

**Episcopal Diocese of Rochester Convention 92**  
**October 28, 2023**  
**Nominees for Elective Office**

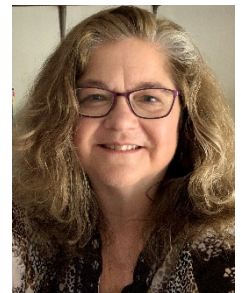
Please review this document in advance of Convention 92 for the elections. No need to print this document. When you are ready to make your selections for the electronic voting, use the "2023 Pre-Selection Ballot" found in the required reading for Delegates section on the Diocesan website <http://episcopalrochester.org> under the Convention 92 tab.

**Standing Committee**

*Elect (1) Lay*

**Roxanne Gaylord**  
*St. Thomas', Bath*

I would bring to the Standing Committee many years of service at the parish, district, and diocesan levels. Currently in my second year as the Southeast District's lay representative to Diocesan Council, I have worked on both the budget and mission grants sub-committees. I have served multiple three-year terms as a convention delegate and have been active in our district's mission work. My paid work at the parish level is a combination of music ministry and office administration; my volunteer work has been in the areas of mission and education/formation. Because of this wide variety of experiences, I offer the Standing Committee a unique perspective, bringing both creativity and practicality to meet the challenges of the future.



**Standing Committee**

*Elect (1) Clergy*

**The Rev. R. Columba Salamony**  
*St. Mark's, Penn Yan*

As a member of the D&NC, I have had a close look at the diocese and its history, relationships, and values, and I think that serving on the Standing Committee would be an excellent way to continue the work that has begun with the D&NC and the episcopal search. As a newcomer to the diocese and a newly ordained clergyman, I think pairing my perspective about how and where the Church and Diocese can think outside the box with my experiences as a marginalized person would be a tremendous asset to the new bishop as we prepare to rethink our vision.



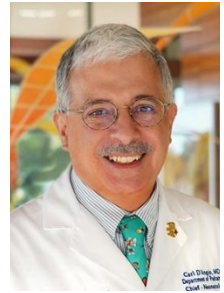
## **Trustees**

### *Elect (3) Clergy or Lay*

#### **Carl D'Angio**

*St. Peter's, Henrietta*

Carl T. D'Angio is a parishioner at St. Peter's, Henrietta and has been a Diocesan Trustee since 2017. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the Trustees and on the Trustees Properties Committee. He has held several positions at St. Peter's, including Vestry member, Warden, Christian Education Chair and Finance Committee member. He has served the Diocese in Youth Ministry Mutual Ministry Review. In his professional life, he is a neonatologist and Chief of the Division of Neonatology at the University of Rochester. He has been married to Donna for 42 years and has two children and five grandchildren.



#### **Charles Zettek**

*St. Thomas, Rochester*

It has been a privilege to serve as a Trustee for the past nine years. As Chair of the Audit Committee, I have fully supported being open and transparent about Diocesan assets and liabilities. I believe that we should manage the \$25+ million Diocesan assets wisely, but also act with faith knowing that what we have is a gift that God has given us to use to proclaim the Good News. I pray that my experience will be helpful as we transition to a new bishop and discern how our financial resources can be used to further God's kingdom.



#### **Julie Forney**

*Christ Church, Pittsford*

This would be my second term as a Trustee and the experience and familiarity I've gained could be put to better use in a second term. I was appointed chair of the real estate committee and my profession of being a realtor, has benefited that position in many ways. I also sit on several other boards, so I am familiar and understanding of the fiduciary process needed to be a trustee. Thank you for your consideration.



## **Diocesan Council**

### *Elect (3) Clergy*

#### **The Rev. Shanna Hawks**

*Good Shepherd, Savona and Christ Church, Hornell*

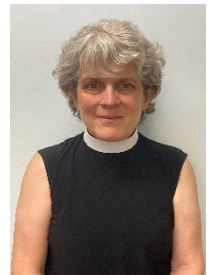
I currently serve as rector of Good Shepherd in Savona and Christ Church in Hornell, which means that I would bring to Diocesan Council representation from both the Southeast and Southwest Districts, as well being a voice for some of the smaller churches in the diocese. I previously served on Diocesan Council in the Diocese of Spokane, so I also bring experience in looking at Diocesan budgets and leadership. I am eager to learn more about the Diocese of Rochester and gain experience in diocesan leadership here.



