

Nominating Committee Report

237th Diocesan Convention

February 2021

Dear Fellow Members:

Following is the Nominating Committee Report for the 2021 Diocesan Convention. The nominees for each office in each category have been listed in random order and will appear in the same order for convention voting.

Many thanks to the following individuals who served on the Nominating Committee this year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONVOCATION</u>
The Rev. Paul A . Van Sant, Sr.	Atlantic
Mr. William Bodine, III	Atlantic
The Rev. Naomi M. Cressman, Dcn.	Burlington
Mr. Ezell Jackson, Jr.	Burlington
The Rev. Anna C. Noon	Camden
Mr. Paul Wolfgang	Camden
The Rev. Michael J. Way	Monmouth
Mr. Paul Patton	Monmouth
The Rev. Toribio Rodriguez Santos	Northern
Mr. Arthur G. Pedersen, II	Northern
The Rev. Daniel E. Somers	Trenton
Dr. Henry M. Richards	Trenton
The Rev. Dr. Daniel C. Gunn	Watchung
Ms. Myrna Dyson	Watchung
The Rev. Antoinette Tackett	Woodbury
Ms. Melissa Semmes-Thorne	Woodbury

Special thanks to the many candidates who indicated their willingness to serve and to those who placed them in nomination.

Canon 5 provides for independently submitted nominations to be submitted to the Secretary of the Convention. Deadline for such nominations is 45 days prior to the convention. **After this time, any member of the convention can make a nomination 'from the floor' during the convention, but (a) the nominator must have filed a nomination form on the diocesan website no later than a week before the convention opens, (b) the nominator must attend the online convention to make the floor nomination when invited, and (c) the nominee must attend to certify willingness to serve if elected.**

Respectfully,

Arthur G. Pedersen

Arthur G. Pedersen, Chair

Electronically stamped

Nominating Committee

237th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Names without asterisks were received by the Nominating Committee before January 1, 2021.
2. Names with asterisks were put in nomination between January 1 and 20, 2021 to the Secretary of Convention.
3. Names with two asterisks are nominations put forth from the floor filed on the appropriate form no later than one week prior to convention.

A. Standing Committee—Vote by Orders

1 Clergy Member—4 year term



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The Rev. Canon Andy J. Moore—St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabeth

The Rev. Canon Andy Moore, Rector of St. Elizabeth's, Elizabeth, would be an asset on the Standing Committee because of his dedication to The Episcopal Church. He is a strategic thinker and an advocate for justice and equality, in keeping with core values of the Diocese of New Jersey. Canon Moore was chaplain of St. Joseph's Church School in New York and the first African American Director of the International Seafarer's Center at Seamen's Church Institute.



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The Rev. Marshall K. Shelly—St. Peter's Church, Spotswood

I ran for Standing Committee last year, and continue to hope that I may contribute to the wisdom and grace of Diocesan leadership in the coming years. I have served ten years at St. Peter's, have supported two interim transitions in this diocese, and have served on many Diocesan committees and commissions.

B. Standing Committee—Vote by Orders

1 Lay Member—4 year term



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Donna L. Freidel, Esq.—St. Thomas' Church, Glassboro

A lifelong member of the diocese and a practicing attorney since 1984, Donna is President of the Diocesan ECW Board and Woodbury ECW District. She serves on the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, Diocesan Council, on the Board of Kitchen of Hope, St. Thomas Jubilee Ministry, and is secretary for the Woodbury Convocation. She has served the Board of Family Promise of Gloucester County and is an active member of the Lions.

B. Standing Committee—Vote by Orders, continued
1 Lay Member—4 year term



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Carolann Nicholas—St. Augustine's, Asbury Park

Born into St. Augustine's, Asbury Park, (77 years ago), I have been able to serve in several capacities. My services to this church and Diocese have included the following committees: Every Member Canvasser (79), Stewardship, Newcomer, Search (twice), Finance, Building & Grounds, Fundraising, Jubilee, convention delegate, multi-year vestry member, RRR and Senior Warden for four years. I plan to use my time and talents to support my church and Diocese.

C. Diocesan Council—Clergy
3 Clergy Members—3 year terms



1

The Rev. Daniel E. Somers—St. Andrew's Church, Lambertville

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****The Rev. Naomi M. Cressman, Dcn.—Christ Church, Riverton**

Life-long member of the Diocese. As a layperson, served several terms on Vestry and as Clerk. Also served on the Cathedral Chapter and as a member of the Transition Committee for Bishop Cancell. Ordained to the Diaconate in May 2015. Currently serving on Diocesan ECW Board and Nominating Committee. Committed to serving the Diocese in whatever capacity needed.

