donadee

Church: St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

Occupation: Attorney (Retired)

Service to the church: Present: Member, Board of Trustees; Chair, Growth Fund Committee; member of second Diocesan Task Force. Past: Vestry, St. Brendan's Episcopal Church; member of first Diocesan Task Force.

Statement of interest: Although now retired, I formerly worked as a commercial real estate lawyer with the Pittsburgh-based law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney. As a member of the Board of Trustees over the past five years, this experience has been very useful in addressing a variety of real estate issues, most of which relate to properties returned to the diocese. Such matters have involved sales of property, leasing and land use. In connection with this role, I have served as a chair of the property subcommittee of both the first and second Diocesan Task Forces. I have also served as a member of the Growth Fund Committee since 2011, and am currently chair of that Committee.

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

One clergy and one layperson to be elected to a three-year term ending in 2017

Name: The Rev. Charles B.W. Hamill

Church: Christ Church, North Hills

Occupation: Priest

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

Statement of interest: I have been volunteering just about every Monday for the last year to serve as the celebrant of the noon service at the Cathedral. I have really enjoyed being a small part of the Cathedral family, getting to know some of the parishioners, and meeting many of the daily visitors who come on a

fairly regular basis for Eucharist. I have seen and learned of some of the day-to-day business, but would be interested in sitting on the Chapter in order to connect the service I do on Mondays to the wider church and diocesan interests. 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 Cathedral healthy and relevant to the city community.

Name: Anne W. Kinsey

Church: St. Peter's, Brentwood

Occupation: Data administrator

Service to the church: Present: Licensed Lay Reader. Past: Licensed Lay Reader, Lay Eucharistic Minister, vestry member, Senior Warden.

Statement of interest: The Episcopal Church has always been an important part of my life, from Girls Friendly Society to being a Senior Warden to supporting my husband's call to the priesthood. As a young person, I joined the GFS, the children's choir and YPF at St. Matthias Church, Whittier, CA. When in college I attended St. Ambrose, Claremont, CA, often bring my grandmother who lived nearby. In my thirties, my joy was being a Lay Reader and a Lay Eucharistic Minister, serving homebound church members and a local nursing home after church. At the age of 31 my priest, Fr. Chet Howe of St. Matthias, asked me to run for the vestry. I was elected and served on the Stewardship Committee. At the beginning of my fourth year of vestry service, Fr. Chet asked me to be his Senior Warden. He told me I was the youngest Senior Warden ever to serve in the Diocese of Los Angeles. I spent many hours listening, asking questions and suggesting possible alternatives to problems. I believe in my Church and I would be honored to serve.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

One member to be elected to a three-year term ending in 2017

Name: The Rev. D. Scott Russell

Church: St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

Occupation: Rector

Service to the church: Present: Diocesan Council (appointed to fulfill an unexpired term). Past: Executive Board, Diocese of Southwestern Virginia; co-president, Province III Commission on Higher Education.

Statement of interest: It was my privilege during my years as a university chaplain to mentor seven individuals through the discernment process both on a parish and a diocesan level. I am very conversant with the language of vocational discernment and familiar with many of the responsibilities that serving on the Commission on Ministry would require. I am passionate about raising up new clergy in our diocese, but I am also committed to working with all members of the diocese (clergy and lay), encouraging the discernment of God's call in their lives to service and mission, no matter how that call might be realized.

Name: The Rev. Gwen Gettemy Santiago

Church: St. John's, Donora

Occupation: Priest-in-Charge

Service to the church: Present: President of Clergy Association; Vice-chair of District #4. Past: Deputy to General Convention; member, Board of Trustees; Vice-President, Diocesan ECW.

Statement of interest: I am a former parochial school teacher and small business owner. I was conferred an M.A.R. in 2004, and an M.Div. in 2010 at TESM. I am presently working toward a D.Min. at VTS. Qualifications include: served the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh as a Trustee, Deputy to General Convention, and ECW vice president. I was ordained as a Transitional Deacon, February 2012, by Bishop Ken Price and priested by Bishop Dorsey McConnell, December 2012. Currently, I am

serving as Priest-in-Charge at St. John's Episcopal Church, Donora, and Christ Episcopal Church, Greensburg, and as President of the Clergy Association. I feel called to serve on the Commission on Ministry in order to learn about and participate in how our diocese forms our clergy and lay in order to better serve the future clerical and lay needs of the diocese.

Name: Susan Krouse

Church: Redeemer, Squirrel Hill

Occupation: Physical therapist

Service to the church: Present: Senior Warden 2011-12 and 2012-14 (term ends Feb. 2015). In this capacity, led parish through three-year transition, including numerous clergy changes. Past: Vestry 2007-09; Senior Warden 2007-08; youth group leader 1990-2001; confirmation mentor; parish life committee; worship committee. Past: Member of two ministry discernment committees; diocesan convention deputy, two terms; member of diocesan Transition Committee for new Bishop 2010-11.

