

# BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Two laypersons to be elected to three-year terms ending in 2020*

**Name:** Wesley Fox McCloud

**Church:** Holy Cross, Homewood

**Occupation:** Realtor

**Statement of interest:** As a member of Holy Cross, I am familiar with the importance of the stewardship of the resources of our congregations and how important it is that the diocese and the parishes work proactively together. My experience as a realtor, my business skills and my organizational abilities will, I believe, be assets to the work of the Board of Trustees.

**Name:** James W. Neral

**Church:** Christ Church, North Hills

**Occupation:** Compensation Director

**Service to the church:** Present: Diocesan Clergy Compensation Committee (2013-Present); and Chair, Christ Church Finance Committee (2009-Present). Past: Vestry member (2009-11); Diocesan Council (2012-14); Diocesan Budget & Assessment Working Group (2012-13); Lay Reader Ministry Leader (2005-15).

**Statement of interest:** My involvement with church activities began at the age of ten while attending St. Patrick's Catholic School in Newry, PA (near Altoona), at which point I actively engaged each Friday as a lay reader. That led to altar boy service and more lay reader service continuing into college. I was received into the Episcopal Church in the early 1990s, and continue active engagements in church service, while also leveraging a strong career background in human resources.

Upon graduation from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1987, I moved to Pittsburgh to begin my career in human resources. That 30-year career to date has remained in the human resources field, primarily in the technical aspects of HR, being compensation (about 70%), benefits (20%) and HR computer systems (10%). I've evolved in that career through non-profit work with Head Start Preschool, chemical company compensation work, Art Institute computer systems, law firm benefits management, bank (PNC) compensation consulting, international compensation with Westinghouse Electric (for 8.5 years) and currently with Michael Baker International as their Director, Compensation.

I have always felt a strong calling to share my acquired skills in technical human resources activities in service to my church family. For the calendar years 2009, 2010 and 2011, I served on the vestry of Christ Church, North Hills, while also serving as Finance Chair. At the end of that term, I felt compelled to serve at the diocesan level as a District 1 Representative on Diocesan Council for 2012, 2013 and 2014. Within that timeframe, I also contributed to the Budget & Assessments Working Group (for 2013 and 2014), and was a Convention delegate voting for the election of Bishop McConnell. Given my extensive career in the compensation field, I then offered service to assist the Clergy Compensation Committee, which I have done since 2013.

I see a position on the Board of Trustees as another way to serve, now at a senior level of administration, given my acquired skills, knowledge and dedication to achieve and provide high quality work product for the successful administration of church affairs at the diocesan level.

## **CATHEDRAL CHAPTER**

*One clergy and one layperson to be elected to three-year terms ending in 2020*

**Name:** The Rev. Lennel Anderson

**Church:** St. Francis, Somerset

**Occupation:** Rector

**Service to the church:** Past: Commission on Ministry; and District 4 Chair.

**Statement of interest:** I currently serve as Rector of St. Francis in the Fields in Somerset and as Regular Supply Priest at St. Bartholomew's in Scottdale. I have served on the Commission on Ministry and as Chair of District 4. My hope, if elected, is to help build a bridge between the cathedral and parishes further removed from the demographic center of the diocese, so as to strengthen the ministries of the cathedral and the parishes as they work together.

**Name:** Sig Tragard

**Church:** St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

**Occupation:** Consultant

**Service to the church:** Present: Vestry; acolyte; lay reader; preaching; and lay Eucharistic ministry.

**Statement of interest:** Early in my faith, I realized that as a part of the body of Christ in a congregation, I serve at the pleasure of our priest. When my priest, Nancy Chalfant-Walker, asked me to prayerfully consider being on the Cathedral Chapter, I took her seriously. So after prayer and discussion with my wife, I am submitting my nomination.

I consider myself to be qualified for this position since I have been intimately involved with the Episcopal Church for over 35 years. I have served on vestry and have been an administrative assistant to our priest. I was also involved with the Public Conversation Project, served as a delegate to our Convention, Lay Evangelism and now with the "Church without Walls." I desire to know more of how our denomination functions. In college, I was Presbyterian. When I first worshiped in an Episcopal Church I saw a clearer revelation of Christ in the liturgy and the Holy Spirit was present. I want to be a voice for the conservatives and hold to the authority of Scripture as God's word and uphold His sacraments as we proclaim this same clarity and good news of Jesus Christ to all whom He brings across our path.

