

CONVENTION 91 ELECTIVE OFFICES

Please review this document in advance of Convention 91 on October 29th for the elections. No need to print this document. When you are ready to make your selections for the electronic voting, use the "2022 Pre-Selection Ballot" found in the required reading for Delegates section on the website under the Convention 91 tab. Go to: <http://episcopalrochester.org>.

STANDING COMMITTEE (ELECT 1 CLERGY)

Rev. Cameron Miller

Geneva, Trinity Place

I have served as rector of small rural, medium size suburban, and large urban congregations as well as minister on two major university campuses. The breadth of this experience helps me share a variety of perspectives, as does decades of work in congregational development. But if all that fails, I was president of the Standing Committee once, too.



STANDING COMMITTEE (ELECT 1 LAY)

Elizabeth Salamon

Pittsford, Christ Church

I would be honored to serve the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester on the Standing Committee. I have worked at Christ Church Pittsford as Director of Children's Ministry for five years. My background is in math and finance, with degrees from Boston College (BA) and University of Cincinnati (MBA). I was an actuary at several insurance companies. My analytical skills, business background, and understanding of issues relating to children and youth, in addition to other parish and diocesan concerns, provides me with a broad perspective from which to draw as a member of the Standing Committee.



TRUSTEES (ELECT 3 CLERGY OR LAY)

Stanley Jones

Rochester, St. Thomas'

I am completing my first term as trustee serving on the Audit Committee. Additionally, I've been recently appointed as Treasurer to serve my parish for a 3-year term. Currently, I am in my 10th year as an auditor for the Dept. of Defense under the Defense Contract Audit Agency. In June 2022, I will graduate the Education for Ministries (EfM) program where we study the life-practice of theological reflection. I've served one term on Vestry at St. Thomas of Rochester. I also serve in the choir at my parish and assist on piano/organ as needed.



Leslie W. Kernan, Jr.

Rochester, St. Paul's

I have served on the Trustees since 2015. I respectfully believe that experience, combined with over 40 years of experience as an attorney dealing in matters involving finance, real estate, and non-profit and religious organizations, would enable me to effectively continue as a member of the Trustees.



The Rev. Ronald B. Young

Pittsford, Christ Church

I have been on the Trustees for six years. I was the chair of the property, and now I am the Vice Chair of the Trustees. In my time on the trustees, we were able to sell or dispose on all closed churches. With the proceeds and any funds of the closed church, we have set aside Trustees Restricted Fund for the ministry in their counties. We also supported the redevelopment of Trinity Geneva, that will close soon. We collaborate quite well with the diocesan staff and the Diocesan Council.



DIOCESAN COUNCIL (ELECT 3 LAY-AT-LARGE)

Ann Dawson

Geneseo, St. Michael's

I grew up in Wilmington, NC and was Baptized and Confirmed at St. James Episcopal Church. We moved to Geneseo, NY in 1979 and joined St. Michael's. Since then, I have served 3 terms on the Vestry and four years as a Warden. Currently, I am on the Strategic Planning Committee, co-chair of the Search Committee, the Finance and Scholarship Committees. I worked as a Nursing Director at Noyes Hospital, in Dansville NY, and I retired 9.5 years ago. This gave me time to devote to St. Michael's. I have never served at the Diocesan level, but I have the time, energy, experience, and desire to work with others to strengthen our Diocese.



William Hoehne

Newark, St. Mark's

I am running for a second term to serve on the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester. I have proudly served on the CDPG Committee. I feel that I am qualified for serve on this Committee because I have assisted other churches in their preparation of CDG in the past. I understand the challenges of calling a Priest into a parish and have seen the needs of small perishes attempting to grow in these trying times. I feel that I am uniquely qualified for this position because I can advocate for the needs of the parishes while being aware of the budgetary restrictions of the Dioceses. I would appreciate your support so I can continue to work for all of those whom the Grant Process impacts. Thank you!



