



2025 Nominees



Episcopal Diocese of Florida
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2025 Nominations Overview

Diocesan Council: Lay

- 1 Lay: River Region (3-Year Term)
- 1 Lay: Apalachee Region (3-Year Term)

Diocesan Council: Clergy

- 1 Clergy (3-Year Term)



2025 Nominations Overview

Disciplinary Board

- 1 Clergy and 1 Lay (3-Year Terms)

Standing Committee

- 1 Clergy (2-Year Term)
- 1 Clergy (3-Year Term)
- 1 Lay (2-Year Term)
- 1 Lay (3-Year term)

Sewanee Board of Trustees

- 1 Lay (3-Year Term)



Diocesan Council

Diocesan Council Nominees at a Glance

Name	Parish, City	Region
Lay Nominees (Elect 2: 1 River, 1 Apalachee)		
James Fort	St. Michael and All Angels, Tallahassee	Apalachee
Amy Johnson	Holy Comforter, Tallahassee	Apalachee
Lauren Soto	St. John's, Tallahassee	Apalachee
John Curington	St. Mark's, Palatka	River
Bob Hood	Holy Communion, Hawthorne	River
Meredith Schwarz	Trinity Parish, St. Augustine	River
Clergy Nominees (Elect 1)		
The Rev. Wiley Ammons	Redeemer, Jacksonville	First Coast East
The Rev. Joe Gibbes	Church of Our Saviour, Jacksonville	First Coast East
The Rev. Quinn Parman	All Saints, Jacksonville	First Coast East

Diocesan Council
Lay Nominees (Apalachee)

Diocesan Council: Lay Nominees (Apalachee)

James Fort

St. Michael & All Angels, Tallahassee



Biography:

John has been an Episcopalian for 58 years. He grew up in the Diocese of Central Florida, at Saint Simon the Cyrenian, Fort Pierce, Florida, served as an acolyte and has been a member of Saint Michael and all Angels (SMAA) since 1980. He has served several times on the vestry; currently the Senior Warden and have also served as a Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Christian Education Ministry leader, with Cursillo and EFM.

He attended Florida A&M University and has a Masters Degree in Chemistry. He is retired from the Florida Department of Agriculture. He was a Chemist Administrator – Contract Manager, including managing the budget and financial management. He and his wife, Pamela, have been married for 47 years and have two children and three grandchildren.

Why would you like to serve?

SMAA, like many other churches, is at a critical stage in regard to the continued viability of our church and is currently working toward a much-needed transformation to our call to ministry in God's Kingdom. Serving on the Diocesan Council and understanding more the policies and programs of the Church and the detailed management of the business affairs of the Diocese, will be invaluable experience and insight for me as the Senior Warden of SMAA, as I and the vestry chart a course through these critical times of change for SMAA for the continued and future growth of our church.



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Diocesan Council: Lay Nominees (Apalachee)



Amy Louttit Johnson

Holy Comforter, Tallahassee

Biography:

Amy has been a member of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Tallahassee since 2006. During that time, she has had the honor to serve both at the parish and the Diocesan levels. She has served in the following parish capacities: Layreader, Sunday School teacher, Church School Committee member, Church School Board Member, Vestry 2018-2021, Rector Search Committee 2022-2023, and Vestry 2024 to 2027. I served as the Senior Warden from 2020-2021.

In addition, she has served on the Diocesan level as a Convention Delegate, Transition Committee member 2021-2023, and Convention Committee on Charter and Canons member 2024 to present.

Why would you like to serve?

If elected I would be honored to serve as the lay representative to the Diocesan Council from the Apalachee Region.



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Diocesan Council: Lay Nominees (Apalachee)



Lauren Soto

St. John's, Tallahassee

Biography:

Lauren is a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church, having grown up in the Diocese of Western Louisiana. She was an active youth, singing in the choir from the third grade onwards as well as participating in camp life and youth group. She attended Sewanee, where she spent her time serving in All Saint's as a member of the University Choir. At St. John's, she is heavily involved with both the adult choir and the choir school. She has served in the Junior League of Tallahassee as the chair of Kids' Boutique and leadership Training Director for all members.

Why would you like to serve?

I am interested in serving in this position because I have always felt a deeper call to serve my community and share my voice. Since moving to the diocese in 2020, I have been looking for a position to lead and believe this role would allow me to strengthen my ties to the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Florida.