## **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

*One member to be elected to a three-year term ending in 2020*

**Name:** The Rev. Howard Gillette

**Church:** St. Paul's, Kittanning

**Occupation:** Priest

**Service to the church:** Present: Interim priest at St. Paul's, Kittanning; and treasurer of the Pittsburgh Episcopal Clergy Association. Past: Chaplain for New Orleans Police Department; and diocesan Disaster Preparation Team Leader.

**Statement of interest:** I am currently serving as the interim priest at St Paul's, Kittanning, and interim pastor of the ELCA Lutheran church in Worthington, PA. Prior to attending General Theological Seminary (GTS), I was a full-time chaplain. I served as a hospital chaplain and then a police chaplain for nine years. I completed 6-1/2 units of CPE and I am a Board-Certified Chaplain. Prior to ordination, I served on the vestries of two different congregations. I also participated in Karios prison ministry at Angola Prison. In addition to receiving a M.Div. from GTS, I have an M.S. in counseling and a B.A. in history. In 1999, I retired from the U.S. Customs Service to begin the ordination process. I also retired from the U.S.A.F. after 24 years (active and reserve).

I feel called to serve on the Commission on Ministry because I went through the ordination process in two different dioceses. I was a deacon for many years. I believe I have a clear understanding of the ministries of both deacon and priest. I also graduated from the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana School for Ministry. This course of study covered the seven canonical areas required for ordination and was used as the education portion of the formation process for deacons and priests.

**Name:** The Rev. Dan Isadore

**Church:** St. Andrew's, Highland Park and St. Thomas, Oakmont

**Occupation:** Chaplain / Assistant to the Rector

**Statement of interest:** I would like to serve on the Commission on Ministry. I've been through two ordination processes, and know the many pressures involved in them. I also know the difficulties that lie on the other side, and how that process is only the beginning of learning to navigate an increasingly complex and difficult vocation. I want to help those entering the process ask good questions of themselves and the church, and I want to help the committee walk alongside those who make informed decisions to pursue the process beyond inquiry. Being engaged in non-traditional ministry alongside parish ministry, and having an ecclesiastical background that extends beyond the Episcopal Church, provides me with a unique perspective from which to contribute to the commission. It would be a great opportunity for me as a young priest to serve the diocese in this capacity.

**Name:** The Rev. Eric McIntosh

**Church:** St. James, Penn Hills

**Occupation:** Priest-in-Charge

**Service to the church:** Present: Commission on Ministry; Standing Committee; and Commission on Race and Reconciliation.

**Statement of interest:** I would like the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh to consider my nomination for Commission on Ministry. I have served on the commission as an appointee and would like to continue my service to the diocese in this capacity. I am currently the Priest-in-Charge of St. James, Penn Hills, where I have served as church planter for 3.5 years. I was asked to build a worshipping community. Thus far, we have grown from zero to 50 worshippers with an average Sunday attendance of roughly 20 - 25. During these 3.5 years, we have baptized nine children and 14 adults. St. James is also engaged in a more expansive vision as we develop a Family Resource Center, located at the church and focused on youth ages eight to 21.

Nine years ago, while in seminary, I found the Episcopal Church. I fell in love with the prayer book. I stand as a testimony that our prayer book is a gift to those with fresh eyes. I am watching firsthand how our theology, prayer and the love of Jesus Christ ignites something awesome in those who have never been exposed to love, Jesus or a church like ours.

## **COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS**

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**Name:** The Rev. Joseph Baird

**Church:** St. Peter's, Blairsville

**Occupation:** Priest

**Service to the church:** Present: Cathedral Chapter. Past: Diocesan Council; Budget & Assessment Working Group; Judge of Audits; and Senior Warden.

**Statement of interest:** I currently serve in the Diocese of Pittsburgh as Curate of St. Peter's, Blairsville, under Father Arthur Dilg, our Vicar. Most of my thirty years in the Episcopal Church have been spent in smaller parishes, far from diocesan affairs. That ended when I joined the Bishop Search Committee.

