

## Convention 87 Elective Offices Worksheet

*Please use this worksheet in advance of convention on October 27th for the elections. Place an "X" in the boxes for those nominees you wish to elect, keeping in mind there may be nominations from the floor of convention to consider.*

### Standing Committee (Elect 1 Clergy)

**The Rev. Mary Ann Brody**

*Buffalo, Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor*

I have been a priest in the diocese for twelve years, served on a variety of diocesan committees, and worshipped here since 2001. I have served three parishes in clergy leadership roles, and several other congregations through Sunday supply work. As a CPE Educator, I bring a unique perspective and skill set to the diocese. I listen and I am not afraid to probe. I am self-reflective and aware of group dynamics. I understand systems and can navigate them. It would be a privilege to support the office that has recognized and affirmed my priestly calling over the last seventeen years.



**The Rev. Leslie Burkardt**

*Rochester, St. Thomas*

After serving on Diocesan Council, I feel that I have a clear understanding of the financial position of the Diocese, the opportunities where we can grow in mission and program and how we can partner together as a beloved community. I have served on the Mission grants committee, which has given me insight to the creative capabilities of the leadership, represented in our lay and clergy and how parishes are willing to work together and with our community to make a difference. I am a visionary, which enables me to view the big picture and understand structural patterns and change within institutions and systems, and I have administrative and pastoral gifts that are practical, thoughtful and creative. I would be honored to serve on the Standing Committee to share my gifts and to continue our work as part of the Jesus movement.



**Nominated from the floor - Write in \_\_\_\_\_**

## Standing Committee (Elect 1 Lay)



**Mr. Karl Bawel**

*Dansville, St. Peter's*

I believe I could be an asset to the Standing Committee due to my diverse background, life situation, and location. I have the ability to see situations from several points of view in terms of issues, finances, short/long-term goals and vision. As a “seasoned” individual who has “worn many hats” both professionally and personally, I provide a unique perspective. These hats have included roles in leadership, mediation, organization, marketing, and performing. Lastly, due to my location, I believe I could provide the somewhat diverse viewpoint rural congregations might champion.



**Mr. Joseph DaBoll-Lavoie**

*Canandaigua, St. John's*

I have many years of experience in the life of the parish at St. John's from youth group leader, committee member, dish washer, Vestry member and Senior Warden during Fr. David's sabbatical. I am a Professor of Economics at Nazareth College and teach related economics classes in the areas of environmental and labor economics. I have a strong interest and commitment to social justice issues, and have included service opportunities in my classes with Rural Migrant Ministries and the Refugees Helping Refugees groups in the past. I am currently serving on the Sisters of St. Joseph Ministry Foundation Board, which oversees its endowment and disperses annual grants to Ministries connected to the SSJ. I have a strong working knowledge in many areas of finance.



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## Trustees (Elect 3 Clergy or Lay)

**Ms. Susan Scanlon**  
*Rochester, St. Thomas*

In the past, I served as Vice Chair of the Trustees and currently, I am on the Investment Review Committee. I previously served on the Human Resources Committee for many years. I have been Warden of my parish, served on its Vestry and chaired its search committee for our rector. I have an MBA with a concentration in finance and a law degree both from Cornell. I am a retired corporate attorney.



**Mr. Scott Seabridge**  
*Penfield, Church of the Incarnation*

At Incarnation I have been Warden and on Vestry. I currently Count, Usher (Head Usher), teach Confirmation class, and on Stewardship Committee. In the Diocese, I have been on council for 5 years, was Budget Chair for 4 years, and co-chaired the Mission Grants Committee one year. I have been a Board of Directors member for Western Empire Volleyball Association (including President) and participate on the Budget Committee.



**Mr. Peter Vogt**  
*Dansville, St. Peter's*

I have served as the mayor of the Village Dansville for the past seven years, in which capacity I am the chief executive and budget officer for the Village. I work closely with the fiscal officer and Board of Trustees in managing the municipalities finances. I am a retired U.S. Marine Corps commissioned officer and newspaper editor, past-commander of the Dansville and Livingston County American Legion organizations, member of the Dansville Rotary Club and senior warden of St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Dansville).



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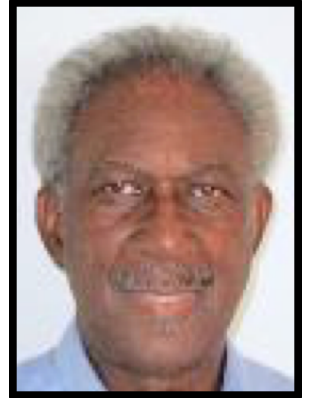
## Diocesan Council (Elect 3 Lay-at-Large)



**Mr. Floyd Bayley**

*Rochester, St. Paul's*

I would be honored to serve another term on Diocesan Council. Over the past year and a half, I have learned a lot about the various committees that supports the Bishop and the work in the Diocese. I am delighted to be working with the Congregational Development Partnerships Committee. As a coach for two churches, I have helped to provide guidance and insight into the grant request process. I would be delighted to continue this mission of helping the churches to develop and grow their congregations.



