

Episcopal Diocese of Rochester Convention 93
October 26, 2024
Nominees for Elective Office

Please review this document for the elections before Convention 93—there is no need to print this document. When you are ready to select nominees for the electronic voting, use the "2024 Pre-Selection Ballot" found in the required reading for Delegates section on the Diocesan website <http://episcopalrochester.org> under the Convention 93 tab.

Standing Committee

Elect (1) Lay

Richard Little

St. James, Hammondsport

At St. James' Hammondsport, I sing in the choir, serve on the vestry, and was elected Southeast District Delegate in 2023. I was also elected to the EDOR Standing Committee in February 2024 to fill a vacancy of an unexpired term. I also have experience as a camp counselor, small business owner, county legislator and have held offices with various local not-for-profit agencies. In my free time, I enjoy domestic and overseas travel, studying history and genealogy, and spending time with my husband Scott and our four adult children's families, especially our three grandbabies born in 2023.



Standing Committee

Elect (1) Clergy

The Rev. Elizabeth Harden

St. Luke's, Brockport

I have been the rector of St. Luke's in Brockport for five years. Four of those years were spent serving on Diocesan Council, where I learned a great deal about this diocese, both its strengths and challenges. I also had the very real honor and pleasure of serving on the Discernment and Nominating Committee that was instrumental in bringing a wonderful new bishop to Rochester. Through both of those roles, I gained an even deeper understanding of the dynamics of this diocese. I also came to love it more deeply. I am eager to continue my service to the church and the diocese, building on the experience I have so far, and working with our new bishop and other leaders to follow the Holy Spirit's leading in this next chapter. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



Trustees

Elect (3) Clergy or Lay

The Rev. Julie Cicora

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

I am currently serving out a term on the trustees at the request of Bishop Lane. My experience working in the Bishop's office has given me an understanding of the finances of the dioceses, the needs of parishes, and the needs of clergy. We are fortunate to have people well-versed in banking and real estate. I offer a clerical perspective.



James Garner

St. Michael's, Geneseo

I believe my experience in both my business experience, and service within the Episcopal Church have provided me with tools to serve on the Trustee Board as a contributing member.



Richard Harrison

St. Paul's, Rochester

Rick has enjoyed serving his first term as a Trustee and has been a member of the Investment Committee. In retirement from a long career in banking and finance, he also serves as Treasurer of St. Paul's Rochester and is a member of the church investment policy committee, in addition to being a prior Vestryperson and Warden. If elected to another term he looks forward to working with our new bishop and being helpful in any possible way. His outside interests, after family and grandchildren, include golf and serving on the board of Water for South Sudan.



Halle Stevens

St. Peter's, Geneva

Halle Stevens is a parishioner of St. Peter's, Geneva and has held several positions including Vestry member, Finance Committee member, Capital Campaign Committee member and is currently the Finance Committee Chair and a St Peter's Community Arts Academy Support Board member. In her professional life Halle has spent over 20 years in Local County Government Finance working for Ontario County and Seneca County. Halle recently retired from Seneca County as Finance Director where she was administrator of the County Finance Department with general superintendence over the fiscal affairs of the County including managing the \$88 Million annual operating budget, cash reserves, capital projects and debt service bond program



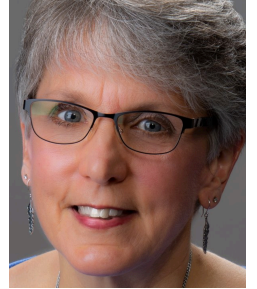
Diocesan Council

Elect (3) Lay

Patty Campbell

Christ Church, Corning

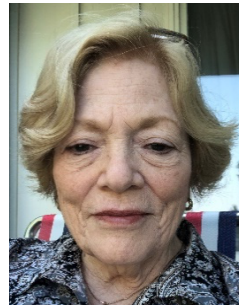
As a "cradle Episcopalian," I have been involved in a number of capacities over the years: choir, Sunday School teacher, Christmas pageant coordinator, Christian Education committee, Vestry, and prayer shawl ministry coordinator. My most rewarding ministry, though, has been directing and playing in the handbell choir. It is such a joy to enhance the worship experience through music. In addition to leading the bell choir, I currently serve as the Vestry clerk and district delegate. All these opportunities have provided me with exposure to and understanding of the organization of the church and some of the current challenges we face. Outside of church, I work full-time as an Executive Assistant at Corning Incorporated. My job, I believe, provides me with the necessary professional and technical skills and experience that will allow me to be effective on a team.