Since then, I served most of two terms on Diocesan Council as a lay representative from District 4, and while there, was privileged to serve on the Budget & Assessment Working Group. I was Judge of Audits for two years, and was also Senior Warden for eight years at St. Peter's. As part of my training for Holy Orders, I served six months at Christ Church, North Hills, with Father Shoucair, and six months at St. Thomas, Oakmont, with Father Murph.

I would like to serve on the Committee on Constitution and Canons, both to learn more of the tenets that we accept in common, and to help as I am able.

**Name:** Courtney C.T. Horrigan

**Church:** St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Service to the church:** Present: St. Paul's By-laws Revision Committee. Past: Executive Committee of St. Paul's Nursery School; Board of St. Paul's Nursery School; confirmation teacher; and third-grade Sunday School teacher.

**Statement of interest:** I am a member of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, where I have worshipped since 1996. I have been active in the St. Paul's community for many years, and served multiple terms on St. Paul's Nursery School Executive Committee and Board of Directors. I participated on the St. Paul's Nursery School search committee to locate a new director for the Nursery School several years ago. I taught confirmation class for several years, and also taught third-grade Sunday School for several years with my daughter. Currently, I am serving on a committee that is revising St. Paul's by-laws. I live in Mt. Lebanon with my husband and our three children.

I have practiced law with Reed Smith for approximately 25 years (Harvard Law School, Class of 1993). I am the Deputy Practice Group Leader of the firm's Global Insurance Recovery Group. I counsel and litigate on behalf of corporations, non-profits, foundations, universities and other entities on both insurance and indemnity issues.

I have experience in both my professional and personal life working with organizations on corporate governance issues, including working with St. Paul's Nursery School and the Pittsburgh Public Theater on revisions to their-by-laws. I chair the Education and Outreach Committee for the Pittsburgh Public Theater, and serve on the Theater's Executive and Governance Committees, and on its Artistic and Managing Director Search Committee.

**Name:** Kenneth R. Stiles

**Church:** Calvary, East Liberty

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Service to the church:** Present: Calvary's Architectural History Committee; and diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons. Past: Calvary Vestry.

**Statement of interest:** I am a lifelong Episcopalian 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 to 2008 period, I became familiar with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church 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 again on the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

## **DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

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**Name:** The Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre

**Church:** Calvary, East Liberty

**Occupation:** Professor

**Service to the church:** Present: Assisting Priest, Calvary. Past: Standing Committee, one term; Diocesan Council, two terms; Calvary Camp Board, two terms; and Rector, Holy Cross, Homewood.

**Statement of interest:** I hold a Ph.D. in Christian Ethics (Toronto) and have taught ethics at the high school, college, and university levels since 1972. I believe that I have a sense of justice. While a U.S. Navy Captain (0-6), I was the Ethics Consultant to the Navy Surgeon General (2000-02). Since 2005, I have taught ethics to senior Navy physicians and dentists in the Advanced Medical Department Officer Course (AMDOC) seven to nine times each year at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. I have also taught ethics to the candidates in the Perspective Commanding Officer course. Besides theoretical knowledge, I have had opportunities to exercise practical judgment in many situations as a teacher, Navy officer and parish priest. I was awarded the Eugene P. Beard Award in Ethical Leadership at Duquesne University (2010). I am willing to serve as a member of the Disciplinary Board, should the need arise.

**Name:** The Rev. Dr. Bruce M. Robison

**Church:** St. Andrew's, Highland Park

**Occupation:** Rector

**Service to the church:** Present: Chair, Committee on Constitution & Canons. Past: Standing Committee; Clergy Deputy to General Convention; the Array; President, National Network of Episcopal Clergy Associations; and President, Clergy Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

**Statement of interest:** In my experience with the National Network of Episcopal Clergy Associations and as a Deputy to General Convention, I was involved in a number of consultations and focus groups assisting the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons and the Chancellor of the House of Deputies in the development of our new Title IV canons. I believe that, if elected, I would be able to make a helpful contribution to the work of the Disciplinary Board.