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D. Diocesan Council—Lay
3 Lay Members—3 year terms



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Paul Wolfgang—Holy Trinity Church, Collingswood

I have served on Diocesan Council twice and found it to be an extremely rewarding experience. I would be honored to serve again. I currently serve our diocese in a variety of ways including the Standing Committee, Board of Missions, Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds, Anti-Racism Commission, Audit Committee, and Loan and Grant Committee. In my home church I have served as Warden and Vestry, Acolyte, Lector, and Choir.

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D. Diocesan Council—Lay, continued
3 Lay Members—3 year terms



****Jack Daugherty—Church of the Good Shepherd, Pitman**

2 Jack has served on the Vestry, the Stewardship and Property Committees of the parish and as a Eucharistic Minister. He has served several terms as a Delegate to Annual Convention and the Woodbury Convocation. Jack volunteers with the Pitman Food Pantry and Family Promise of Gloucester County. He participates in the annual imposition of ashes at Rowan University. In the Diocese, Jack is currently a member of the Loan and Grant Committee.

E. Cathedral Chapter



***The Rev. Ann K. Urinoski—Christ Church, South Amboy/Trinity Church, Matawan**

1 After discerning her call to the priesthood while in campus ministry, Ann was ordained in the Diocese of New Jersey in 2016 and was excited to return in 2020. She currently serves on EMSHCM. In her previous diocese, Ann served on the Commission on Ministry, as a Safe Church trainer, as an adult mentor to EYE 2017, and as chaplain on the Delaware National Cathedral Chapter's 2019 pilgrimage. Ann

F. Cathedral Chapter
2 Lay Members—3 year terms

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G. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation—Clergy
2 Clergy Members—3 year terms



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H. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation—Lay
2 Lay Members—3 year terms



****John S. Sturges—Trinity Church, Rocky Hill**

1 John Sturges heads Siebrand-Wilton Associates, consulting for 26 years on compensation and benefits. Earlier he headed human resources for HSBC, Willis Group, NatWest and Equitable Life. He served on boards of Spencer Savings Bank and Middle States Association, and chaired audit, finance and human resources committees. Educated at Harvard, he holds an MBA and PhD, and he's professionally certified in consulting and human resources. A St. Stephen Ministry Leader, he served on vestries for 20+ years.

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I. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons—Clergy or Lay
1 Clergy or Lay Member—3 year term



Paul A. De Sarno, Esq.— Holy Trinity Church, South River

Paul is an attorney and has been in private practice in New Jersey for over 30 years. He served his parish as Senior Warden, Vestry Member, and as Treasurer. On the Diocesan level, he served on the Fair Share Task Force, Rules of Order and Dispatch of Business, and as Church Attorney. He currently serves on the Standing Committee of Constitution and Canons.

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The Rev. Ryan R. Paetzold—Sts. Stephen and Barnabas' Church, Florence

Fr. Ryan Paetzold currently serves on multiple boards, councils, commissions for organizations as well as county and municipal governments. Fr. Paetzold hopes to bring the experience and skills he has developed to serve on the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons for the benefit of the diocese.

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J. Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds—Lay
1 Lay Member—5 year term



***Robert Bradshaw—St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabeth**

Robert Bradshaw has worked in senior management positions with global banking and financial institutions for over 30 years. During his long career at the Royal Bank of Canada, New York and R.B.C. Capital Markets, New York, Bank of Tokyo, he held a number of management and oversight roles. Robert graduated Summa Cum Laude from Pace University, New York with an MBA degree in Finance, majoring in Investment and Portfolio Management. He also holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Business Administration.

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K. Finance and Budget Committee
3 Members, Clergy or Lay—3 year terms
1 Member, Clergy or Lay—1 year unexpired term



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***Sheila J. Cooper—Christ Church, New Brunswick**

Sheila Cooper attends Christ Church, New Brunswick, where she is the Rector's Warden. In the past she has been a Vestry Member, People's Warden, and Treasurer. She is also on the Altar Guild and is a lector. Professionally, Sheila has been an educator for 31 years, and works as a K-12 ELA Supervisor. Sheila is completing one term on the Finance and Budget Committee and looks forward to another.



