

Convention 88 Elective Offices Worksheet

Please review this worksheet in advance of convention on October 26th 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. If someone is nominated from the floor, when nominated, write the name of that person in where you see "Write-in" after each elective office.

Standing Committee (Elect 1 Clergy)

The Rev. Ken Pepin
Fairport, St. Luke's

I have been with the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester for about seven years and have served as Chair of the Commission of Ministry for four and six as member. I have enjoyed being a part of the leadership team of the diocese and would find the Standing Committee to be a welcome challenge and grace. I think my experience in ministry and in leadership over my career would adequately prepare me to serve in this capacity.



Write-in:

Standing Committee (Elect 1 Lay)

Mr. Michael Davis
Rochester, St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene

I believe that I am uniquely qualified for this office due to my life experience. I am a retired law enforcement officer (New York State Police 32 years) during which time I was required to be a problem solver and most importantly of all a good listener. I am not a judgmental person and have been exposed to people of diverse backgrounds and life experiences.



Write-in:

Trustees (Elect 3 Clergy or Lay)



Mr. Stanley Jones
Rochester, St. Thomas

I'm uniquely qualified for the office of Trustee because I currently serve in leadership capacities at St. Thomas', in my career and in the community. As an auditor for the Dept. of Defense, I audit complex expenditure data on a daily basis. As Vestry Liaison to St. Thomas' Finance Commission, I've expanded our budgetary planning using a strategic budgetary model that projects up to 5 years. As Treasurer for the NFP organization: QUAD-A for Kids, I am streamlining their accountability of programmatic planning. To enhance my spiritual growth, I'm a student in the 4-year program Education for Ministry (EfM).



Mr. Leslie Kernan Esq.
Rochester, St. Paul's

I have been privileged to serve as a member of the Trustees since November 2015, and currently serve as the Vice-Chair of the Trustees and a member of the Investment Review Committee. I believe that my experience both as a Trustee and in my professional life as the chief legal officer of a large Rochester-based not-for-profit corporation would enable me to continue to serve the Diocese in this capacity, balancing the mission of the Diocese with the prudent administration and stewardship of its resources.



The Rev. Ronald Young
Pittsford, Christ Church

I have been in the Diocese of Rochester since 2014 as associate at Christ Church, Pittsford, and I am committed to the mission and ministry of the diocese in this time of change. I am completing a term as a trustee and I have chaired the building and property committee. I have extensive experience in the church (as clergy and a warden), on boards of non-profits, and in my previous career as an engineer in project management, problem solving, and financial management. I can think and plan strategically (the big picture) but am also detailed oriented.



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**Trustees (Elect 1 Clergy or Lay)
Completes Term until 2020 for Resigned Member**



Ms. Julie Forney
Pittsford, Christ Church

I believe that my position as Warden within Christ Church Pittsford for the past 4 years has provided me with the ability to recognize that decision making and financial evaluation on a parochial level requires different considerations than traditional business, and I will use this knowledge to be understanding and fair in my approach to the analysis of the situations presented. I have also been a real estate broker in Monroe County for 15 years and I strongly believe that my knowledge of the real estate market is an asset I can bring to the Diocese.



Write-in:

Diocesan Council (Elect 3 Clergy-at-Large)



The Rev. Padaric Collins-Bohrer
Supply & Support Clergy

I care deeply about the mission and ministries of our Diocese and believe that my careful listening and thoughtful decision making will be an important addition to Diocesan Council. I look forward to working with the Bishop and with the other members of the Diocesan Council to help oversee the missions and ministries of the Diocese and to assist in creating budgets. I bring seven years of experience to this type of ministry through service on the Vestries of Christ Church, Rochester, and St. Stephen's, Rochester.



The Rev. Elizabeth Harden
Brockport, St. Luke's

As a brand-new member of the clergy and this diocese, I bring a fresh perspective. I am also eager to bring my energy, attention to detail, aptitude for group processes and dynamics, and creative thinking to the work of the diocese.



The Rev. Lynne Sharp
Hammondsport, St. James

I served a term on Diocesan Council for two years immediately before serving as Dean for three years. I found the time on Diocesan Council to be rewarding and a wonderful opportunity to become more familiar with the Parishes and Missions in our Diocese and learn about their ministries as well as participating in the budget process. It would be an honor to serve in this capacity again.