Gilbert R. Stewart

Wellsville, St. John's

I have served on the council for the last 4 years, working on the Budget and Congregational Development Partnership committees. Since February 2022, I have been visiting different parishes in the diocese to see how the churches are doing in the post-Covid times and experience the congregations' varied worship experiences. Visiting and worshiping with various congregations has helped me to better understand some of the issues facing parishes in various parts of the diocese. I hope to continue serving on Diocesan Council to use that understanding to help the diocese during this transition period.



COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (ELECT 2 CLERGY)

Rev. Saundra Lee Cordingley

Rochester, St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene

I have a passion for and have been involved with clergy formation in two dioceses over the past many years. If elected, this will be my second term on the Commission on Ministry in this diocese. It has been an honor and a blessing to serve on the commission and guide the formation of candidates for ministry in this diocese. I believe good clerical leadership and formation are essential to the ministry and mission of the church. We have a well-organized, clear path to ordained ministry which is applied in creative and compassionate ways with those who come before the commission. I find my life and ministry enriched and inspired through walking with those who come to us seeking to follow their calls and journeys to ministry.



Rev. Abidhananthar John

Rochester, Church of the Ascension

Fr. Abidhananthar John, an ordained minister from India since 2004, has joined the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester through the process of canonical transfer. He served in three different congregations before becoming the rector of the Church of the Ascension. His long-term experience with 78 congregations in India covering both urban and rural areas, evolved him to become a team player. His Ministerial commitment made some remarkable marks in helping the parishes to reimagine "the missio dei" especially in the pandemic context. Coaching lay towards Refugee, Children, and Migrant ministries with educational, Women empowerment and charity programs, he has done his best job with the help of God. He coached a youth to discern his calling for the order of priest and is currently coaching another youth towards holistic diakonia for her discernment. He is a member of COM for the past three years and contributed substantial ideas to discern the will of God for mission with the team. He feels the calling to serve the COM for the second term and is looking for the favor from the people of God to serve another term.



Rev. Andrea Stridiron

Rochester, St. Thomas'

A retired RCSD teacher I have attended St. Thomas', Rochester since 1976. In addition to being a deacon. I have been coordinator and director of different activities during these years. Diocesan-wide, I have participated in several outreach commissions including leadership responsibilities. I am able to work with people of all ages and abilities where my skills of listening have been my strong suit. I am committed to making sure that Commission on Ministry puts forward the most qualified, committed, and sincere candidates to the diaconate and the priesthood.



DISCIPLINARY BOARD (ELECT 1 CLERGY)

Rev. Gretchen Ratterree

Newark, St. Mark's

Having spent my first four years in the Diocese of Rochester on Diocesan Council, working with both the Congregational Development Grant and the Mission Grant committees, has given me insight into some of the common needs and dreams of our parishes. Over the last 30 years, I have worked with the Episcopal Church in several roles, lay and ordained. Prior to ordination I was a Youth Minister and Christian Director in several parishes of varying size. I served as a lay person on diocesan committees which focused on spirituality and formation. During my discernment process, my sponsoring diocese experienced the transition process of electing a new bishop and the unique journey of that process.

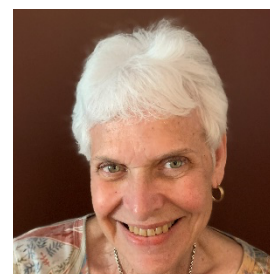


DISCIPLINARY BOARD (ELECT 1 LAY)

Gail Murray

Fairport, St. Luke's

I have 25 years of Human Resource Management experience with a major corporation. I managed Customer Service and Employee teams. With attention to employee performance, policy and business processes, I developed skills focusing on employee satisfaction and performance success. I have held leadership positions at St. Luke's. Both my corporate and church leadership positions require confidentiality and discretion. I am a lifelong Episcopalian. Currently I am Warden at St Luke's Fairport.