#### **The Very Rev. Virginia Mazzarella**

*Zion, Avon*

I have been resident in the Diocese of Rochester for 28 years. In that time I have served as a rector, an assistant, an interim and as supply clergy in many different parts of the diocese. This gives me a unique and broad perspective. The skills that I would bring as a member of council would be the ability to work collaboratively with the members of council, and the years of experience and knowledge I have of this diocese. It would be an honor to serve on Diocesan Council.



#### **The Rev. Keisha Stokes**

*Zion, Palmyra*

I was born, raised, and ordained in the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and serve as the Rector of Zion, Palmyra and Pastoral Associate at St. John's, Canandaigua. I am running for Diocesan Council because I am currently in the second year of my first 2-year term as a member of this group. I am serving as the Chair of the Mission Partnerships Subcommittee. As a member of Council, I have gained valuable insight about the financial structure of our Diocese, and I am passionate about being good stewards of our resources. As the vice-chair of the Discernment and Nominating Committee, I have a vested interest in helping Diocesan Council and the Diocese be creative in how we provide support for all our parishes in the future. We are in the midst of important transitions and changes, and I would like the opportunity to continue the work that has been started during my first term on Diocesan Council.



## **Commission on Ministry**

*Elect (2) Lay*

### **Karen C. Martin**

*St. James, Watkins Glen*

A lifelong resident of Schuyler County, I retired in 2018 from Corning Incorporated after completing 30 years of service to Corning Incorporated Foundation, the charitable giving arm of the corporation. During my time with the Foundation, I assumed increasing responsibility and was appointed President in 2012. In addition to managerial experience, I have served on numerous not-for-profit governance boards and committees at the local and state levels, and for selected institutions of higher learning. At the present time I am Board President of The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.



### **Kathleen Stokes**

*Good Shepherd, Webster*

I have been active in the Episcopal church since childhood as a choir member, lay reader, vestry member and worship committee member. On the diocesan level, I have participated in the annual convention, and I am the Diocesan Coordinator for Education for Ministry. I feel called to serve on the Commission on Ministry because I believe everyone has gifts to share, and I would like to assist in the discerning process of those who are considering ordination. I have personal experience in this area because I walked the path with my daughter, Rev. Keisha Stokes, as she went through the steps to become ordained.



## **Disciplinary Board**

*Elect (2) Clergy and (1) Lay*

### **The Very Rev. Leslie Burkardt**

*St. Thomas, Rochester*

I have served the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester for 7 years. With my experience of serving on Diocesan Council and Standing Committee, has given me insight and knowledge of the organization of the diocese. My administrative skills and gifts for institutional process and pastoral intuition will be a support and benefit to our Disciplinary Board, should it be called upon. I would be honored to serve the diocese in this way.



### **Mary Lou Hunt-Quintal**

*Redeemer, Addison*

I am currently the Sr. Warden at Church of the Redeemer in Addison. I am a cradle Episcopalian and was baptized as an infant at Church of the Redeemer. I have been on the Vestry at Redeemer for at least 20 years as well as assisting on other committees at the church during this time. I have been a member of the Southeast District for many years and have served on the Diocesan Council as a lay representative of the Southeast District for 4 years. Prior to retirement from a 30-year career at a non-profit organization I was an Associate Director of Quality Assurance.



### **The Very Rev. Troy Preston**

*Christ Church, Corning*

I'm currently serving as Rector of Christ Church in Corning, Dean of the Southeast District, and member of the Diocesan Council. As a native of Addison, I served at Church of the Redeemer in various leadership roles. I had a successful 17-year career in Human Resource Management and Healthcare Administration before entering ordained ministry. My spouse and I own a restaurant and operate a nonprofit assistance program. I believe these experiences could be a valuable resource to this board. My experience in both the lay and clerical spheres also enables me to approach situations with an open mind. It would be an honor to serve on the Disciplinary Board.