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Diocesan Council (Elect 1 Lay-at-Large) Completes Term until 2020 for Resigned Lay Member



Mr. Gilbert (Buzz) Stewart
Wellsville, St. John's

I believe that I can bring a long-term rural ministry viewpoint to the council having been active in the life of St. John's Church in Wellsville for almost 30 years. I have served on the Wellsville vestry in various capacities since the mid early 90s as well as in a more suburban environment in the 80's. During my term in office I have been on the internal Audit committee, the property committee and been the treasurer/bookkeeper for the ACEM several years. In my professional life I have been responsible for budgets up to 1 MM/month and managed as many as 18 direct reports. Currently I am managing global projects in the telecommunications field for a major manufacturing corporation which involves working with many different cultures and languages. These experiences have helped me better comprehend the needs of others while serving these diverse groups.



Write-in:

Commission on Ministry (Elect 3 Clergy)



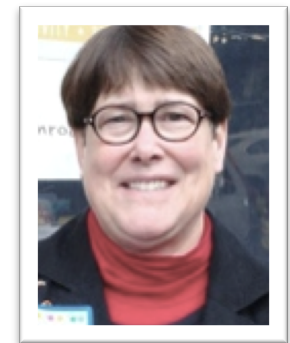
The Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe
Gates, Church of the Epiphany

Since my appointment to the COM, it has been a privilege to journey with the nominees as they enter into discernment. God calls each of us to use our gifts for the greater good, and it is through inner discernment and with a group that one is best able to hear where and how God calls us to use our gifts. Helping someone discern a vocation requires deep listening and prayerfulness, it requires compassion and sensitivity as people open themselves to being vulnerable within the group. These are gifts I believe I possess, and I would be honored to continue to offer these gifts within this ministry of the COM.



The Rev. Georgia Carney
Rochester, St. Stephen's

The present and the future of our church depends in large part on the quality of clergy leadership which we form through our diocese. In my 3 years serving on the Commission, I have learned much about how to pray for, listen carefully to, and ask questions of persons in formation in order to both encourage and challenge them as they move toward leadership. As a deacon, I have a unique perspective as a bridge between the church and the world, often reflecting on the ministry of Jesus and his disciples as they moved from place to place and embraced the gentiles, the strangers. As the founder of SewGreen@Rochester, I have learned the importance of building relationships of respect and caring between the Episcopal Church and not only persons of other denominations but persons of other faiths.



The Rev. Sandra Cordingly
Supply/Interim Clergy

I have a passion for discerning and supporting excellent church leadership. I was privileged to serve on the Commission on Ministry in the Diocese of Maryland for six years. I also worked as a mentor with persons discerning ordained ministry and with deacons and priests in formation. During my tenure as rector of a parish in southern Maryland we were blessed to serve as a training site for persons in discernment and newly ordained deacons. This was mutually rewarding to me, our parish and those who served internships and diaconal ministry with us.



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Disciplinary Board (Elect 1 Clergy)



The Rev. Richard Hamlin

Angelica, St. Paul's & Cuba, Christ Church

The Disciplinary Board was created to provide a resolution process responsive to both those charging and charged with violating Canon Law. I have been a parish priest for 43 years, having just completed my term on the Diocesan Standing Committee. Over these years I've served on nearly every diocesan committee and board, both as a member and leader. I've served in five parishes or clusters in four dioceses. I'm currently permanent supply priest for parishes in Angelica and Cuba. I believe these experiences combined provide me with balanced perspectives, the ability to listen, and to discern just resolutions.



Write-in:

Disciplinary Board (Elect 1 Lay)



Ms. Catherine Cerulli

Rochester, St. Thomas

I work on issues related to trauma and abuse as an academic and practitioner. I would be honored to serve for a 2nd term on the Disciplinary Board.



Write-in:

Deputies to General Convention (Elect 4 Clergy out of 8)



The Rev. Leslie Burkardt
Rochester, St. Thomas

My experience as Priest has included many leadership roles. At the parish level, I have served as Associate, Assistant, Interim and Rector. On the Diocesan level, I have served on a Spiritual Formation for Life Long Learning Committee, Council and Standing Committee. I am passionate about the church and the opportunities for change that is possible in the years to come. I have a gift for listening, visioning and a pastoral intuition that serves the church in many important and powerful ways. My participation in the larger Church would enhance my work in the parish and with the Diocese. As a leader, I seek to gain insight as to how we can together live more faithfully and authentically into the kin-dom of God that is continually unfolding and enfolded in love.