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Diocesan Council

Lay Nominees (River)

Diocesan Council: Lay Nominees (River Region)

John Curington

St. Mark's, Palatka



Biography:

John grew up in Neptune Beach. He attended Bishop Kenny High School and graduated from Florida Presbyterian College (now Eckerd) in 1971 with a BS in Economics. Upon graduating he joined the Prudential Real Estate Investment Office in Jacksonville where he worked two years before going out on his own. The next 35 years he continued in real estate activities and started several small businesses. He was a founding board member of the San Marco Preservation Society. He lives in Ponte Vedra where he was a member of Christ Church until he transferred to St. Mark's, Palatka where he has a home. He is immediate past senior warden at St. Mark's. Currently he is semi-retired, principally involved in running the Ponte Vedra Croquet Club.

Why would you like to serve?

As a life-long, successful businessman I would like to bring my expertise to the Diocesan structures, helping churches grow and move forward in missions. I especially want to see the mission of Camp Weed and the Cervený Conference Center move to a sustainable operation where it prospers as a place for churches, young people, individuals and organizations to know and grow in the knowledge of Lord; body, soul, mind and spirit.



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Diocesan Council: Lay Nominees (River Region)



Bob Hood

Holy Communion, Hawthorne

Biography:

Mr. Bob Hood lives in rural Melrose on ten acres. He enjoys the retreat daily from his busy life. His location is a short drive to 5 Episcopal churches. He has been active at Trinity Melrose, St. Marks Starke and is Senior Warden at Church of the Holy Communion Hawthorne. He has served 7 years on the Diocesan Cursillo Council. He is a Licensed Lay Worship Leader and served on the Steering Committee conducting the Convocations for the Diocese. He serves the wider community as a mediator for the Attorney General's Office.

Why would you like to serve?

Over the last year I have felt the Holy Spirit was calling me to do more for the wider Church and especially the “smaller” churches in our Diocese. I feel my experience as a mediator and serving on the Steering Committee will be put to greater use on the Diocesan Council during this challenging time in our Diocese.



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Diocesan Council: Lay Nominees (River Region)



Meredith Schwarz

Trinity Parish, St. Augustine

Biography:

Meredith is a former small business owner. She founded an executive search firm in Newport Beach, CA in 1989, Barnes & Associates Executive Search, INC. It specialized in the high-tech industry placing sales and marketing executives. In 2003, Meredith and her husband decided to purchase a home in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. They are also avid sailors. For many years, she had been heavily involved with the Guardian ad Litem program out of St. John's County. That program is the voice of the child in the court room after they have been removed from their family due to neglect or abuse. It was an extremely rewarding experience for her. She continues to fundraise for them when possible.

Why would you like to serve?

As a lifelong Episcopalian, I have appreciated my parish experience and the way the local church has consistently pointed me toward a deeper walk with our Lord and a stronger engagement with our neighbors. I have served in a variety of parish roles including our preschool board, the board for our parish's outside real estate and investments, our vestry (including 2 years as senior warden), chaired hiring processes for church staff, and been on our building committee to acquire land and build a second campus. My clergy feels my experience would be helpful on a wider level and I find the idea challenging and stimulating.



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Diocesan Council

Clergy Nominees

Diocesan Council: Clergy Nominees

The Rev. Wiley Ammons

Redeemer, Jacksonville



Biography:

The Rev. Wiley Ammons is rector of The Church of the Redeemer, Jacksonville where he has served for nearly 10 years. He is an engineering graduate from UF, and an M.Div. graduate from Virginia Theological Seminary. He is also co-host and producer for Forward Movement's Daily Devotional podcasts. He served the diocese previously as the Canon for Youth Ministries, summer camp director, and in Happening leadership at the local and national levels. He spent 6 years on the board of Episcopal Children's Services leading as Vice President of the Board and head of the CEO Search Committee. He has previously served on Diocesan Council as Canon for First Coast East for 7 years, and a three-time deputy to the General Convention. Fr. Wiley lives in Jacksonville with his wife Laura and their two children.