Ann Dawson

St. Michael's, Geneseo

I am a lifelong Episcopalian and I have worshiped at St. Michael's since we moved to Geneseo in 1979. Since I retired in 2012, I have devoted much of my time to St. Michael's. I have been on the vestry, and a warden for two terms. Once again, I am serving as junior Warden this year. I have served on the Diocesan Council for the past two years. The first year I worked with the Congregational Development Grant Committee and this year I am on the Mission Grant Partnership committee. I believe that the knowledge I have gained during this first term has better prepared me to provide more input during a second term.



Mary White

St. James, Hammondsport

I have been an active congregant at St. James Episcopal Church for over forty years. During that time, I taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, served on the Vestry, twice as Warden, served on the Stewardship Committee, the Mission Committee, Altar Guild, chairperson of the Search Committee, and serve as both an acolyte and a lay reader. I was blessed with a 30+year career as a school psychologist, and now enjoy retirement. Skills that make me uniquely qualified to serve on the Diocesan Council include willingness to learn, empathy, listening skills and a desire to build relationships following the example of Jesus Christ.



Commission on Ministry

Elect (2) Lay

Tracy Allen

St. John's, Canandaigua

During my 31-year career as a public-school music educator I participated in countless teacher, principal and superintendent search committees and mentored many first-year teachers. Helping young people learn and grow and begin to discover their place in the world was one of the best parts of my career in education. I have been an active member of the Episcopal Church for 36 years, serving as a committee member, vestry member, vestry clerk, financial clerk, altar guild and choir member both here in Canandaigua and in our previous parish in Richfield Springs, N.Y. I am humbled that Fr. David Hefling recommended me to Fr. Preston for this important work on behalf of the people of our Diocese.



Carolyn Mok

St. Thomas, Rochester

I am seeking to serve as a lay member of the Commission on Ministry. As a retired family physician, I am looking for ways to serve the Church, not unlike many who are discerning their own vocations. My experience is a previous member of COM (including as president), diocesan Council, Standing Committee, General Convention deputation, Bishop Discernment and Nominating Committee. Through this work, I have engaged with many in their own journeys of serving God.



Commission on Ministry

Elect (1) Clergy

The Very Rev. Michael Laver

St. Michael's, Geneseo

I have served as chair of the Commission on Ministry for the past two years of my initial three-year term. I have spent the past 18 years in higher education and feel that I am in a unique position to serve on the Commission on Ministry given my educational background. I am also a bi-vocational priest in an era in which this model is becoming ever more common, and which will, inevitably, have an impact on how we conceive of priestly and diaconal formation.



Disciplinary Board

Elect (1) Clergy

The Rev. Julianne Buenting

Christ Church, Pittsford

I have been a priest for 15 years and am experienced in intentional interim ministry with additional training in conflict mediation. Having served in four dioceses as an interim rector, I have encountered different policy and administrative approaches to educating about Title IV. This may be valuable in the very important efforts of the Disciplinary Board.



Disciplinary Board

Elect (1) Lay

Janet Williams

St. Luke's, Branchport

I am honored to have been nominated to serve on the Disciplinary Board of the Rochester Diocese. I am a lifelong Episcopalian and a member of St. Luke's Branchport, serving on the Vestry, Altar Guild, Chalice Bearer and Lector. I am a Convention Delegate and represent St. Luke's for the SE District. I believe that I would be a good candidate to serve on the Disciplinary Board due to my career in Clinical Social Work including twenty years in Employee Assistance and Human Resources for Corning Incorporated. I would like to apply my experience to assist in addressing situations of concern involving clergy in our Diocese. It is critical that these issues be responded to appropriately and in a timely way. Due to my professional training and experience and my devotion to the Episcopal Church, I hope to be elected to serve on the Disciplinary Board.



Diocesan Council

Elect (1) Clergy - At- Large

Completes Term (1 year) for Rev. Shanna Hawks (Resigned)

The Rev. Lynne Sharp

Church of the Incarnation, Penfield

After retiring and returning to Rochester in January I have been supplying and am now looking for an opportunity to serve on a Diocesan level. In the past I have served as Dean in the Southern Tier, and have twice been on Diocesan Council. It would be a pleasure to be on Diocesan Council again.