2

Charles Thorne—Holy Trinity Church, Wenonah

Charles has served as a member of the Finance and Budget Committee for the Diocese since 2015. He has been a member of Holy Trinity Church in Wenonah for 20 years, and has served as the Assistant Treasurer for more than 10 years. Charles has also served on the Finance Committee of four different churches, which had annual budgets approaching \$800,000. He is an experienced CFO, having served in this role for six not-for-profit organizations.



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****The Rev. Canon Clive Sang, Dcn. —St. Thomas' Church, Red Bank**

Clive Sang retired from a successful career where he held senior positions in management, consulting, sales, and operations, in the financial services industry. Clive earned a BA in Economics from NYU and an MBA in Management Information Systems from the Stern School of Management. He is a member of several financial, community based, and fraternal organizations, including Treasurer of the National Association of Urban Bankers. Clive was ordained Deacon and completed his MDiv in 2012.

L. Diocesan Investment Trust
1 Clergy or Lay Member—4 year term

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M. Audit Committee
1 Clergy or Lay Member—3 year term



Eric Sanders—Christ Church, New Brunswick

- 1** I have been a member at Christ Church for over 20 years. I sing in the Parish Choir, served as Assistant Treasurer and on the Food Pantry Board. I currently work in the NJ Division of Taxation. I'm interested in running for a second term on the Audit Committee to hopefully fulfill items we have discussed. It is important to come up and implement cost effective means for parishes to meet the requirement of Financial Audits.

N. Disciplinary Board—Clergy
4 Clergy Members—3 year terms



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***The Very Rev. Mark Chatten—Holy Trinity Church, Collingswood**

- 2** A lifelong member of the diocese, this candidate has served in many different areas of diocesan life, including the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Dean of the Camden and Watchung Convocations, Deputy to Provincial Synod, Alternate Deputy to General Convention, and on the Acolyte Festival and Van Duzer Scholarship Committees.



***The Rev. Justin A. Falciani—Christ Church, Somers Point**

- 3** The Rev. Justin Falciani has served as Alternate Deputy for GC 2018. He has been Rector of Christ Church, Somers Point since 2010, and has dedicated his ministry to our diocese since ordained in 2008, and plans to continue to serve the people of our diocese. Fr. Justin is appointed to the Board of Consultation, was elected in the past to Diocesan Council and taught in the School for Deacons.

N. Disciplinary Board—Clergy, continued

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O. Disciplinary Board—Lay

3 Lay Members—3 year terms



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***Louis Cavaliere—Grace Church, Merchantville**

Captain Louis A. Cavaliere, US Navy Retired, Grace Church Merchantville. With over 40 years of military and private business experience in human resource and conflict resolution, I will serve on the Disciplinary Board with the same perspective of Christian compassion that continues to guide my experience.



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P. Intake Officer

1 Officer, Clergy or Lay—1 year term



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***The Rev. Canon Karin R. Mitchell—Retired**

I have served as Title IV Intake Officer for the past three years and would like to continue in this position. I am a Canon of our Cathedral, and currently serve on the Committee on the Priesthood, and the Cathedral Chapter. I retired two years ago as rector of St. David's, Cranbury.

Q. Church Attorney

1 Lay Officer—1 year term



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Talbot B. Kramer, Jr., Esq.—St. Thomas' Church, Glassboro

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Kramer, St. Thomas Church, Glassboro, served on the Vestry; currently serves as Senior Warden, is involved in the choir, teaches Sunday school, leads Family Promise Ministry to the homeless, and serves on the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation. An attorney for 35 years, he and his wife Donna Freidel have a practice in Turnersville handling many subject areas including civil and family court litigation, corporate issues, and real estate. Tal has served one term as church attorney and looks forward to continuing in that role.

R. Treasurer

1 Officer, Clergy or Lay—1 year term



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Jonathan Gloster—Christ Church, New Brunswick

Jonathan has attended Christ Church since 2001 after relocating to New Jersey from the Washington, DC area. Over the years he has served on the Vestry as Property and Finance Committee Chair. He has served on several other task forces and committees during his time at Christ Church. Recently he has participated in the Diocese Financial Resourcing Focus Group and the COVID-19 Learnings and Breakthroughs Task Force. Jonathan is married to Christine and the couple resides in Franklin Township, NJ.