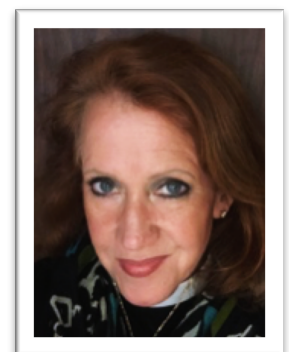
The Rev. Billy Daniel
Geneseo, St. Michael's

I was an alternate to General Convention 2018, and chaplain to our deputation, which afforded me the opportunity to wander and learn how we Episcopalians speak the Gospel amidst the realities of everyday life. As an attentive listener who asks faithful questions, and having served on Diocesan Council for 4 years, as a district dean, chair of the liturgical commission, as well as other diocesan roles, I am ready and able to lead in discerning the body of Christ for the life of the world. I seek not only that our Diocese takes the lead in giving shape to how we continue to follow Jesus, but also how the Episcopal Church continues to set the bar for what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.



The Rev. Dahn Gandell
Rochester, Church of the Ascension

I have served as a deputy for the past six General Conventions. I have been on Executive Council and am the President of Province 2. I am very familiar with how things work in the Episcopal Church and am skilled at helping get resolutions passed. My years of experience and unique position of leadership at the provincial level make me uniquely qualified and I would be honored to be elected as a clergy deputy for GC 2021.



Deputies to General Convention (Elect 4 Clergy) *Continued*

The Rev. Ken Pepin
Fairport, St. Luke's

Please consider my nomination for these three reasons. First, because I believe I have got a clear sense of the pulse of our diocesan concerns and sentiments. Secondly, I relish the experience of serving in this capacity to encounter the wider church and all of its splendor and perspective. Thirdly, I feel it is the right time for me to offer the church this investment of my time and effort. I have an extensive background in ministry that surely has given me ample experience to serve this diocese as a deputy to the General Convention. I appreciate your consideration.



The Rev. Canon Robert Picken
Rochester, St. Paul's

I was grateful for the opportunity to serve as a Deputy in 2018 and I would be honored to serve in that role again, as we in TEC seek to serve God in new ways while maintaining tradition. Ordained since 2006, I have ministered in family and program sized congregations in both urban and suburban settings and, I am currently a member of the boards of ESLC and Rural & Migrant Ministry; this experience helps shape my perspective as we look at the issues coming before GC2021.



The Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross
Scottsville, Grace & Caledonia, St. Andrew's

I've attended five General Conventions: Philadelphia, '97, I was president of the Standing Committee and our bishop was on the Election Ballot for PB; Denver, '00; Minneapolis, '03, Chair of the Deputation; Columbus, '06, again, our bishop was on the Election Ballot for PB; and Indianapolis, '12 as a visitor/guest. Five(5) conventions, in '00 we approved a new diocesan bishop for Lexington, three history making conventions, twice my diocesan bishop (Wimberly and Sauls) was on the election ballot for PB, one term member of Committee on Governance and Structure, two-term member of Executive Council's Committee on Science, Technology, and Faith. Ordained in '95, I am one of the authors of [A Catechism of Creation](#), have served in the Diocese of Rochester for 3 years, and am a member of the Society for Ordained Scientists. What an honor it would be to represent my diocese again as deputy to General Convention.



Deputies to General Convention (Elect 4 Clergy) *Continued*

The Rev. Virginia Tyler Smith
Honeoye Falls, St John's

I was an alternate for the 2018 General Convention, and I was fascinated by the work that happened there. The Holy Spirit moves in so many wonderful and mysterious ways, and was seen in the wonderful worship, thoughtful resolutions, and community engagement of that Convention. I believe that my experience in governance and strategy, as well as my passion for the Church's ongoing development, would make me a good delegate. I be honored to represent our Diocese at the 80th Convention in 2021.