Statement of interest: I grew up in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, where I first experienced Christian community through my years at church camp. My connection with Camp Allen began as a camper, then as counselor, and eventually as paid summer staff. This is where I first worked closely with clergy in planning and implementing summer camp programs, including worship and music. I learned very quickly that there are many different ways to do things, and as many ways to be a priest. Some priests were great at being a camp director, and some struggled. But they were all people! Who knew? I have been at Church of the Redeemer for 28 years. I have been part of two parish discernment committees, and have seen several people through candidacy and ordination. I participated as the primary support person for a postulant recently during the day-long Commission interview process. I have also helped facilitate transitions between Redeemer's past two rectors, and have worked in various capacities as both a vestry member and the Senior Warden. My current term as Senior Warden ends in February 2015, and I seek to contribute my talents and experiences as a member of the Diocesan Commission on Ministry.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

One clergy and one layperson to be elected to three-year terms ending in 2017

Name: The Rev. Dr. Bruce M. Robison

Church: St. Andrew's, Highland Park

Occupation: Rector

Service to the church: Present: Deputy to General Convention. Past: Standing Committee, Committee on Compensation, Strategic Planning Task Force, Clergy Association Board.

Statement of interest: I have an interest in governance in parochial, diocesan, and denominational matters, and would be honored to serve on this committee, if elected.

Name: Kenneth R. Stiles

Church: Calvary, East Liberty

Occupation: Attorney

Service to the church: Present: Calvary vestry and Architectural History Committee. Past: Task Force on Collaboration, Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Northwestern PA.

Statement of interest: I am a lifelong Episcopalian who is an attorney who has been practicing civil law in Pittsburgh for 42 years. In those years, I have incorporated many businesses and non-profit corporations, drafted or revised many by-laws governing corporations and acted in various capacities in corporate governance for a variety of for-profit and non-profit corporations. Over the 2003-08 period, I became familiar with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church (National) and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh as part of my work with the Progressive

Episcopalians of Pittsburgh (PEP) of which I was a board member and officer. That experience impressed on me the importance of having well thought out and constructed governing documents for my church. I would be honored to serve on the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Two clergy and one layperson to be elected to three-year terms ending in 2017

Name: The Rev. Herbert T. Daly, Jr.

Church: St. Paul's, Kittanning

Occupation: Clergy

Service to the church: Present: Transitional Deacon, St. Paul's, Kittanning; Music Team, Pittsburgh Episcopal Cursillo

Statement of interest: I am grateful to be considered for a position on the Disciplinary Board. I believe that we are called to use our time and skills to serve the Church and our wider community. This would be an opportunity to participate more fully in the life of the diocese. I hope it will never be necessary for the Disciplinary Board to meet, but if it is, I will strive to maintain the balance of responsibility, discipline and grace that is made manifest in the radical love of Jesus.

Name: The Rev. William L. Geiger

Church: Christ Church, Indiana

Occupation: Priest

Service to the church: Present: Standing Committee 2013-16; Disciplinary Board 2011-14; General Convention 2012 and 2015 Clergy 2nd Alternate Deputy; Rector, Christ Church, 1999-present. Past: Diocesan Council 2009-12, President 2010-11; Misconduct Prevention Training presenter 2001-10.

Statement of interest:

Since 2008, having served on the Bishop Search Committee, on Diocesan Council – two years as President – and currently on the Standing Committee, I have enjoyed coming to know and value so many people of the diocese, lay and ordained, I hadn't really known well before. Thankfully, the Disciplinary Board has not had to convene in the four years I've served, but I would value the opportunity to serve another term to help the Board be better prepared should a need for their service arise.

GROWTH FUND COMMITTEE

One member to be elected to a three-year term ending in 2017

Name: Joyce C. Morgan

Church: All Souls, North Versailles

Occupation: Retired

Service to the church: Present: Senior Warden, Lay Reader, Deputy to Diocesan Convention. Past: Vestry of parish, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Deputy to Diocesan Convention.

Statement of interest: I believe the Growth Fund Committee should be responsible to act not only prayerfully but in a manner that meets the financial status and needs of the diocese and of the person or parish requesting a grant or loan. Fiduciary responsibility is a necessary guideline for this committee to serve the diocese. My personal experience as a vestry member and two time senior warden of a small but financially solvent and self-supporting parish has enabled me to make decisions and recommendations that support fiduciary responsibility on a parish level. I believe I can transfer that workable concept of prayer and fiduciary responsibility to serving the diocese on the Growth Fund Committee if elected to serve in that capacity.

Name: William A. Stevens

Church: Calvary, East Liberty

Occupation: Retired real estate agent

Service to the church: Present: Member of the diocesan Growth Fund Committee, deputy to Diocesan Convention, director of the Altar Guild, chalice bearer, lector, acolyte, on the Welcome Committee, and a member of St. Michael's Society at Calvary. Past: Deputy to Diocesan Convention for the past nine years, one term on the diocesan Growth Fund Committee, served on the Search Committee for the new rector at Calvary Church.

Statement of interest: Having just completed my first term, I would be pleased to continue on the Growth Fund, a most important committee for the Diocese. The Growth Fund is one way to make sure the diocese is being a good shepherd of its resources. I understand the importance of being fiscally responsible while my long experience as a real estate agent has taught me about property issues and their priorities. Having followed the changes in the diocese, I appreciate the need to help parishes, whether small or large, established or newly formed, with their critical needs.