Jeff Taylor

Webster, Good Shepherd

I would be honored to serve as a lay member of the Disciplinary Board. I am a lifelong resident of Webster, and lifelong parishioner of the Church of the Good Shepherd. By training, I am a lawyer. I graduated from the University of Rochester and SUNY Buffalo Law School. In my nearly 40-year career as a lawyer, I have been both a prosecutor and a defense attorney. I have experience in applying and interpreting civil and criminal law, which I hope would be good training for the disciplinary resolution process and hearing cases in applying Canon Law.



DEPUTY TO GENERAL CONVENTION 2024 (ELECT 4 CLERGY)

The Rev. Leslie Burkardt

Rochester, St. Thomas'

Though I was elected to serve as Deputy to General Convention for 2021 (2022), I was not able to attend due to recovery of a medical issue. I would be grateful to fulfill my service at the next General Convention. With my experience on Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, District Dean and Diocesan Pastoral Emergency Team, as well as leading St. Thomas', Rochester for 7 years, I believe I have a context and understanding of where the church is - her growing edges and insight toward movement forward that is hopefully and life-giving. My interests on the national level include: LGBTQIA+ rights, gender expansive language within liturgy, creation care, and our work to do around racial inequities within our culture and church.



The Rev. Mary Ann Brody

Rochester, St. Mark's and St. John's

I joined the diocese in 2001 and served in two urban parishes in Rochester over twelve years. I served on ad hoc committees (Seminary Debt, Exploration of an Episcopal School, Transition Committee for our previous Bishop), and on the Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Council, and the Disciplinary Board (3 years as president). Since 2017 I have worked as a Certified Educator in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), most recently with Crossroads of Caring, Inc. I enjoy collaborative work and am excited to join with colleagues to help guide the larger Church, particularly in light of the challenging issues facing us today.



The Rev. Padraic Michael Collins-Bohrer

Rochester, Christ Church

I am uniquely qualified to be a Deputy to the 2024 General Convention because I am a careful and patient listener who asks thoughtful questions. I have experience in Church governance as a current member of Diocesan Council and Co-chair of the Congregational Development Partnership Grant Committee. I will use these skills representing The Diocese of Rochester in ministry with the larger Church at General Convention — including electing the next Presiding Bishop. I will also share my voice as a person and priest living with cerebral palsy advocating for full belonging of people living with disabilities in the Church.

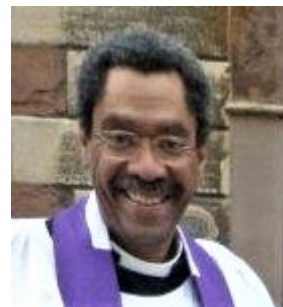


DEPUTY TO GENERAL CONVENTION 2024 (ELECT 4 CLERGY) *CONTINUED*

The Rev. Keith Patterson

Rochester, St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene

I love how the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement the church works! I have demonstrated my love of the church's mission outside the parish of St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene by serving one three-year term on the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester's Commission on Ministry. Currently, I serve on Diocesan Council and am a member of the Budget Subcommittee. I remember from my priestly ordination that I am to take a share in the councils of the church. Serving as a clerical delegate to the 2024 General Convention for the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester would be a great honor.



The Rev. Kenneth Pepin

Fairport, St. Luke's

I have experience of over twenty years in active ministry in the Episcopal Church. I have served in several dioceses in my career. I have been in leadership most of my time here in EDOR as chair of the Commission on Ministry, District Dean of Monroe County and I serve as Secretary of the Standing Committee. I love the Episcopal Church and it would be an honor to serve as a deputy to the General Convention in the 2024.



The Rev. Canon Robert Picken

Rochester, St. Paul's

I was ordained in 2006 and began my ministry in a small urban congregation. Since then, I have served in ministry settings that have given me the opportunity to see the wide variety of gifts, challenges, and needs in the Church. In our diocese, I have served on the Standing Committee (President, 2020) and currently serve on the boards of Rural & Migrant Ministries, Episcopal Senior Life Communities, and Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. I would bring that experience with me to General Convention and would be honored to represent our diocese again.