## Clerical Provisional Deputy to General Convention

### *Elect (4) Clergy*

#### **The Very Rev. Leslie Burkardt**

*St. Thomas, Rochester*

I love the Episcopal Church, and I believe we have a particular part of the Jesus movement that the country and world is hungry to hear. A message of love that encourages opportunities for conversations that both heal and connect us to a deeper purpose. This is a pivotal time to be part of the larger conversation with the wider church. I would be honored to be part of this conversation and process.



#### **The Very Rev. Ken Pepin**

*St. Luke's, Fairport*

I have served in the diocese of Rochester for over 10 years. I have held leadership positions on diocesan committees such as Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee. I have a great love for this diocese and an appreciation for our ministry. I am excited about our future. I was a deputy at the last convention and would very much like to serve at this upcoming convention in Kentucky. I am a team player and all-around good-natured soul.



#### **The Very Rev. Troy Preston**

*Christ Church, Corning*

I was baptized, confirmed, educated, and ordained in the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester. Although now a priest in this diocese, I served for many years as a diocesan delegate. As a former lay delegate and now as a rector, district dean, and member of council, I believe I have a solid understanding of this diocese and the wonderful people who call it home. In addition, I have tried to stay informed about issues relating to the larger Episcopal Church and the world. I am committed to being an informed, thoughtful, and prayerful deputy regarding the issues facing General Convention. If called upon, I am ready, willing, and able to serve.



#### **The Very Rev. Gretchen Ratterree**

*St. Mark's, Newark*

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. I am currently serving on the Disciplinary Board for the diocese and am the Dean of the Northeast District. 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.



## Lay Provisional Deputy to General Convention

### *Elect (4) Lay*

#### **Susan L. Boland**

*Redeemer, Addison*

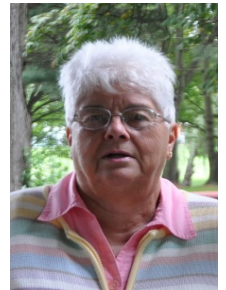
I am honored to be nominated as Lay Provisional Deputy for our diocese. I have been an Episcopalian since 2001. In 2007, I became a member of Christ Episcopal Church where I served as clerk of vestry. In 2015, I became a member of Church of the Redeemer where I currently serve as treasurer. At Christ Church and Redeemer I served continuously as a delegate to our District. As a leader and delegate, I have been able to utilize my gifts in facing important decisions and meeting goals. As provisional lay delegate, I would stand ready to serve if called.



#### **Jan Farnsworth**

*Christ Church, Corning*

I have served the Diocese as a member of Council, Standing Committee, President of Standing Committee and represented the Diocese as a deputy to General Convention 6 times and as an alternate once. My experience would allow me to step in at the last minute.



#### **Rob Ferris**

*St. Thomas Rochester*

Having attended one previous General Convention as an observer, I would be honored to represent the Diocese of Rochester as a Provisional Deputy in 2024. My earliest involvement with our diocese was as a member of the Commission on Liturgy and Music as we welcomed the new 1979 Book of Common Prayer and introduced The Hymnal 1982. Recently, I served two terms on The Commission on Ministry, several years as co-chair. I have participated in three Circles of Support for newly ordained or new to the diocese clergy. Since my confirmation by Bishop Spears in 1979, I have learned to deeply love the Episcopal Church and would welcome this opportunity to serve in a new capacity.



#### **Julie Syracuse**

*Good Shepherd, Webster*

Every traveler has a unique spiritual journey. Mine has led me to this wonderful part of the Jesus movement, the Episcopal church. Beyond the extraordinary and genuine faithfulness of my church home, I have been blessed with the awesome opportunity to serve my church family. In the past I have served my local church as a warden, treasurer, and vestry member. My service has also extended to diocesan roles: diocesan council, covid taskforce and the bishop transition committee. I have been truly honored to serve in these roles and look forward to opportunity to serve as an alternate to General Convention.