The Rev. Canon Dr. Denise Yarbrough
Bloomfield, St. Peter's

I have served as deputy for the past three conventions and would be honored to represent our diocese again in 2021. I serve as Vice Chair of the Task Force to Coordinate Interreligious and Ecumenical Work for the national church and on the bi-lateral Anglican Roman Catholic Dialogue USA. As a university chaplain, I bring to Convention the perspectives and the spiritual and religious yearnings of young adults living their faith in our religiously pluralistic world. As a parish priest, I bring the concerns of Episcopalians in small, rural congregations doing important mission in challenging contexts with limited financial resources.



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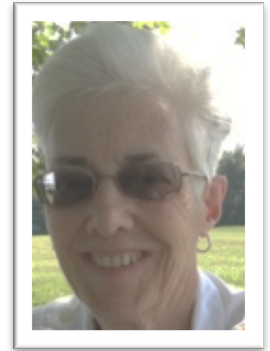
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Deputies to General Convention (Elect 4 Lay out of 6)



Ms. Marion Ivy
Corning, Christ Church

In the summer of 2018, I was one of the first graduates from the Diocesan College for Congregational Development. My interest in the wider scope of the church has led me to accept positions as a District Delegate representing my home parish, Diocesan Council and its Congregational Development Partnership committee, and most recently the 2019 Diocesan Nominating Committee. I would welcome the opportunity to represent the Diocese of Rochester and participate in the next General Convention, further widening my involvement in the church.



Dr. Carolyn Mok
Rochester, St. Thomas

As a lifelong Episcopalian, I have been fascinated by the governance of the National Church, and had the opportunity to observe 2 General Conventions as a volunteer. I would love to participate in the work of the Church. My skills include the time to prepare and attend the General Convention, and my experience in the Diocese of Rochester: Peace and Justice Committee (chair), Public Policy Committee, Commission on Ministry (chair), Diocesan Council, Standing Committee; and the national Episcopal Peace and Justice Network.



Ms. Sarah Peters
Rochester, St Luke & St. Simon Cyrene

During the past ten years I have served on a variety of Diocesan Committees. As a committee member, I have had the privilege of holding leadership positions. Serving on diocesan wide committees gives a person a broader perspective on the life in our Diocese. Additionally, I have had the privilege of visiting many different churches in our diocese. These experiences give me a unique perspective. Last year I attended the Episcopal General Convention and found the experience to be exciting, challenging and mind expanding. I would love to have the opportunity to serve as a deputy again.



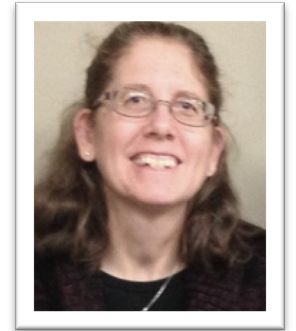
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Ms. Kathleen Stokes

Webster, Church of the Good Shepherd

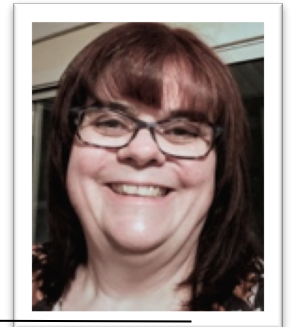
I have been a member of the Episcopal Church since childhood, and I am an active member of my church community. At Good Shepherd, I coordinate the lay reader schedule, participate in the chimes and adult choirs and I am also a lay Eucharistic Minister. I am an EfM graduate, and for the past two years, I have been co-mentor of the EfM group at Good Shepherd. In the past, I have attended the Annual Convention and participated in the Eucharist at that event. I have recently retired, so I will be able to dedicate more time to church activities.



Ms. Julie Syracuse

Sodus, St. John's

Having served two terms on Diocesan Council, I would welcome the chance to represent our Diocese at General Convention. I was an Alternate for the last General Convention, although I did not attend, I was included in all of the communications from that convention, I am ready to serve.



Ms. Paula Valeri

Rochester, St. Mark & St. John

It was a great honor to be elected deputy to the last General Convention. The rich spiritual and educational experience of the convention combined with my lay leadership experiences to give me a broad perspective on our church at local, national and international levels. Prior service as warden, vestry person, discernment committee chair, altar guild chair, and member of committees exploring education equity and urban ministry, has prepared me to listen and think critically about a wide variety of Episcopal Church issues. Through EfM, I have learned to reflect theologically about those issues. As a 'veteran' deputy, I know the extensive preparation required and I have the organizational experience to maximize the many opportunities available at General Convention.



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