**Ms. Tara Boohar**

*Hornell, Christ Church*

As the Episcopal Church navigates the challenges facing organized religious groups, it will be important to include younger lay members in the development of programs and services that appeal to all age groups and particularly the GenX and Millennial groups. Having served as a youth representative on my home church vestry during the formative years, navigating my 20's and 30's in various Episcopal churches across the Eastern and Central US and noting what our denomination and others are doing to get youth, GenX'ers and Millennials' involved in church makes me a unique candidate to serve. As a denomination, we need to hold true to our doctrine and values while weaving contemporary worship into our services, or providing alternative worship options. It will be my goal to work closely with diocesan leaders to weave unique and progressive worship programs and/or groups into our current offerings to broaden our mission to the citizens of the diocese of Rochester and beyond.



## Diocesan Council (Elect 3 Lay-at-Large) **Continued**



**Ms. Elizabeth (Jill) Daddis**

*Webster, Church of the Good Shepherd*

I graduated from EFM in June 2017. EFM was a life changing process for me, enhancing my knowledge, spirituality, and love of Jesus. I have served on vestry for a total of six years, including being Warden for 2017. I am very familiar with the business operations of the church. I understand the difficulties of making a budget, caring for our church home, raising funds, supporting outreach of our community. I have been employed at Xerox Corporation for 33 years. For the past 20 years, I have been in people, project, and program management. I spend my days working issues, schedules, & budgets. My work experience, along with a lifetime exposure to the church as an organization, including leadership positions, has prepared me to step into a role on the Diocesan Council.



**Mr. John Merrick**

*Gates, Church of the Epiphany*

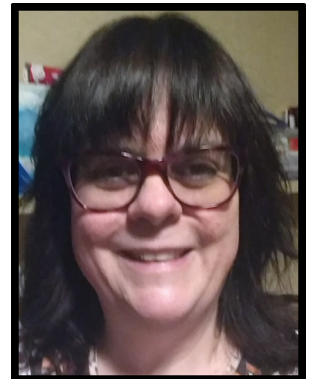
I have served Epiphany under several Rectors as a vestryperson and warden. As warden during our search for a new rector I worked with the other warden to find supply and interim rectors. During this time, I worked with the finance committee to draft a budget. At present I serve on the finance committee to review the yearly budget monthly to see if we are on tract. I feel I would bring thoughtful decision making to this position.



**Ms. Julie Syracuse**

*Sodus, St. Johns*

I would like to continue my service on Diocesan Council, for a second term. I have learned a lot about our diocese and the uniqueness each congregation offers. This has not only offered me a chance to serve our diocese, it has also provided me an opportunity for spiritual growth and understanding of what God is calling me do, in our corner of the Jesus Movement. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



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## Commission on Ministry (Elect 1 Clergy)

**The Rev. Eric Thompson**  
*Dansville, St. Peter's*

I have been on both sides of the ministry equation: sweating out a difficult vocational process and being ordained. This has given me a great desire to treat those discerning for lay and ordained ministry seriously, fairly, and with a keen eye towards answering the simple (and not so simple!) questions: "Is the Holy Spirit calling this person to ministry, and if so, to what ministry? I am committed to a thorough and functioning process that respects the dignity of all who enter it.



## Commission on Ministry (Elect 2 Lay)

**Mr. Jim Garner**  
*Geneseo, St. Michaels*

Having served one term on COM, I look forward to building on my knowledge, and being able to continue to serve the Diocese in my capacity as a lay person on this committee. I enjoy working with other COM members, and I believe I have some skills helping to guide candidates for ministry who come before us. It is always humbling to recognize the effort and real sacrifice candidates often make as the progress along the path of their discernment. My first term has taught me how we are all individual, and grow by ministry to each other.



**Ms. Kathy O'Leary**  
*Rochester, Church of the Ascension*

I am (almost) a cradle Episcopalian who has been totally involved in parish life for most of my life. I will be attending the College for Congregational Development this summer. I am great at follow-through and always strive to stay open to listening carefully to all sides prior to making any decision. I am currently on a Discernment Committee following a candidate for the diaconate. I also have nephew that I closely followed on his road to the priesthood and beyond. Because of my life experiences, I feel that I would be as asset to the Commission on Ministry.



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## Disciplinary Board (Elect 1 Clergy)



**The Rev. Canon Denise Yarbrough**

*Bloomfield, St. Peter's*

I have worked with the Disciplinary Board for several years serving as an advisor to persons in the process. I am a retired attorney and have years of experience working with issues of sexual misconduct at the corporate level and, most recently in the university setting. I am familiar with Title IV specifically and with both our national and diocesan canons. I bring to this work a combination of pastoral and legal skills, the ability to honor confidentiality, and a sense of fairness and justice that is necessary when these matters are being adjudicated.



## Disciplinary Board (Elect 1 Lay)



**Dr. Harry Merryman**

*Rochester, St. Thomas*

- CEO at Lakeview Mental Health Services
- Former President of Management Insight and Development
- Former Director of Counseling and Academic Advising at Monroe Community College
- Former Director of Counseling and Career Development at Rochester Institute of Technology
- Former Staff Psychologist at Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Former Staff Psychologist and Assistant Professor at University of Oregon



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