DEPUTY TO GENERAL CONVENTION 2024 (ELECT 4 CLERGY) *CONTINUED*

The Rev. Virginia Tyler Smith

Honeoye Falls, St. John's

I chair the Rochester Deputation for the 2022 General Convention. I also am a member of Legislative Committee 03, which examines issues related to the clergy disciplinary process. Both roles give me experience into the issues and governance process of the Episcopal Church. As the Transition Officer for the Diocese, I am interested especially in the ways we prepare, deploy, and support our clergy. The Episcopal Church is changing rapidly, and I am intrigued by how we will grow into the Jesus Movement in the future.



The Rev. Keisha Stokes

Palmyra, Zion

I attended General Convention in 2018 in Austin, Texas and learned so much about the church and our role in it. I have been an active member of our Diocese both as a lay person, and now as a priest, for many years and I enjoyed the opportunity to see the larger Episcopal Church at work. I bring a unique combination of experiences- from youth work to lay ministry to ordained ministry in a small church setting. I have a deep passion and love for the Episcopal Church, and I think we are at an important moment in our history as we consider the national and global concerns of the church and the world.



DEPUTY TO GENERAL CONVENTION 2024 (ELECT 4 LAY)

Anne Galvin

Corning, Christ Church

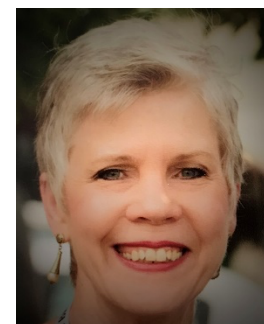
I am honored to be nominated for the position of Lay Deputy Generation Convention. I am a life-long Episcopalian who has been a member of Christ Church since my parents moved to Corning, NY when I was two years old. So many of my life memories revolve around the church including friendships that remain today, singing in the junior choir, youth retreats at Cazenovia, protesting social injustice, my wedding, having my sons baptized and my parent's funerals there. I have always been active in the church through committees, teaching Sunday school and being a member of the vestry. After I spent two summer sessions at The College for Congregational Development, I decided to run for Warden. Through the lessons and classes at those summer sessions, I realized many parishes and churches have the same issues and that we can move forward as a congregation into a "healthier and more faithful community of faith and organization." It has been a challenging journey at Christ Church the past four years as we have struggled not only to survive but to thrive. I hope I can bring some of those experiences and insight to this new opportunity.



Erin A. Glanton

Rochester, St. Paul's

As a longtime member of St. Paul's, I have had the privilege of serving on the vestry, as a warden currently, and as a delegate to our Diocesan Conventions. I am a choir member, chair the HR Committee, and serve on our Child Care Board and on the HR Committee for Family Promise of Rochester. Through EFM my understanding of my faith has deepened and I will complete the College for Congregational Development this summer. I would be honored have a role in the larger church by prayerfully preparing, listening, learning, responding, and working to shape our future.



Carolyn Lee Mok

Rochester, St. Thomas'

I would like your support and vote in becoming a lay deputy to General Convention. I am currently serving in my 1st term to this 81st Convention this July. I have great admiration and some knowledge of the governance of the national Episcopal Church. I have been involved in the policy and legislative processes of the church as a member of The Consultation and the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.. I have also served in this diocese as a member of Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and Commission on Ministry.



Daryl Sharp

Pittsford, Christ Church

I am a lifelong Episcopalian and member of the Vestry of Christ Church Pittsford. Prior to living in Rochester, I served as Warden and Vestry member of Christ Church Manlius and coordinated the parish's education ministries. During the 1990's, I worked as a congregational development consultant for the Diocese of Central New York. A nurse for more than 40 years, I have held a variety of roles in clinical practice, education, administration and research. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a Deputy to General Convention and commit to bringing a thoughtful, prayerful perspective to this work and ministry.