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## **GROWTH FUND**

*One member to be elected to a three-year term ending 2020*

**Name:** Gerald W. Dalton

**Church:** St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

**Occupation:** Retired

**Service to the church:** Present: Financial administrator; chair of lay readers; choir; and altar guild. Past: Vestry; Senior Warden; Junior Warden; Treasurer; Secretary of Vestry; Search Committee; and diocesan Board of Trustees.

**Statement of interest:** As the Financial Administrator of a small parish, I understand the need for grants and loans in order to maintain the aging physical plants of our diocese. I wish to show my support for these requests by reviewing them and awarding grants and loans when possible.

Having worked for 40 years as an Accountant/Controller, I understand the need to distribute funds in an equitable manner and to qualified and responsible organizations. As a member of the Board of Trustees, I understand the accountability necessary in distributing loans and grants.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE**

*One clergy and one layperson to be elected to four-year terms ending 2021*

**Name:** The Rev. Shawn Malarkey

**Church:** Nativity, Crafton

**Occupation:** Rector

**Service to the church:** Present: Rector, Nativity, Crafton; Clergy Administrator (pro tem), Trinity Cathedral; Committee on Constitution and Canons; Clergy Communications Coordinator; and Clergy Association.

**Statement of interest:** After being involved in the life of the diocese for several years now, I've been more than impressed by its resilience and renewed sense of broader purpose. It is important to note that the "it" in this case is actually a plural "who." The dedication and prayerfulness of the people and leadership of the diocese has allowed God the opportunity to do what God does...taking what is broken and making it beautiful. Who wouldn't want to be a part of that? I am certainly not the smartest or most creative of my sister and brother clerics, but I do feel that I have a gift for listening. It would be an honor to serve the bishop and the broader diocesan community on the Standing Committee if elected.

**Name:** Michael A. Donadee

**Church:** St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

**Occupation:** Attorney (retired)

**Service to the church:** Present: Board of Trustees, 2009-present, term expires 2017; Chair, Property Committee of Board of Trustees; and lay reader, chalice bearer and usher at St. Brendan's. Past: Member and Chair of Growth Fund, 2009-14; member of first and second Diocesan Task Force, 2010-13.

**Statement of interest:** My intention is to continue to serve Jesus Christ as a member of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. In this capacity, I will continue to work to make the diocese and its parishes stronger so that we will be better able to confront the challenges with which the Lord presents us.

For the past eight years, I have been a member of the diocesan Board of Trustees, and in that capacity have addressed a number of significant issues facing the diocese, with an emphasis on real property matters (I am a retired real estate attorney). These matters included leasing and sale of properties that were not deemed essential to the mission of the diocese, as well as service on two Diocesan Task Forces. During my term as a trustee, I also represented the Board of Trustees as a member and chair of the Growth Fund. During that term, the Growth Fund consistently tried to allocate its resources to many smaller parishes that continue to carry on their Christian mission with very limited resources.

I have been an Episcopalian since approximately 1976. As my wife Joyce and I moved to different homes in the Pittsburgh area, we have been members of St. Andrew's, Highland Park; St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon; Christ Church, North Hills; and St. Brendan's, Franklin Park. I look forward to continuing to serve the diocese and the Episcopal Church.

**Name:** Robert Johnston

**Church:** St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

**Occupation:** Business owner

**Service to the church:** Present: Vestry; Treasurer; usher; and LEM. Past: Search Committee; lector; vestry; Senior Warden; Junior Warden; Treasurer; Board of Trustees; Diocesan Council; Diocesan Strategic Planning Committee; Diocesan Finance Committee; and Growth Fund.

**Statement of interest:** When I was approached by several people at different times to ask me to consider running for Standing Committee, it got me to thinking about another opportunity to serve the Diocese of Pittsburgh, which I have been part of for almost 25 years. I have seen our diocese go through the rebuilding process, and was a part of that. I was happy and privileged to serve during those times and it is time to step up again to keep us moving forward from a stronger position. I have served on the other two main bodies of our diocese, Diocesan Council and Board of Trustees, and welcome the potential opportunity to be part of the "Bishop's Council," the Standing Committee. My ability to listen to both sides of any issue and calmly provide my input should help me serve the diocese well as part of the Standing Committee, if elected.