STANDING COMMITTEE

One clergy and one layperson to be elected to four-year terms ending 2018

Name: The Rev. Kristian McInnes

Church: St. David's, Peters Township

Occupation: Priest-in-Charge

Service to the church: Present: Commission on Ministry, Disciplinary Board, Strategic Task Force, Alternate Deputy to General Convention (2015). Past: Nominating Committee for Diocesan Convention, Pittsburgh Youth Initiative, Clergy Association Board, Chair of District III, Nominating Committee for Eighth Bishop of Pittsburgh.

Statement of interest: I am currently the Priest-in-Charge of St. David's Episcopal Church in Peters Township. I was born and raised in the South Hills and ordained in the midst of the split in the diocese. I am committed to the life of the Episcopal Church in Southwestern Pennsylvania and feel called to serve more in leadership of the diocese. After prayerful consideration and the encouragement of fellow ministers, I have decided to run for Standing Committee.

Name: The Rev. Dr. James B. Simons

Church: St. Michael's, Ligonier

Occupation: Priest

Service to the church / Statement of interest: I have been a priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh since 1985. The past 26 years I have served as the rector of St. Michael's of the Valley Ligonier. I served on most every diocesan committee at some point in time including Standing Committee, Chapter, Youth, and Diocesan Council. I will be attending my ninth General Convention as a deputy in 2015. At the National Level, I currently serve on Executive Council and the subcommittee of Local Mission and Ministry which is responsible for awarding grants for Mission Enterprise Zones and New Churches. I have been the Chair of Dispatch of Business for the past two conventions and will serve in this capacity in 2015. I also serve on Planning and Arrangements and the Special Committee on Rules of Order. I was a contributor to "Shared Governance" a collection of essays on Episcopal Church polity (Church Publishing 2012).

Name: Kathy Baird

Church: St. Peter's, Blairsville

Occupation: VP & GM State & Local Ops

Service to the church: Present: Secretary of Vestry since 2009; Diocesan Council (District 4) since 2013 and member of budget committee; Deputy to Diocesan Convention since 2012.

Statement of interest: Raised as a Roman Catholic but away from the church since high school, my life took a turn in 2006. I began attending St. Peter's in Blairsville and shortly after that, at St. Paul's on Nantucket where we have a summer home. In 2008, I was received into the Episcopal Church and was married to Joseph Baird at St. Peter's in 2009. We struggled through the diocesan split and sought counsel from Father Gene McDowell on Nantucket. Not only did he provide us with independent advice and encouragement, he stopped at the rail during communion, put his hands on our heads, blessed us and called us to return to Pittsburgh and help heal the wounds. We have been striving to do that ever since and I am especially incited after attending the memorial service for him last week, after he lost his long battle with cancer. The support, beauty of the liturgy and welcoming spirit from the clergy and laity of the Episcopal Church, at the parish and diocesan levels have been an enormous source of strength for us and I would like to fulfill Father Gene's charge to me. My most recent position, starting 2001 is the VP & GM for a division of a company delivering IT services to state and local governments nationwide, focusing on Children's Protective Services. This role has blessed me with a wide array of experience in leadership, fiscal management/budgeting, interpersonal relationships, negotiations and strategic planning.

Name: Lionel Deimel

Church: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Occupation: Consultant

Service to the church: Present: Choir member. Past: Parish Worship Commission, audio-visual coordinator, Parish Council, Organist Search Committee, Organ Committee, Alternate Convention Deputy, Convention Deputy, diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Statement of interest: For nearly two decades, I have been involved in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. Since 2003, I have been a chronicler of and commentator on events here and in the wider church via my blog, for Progressive Episcopalians of Pittsburgh (PEP), and for other organizations and publications. I sing in my parish choir, have served on the Worship Commission, on various committees, and as Audio-Visual Coordinator. I have been a diocesan convention deputy and have attended most conventions even when not a deputy. I attended two General Conventions as an exhibitor, representing Via Media USA and the No Anglican Covenant Coalition. As a member and first president of PEP, I worked for a more diverse diocese and, when schism became inevitable, for a healthy and effective mainstream Episcopal diocese. Since the 2008 split, I have served as an elected member of the Committee on Constitution and Canons and as a leader in Pittsburgh Episcopal Cursillo. I hope to serve the diocese in a more direct role that will allow me to support Bishop McConnell's priorities and influence their implementation, working for greater lay participation and for a more just and inclusive church and society.

Name: Robert (Bob) Johnston

Church: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Occupation: Self-employed accountant

Service to the church: Present: St. Paul's Vestry, Treasurer, usher, diocesan Board of Trustees, Strategic Planning Task Force. Past: St. Paul's Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Fellowship Chair, Diocesan Council.

Statement of interest: I have served in my parish and the diocese in various capacities and believe I will complement the Standing Committee with my management and financial skills, as well as my love of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Episcopal Church. I am able to work well with others because I am open to listening and understanding each person's perspective when it comes to discussing any issue and I tend to be a middle-of-the-road type of person. I believe I will provide good counsel to the Bishop if I am elected to the Standing Committee.