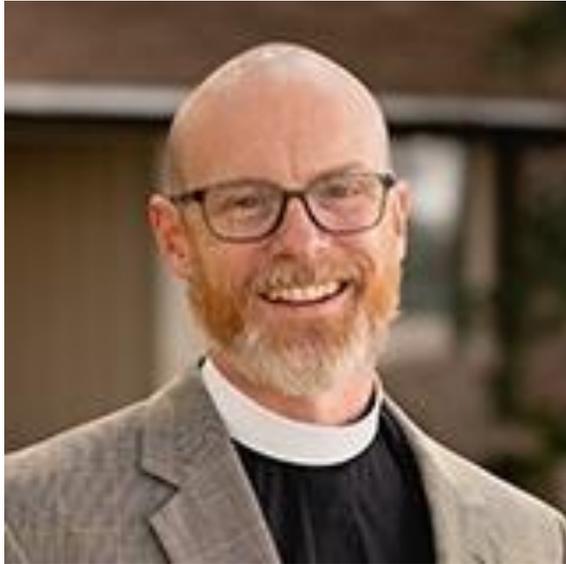
Why would you like to serve?

I have appreciated the Diocesan Council's increased access to information and level of engagement in the work of the diocese in the last year. I am interested in being a helpful part of this continued movement in the right direction for collaborative leadership in the diocese preparing ourselves to work well with our next bishop.



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Diocesan Council: Clergy Nominees



The Rev. Joe Gibbes

Church of Our Saviour, Jacksonville

Biography:

The Rev. Joe Gibbes has served as the Rector of Church of Our Saviour in Jacksonville for nearly 10 years. He and Amy have been married for 27 years and have three teenage children.

Why would you like to serve?

The Diocesan Council will play an important role in the coming years as a new bishop is elected and establishes new Diocesan policies and culture. I enjoy working with people from a variety of perspectives from across the diocese, and I believe I could serve the Diocese well in this capacity through prayer, collaboration, and hard work.



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Diocesan Council: Clergy Nominees



The Rev. Quinn Parman

All Saints, Jacksonville

Biography:

The Rev. Quinn Parman, a native of Jacksonville, was ordained to the priesthood in 2013 and has served churches in Florida and Tennessee. For the past two years, he has been Rector of All Saints, Jacksonville. He has a particular passion for youth ministry, preaching, and teaching. At the diocesan level, he has served on multiple youth ministry steering committees, on the board of Grace Point Camp and Conference Center in Kingston, Tennessee, and on the Bishop and Council of the Diocese of East Tennessee. Most recently, he was appointed to the Bishop Search Committee of the Diocese of Florida. He and his wife of twenty years, Rachelle, live in San Marco with their two children.

Why would you like to serve?

I love the Diocese of Florida and am excited about the future God has set before us. My hope is to contribute to building a healthy, flourishing diocese that lives out the call to reveal the nearness of Jesus to the world around us. This happens through the ministries and programs of our diocese and parishes, and also through pastoral, wise, and effective administration. If elected, I would be honored to serve in a way that ensures our governance consistently points us to the goodness of God.



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Disciplinary Board

Disciplinary Board Nominees at a Glance

Name	Parish, City	Region
Lay Nominees (Elect 1)		
Gina Donahoo	St. Mark's, Jacksonville	First Coast West
Fred Koberlein	St. James, Lake City	Santa Fe
Clergy Nominees (Elect 1)		
The Rev. Teri Calinao	St. Mary's, Green Cove Springs	First Coast West
The Rev. Ken Johnstone	St. Luke's, Live Oak	Santa Fe

Disciplinary Board

Lay Nominees

Disciplinary Board: Lay Nominees



Gina Donahoo

St. Mark's, Jacksonville

Biography:

Gina Donahoo is a former labor and employment attorney who currently serves as the Director of Engagement and Human Resources at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Over the years Gina has been very actively involved at St. Mark's church, serving on the Vestry, the Building and Grounds committee, Executive committee, and on the Personnel committee. She and her husband, John, have been married for 30 years and have three daughters.

Why would you like to serve?

I am interested in serving on the Clergy Disciplinary Board because I believe in the importance of a strong, trustworthy process to address alleged misconduct.



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Disciplinary Board: Lay Nominees



Fred Koberlein

St. James, Lake City

Biography:

Fred is a “cradle” Episcopalian who came to the Diocese of Florida, (St. James’, Lake City), in 1979 where he has become fully immersed in parish life. He has served multiple terms on the Vestry, on two Rector Search Committees, as head of our Moving and Rebuilding Committee, and in many other positions. In addition to his local involvement, Fred has served on the Diocesan Council, on a Bishop Search and Nominating Committee, and several Convocations. He has been a delegate at conventions during which Bishops Cerveny, Varley (interim), Jecko, and Howard have presided. Fred is a former Naval Aviator and a retired Florida Judge.

Why would you like to serve?

I would like to continue my service at the Diocesan level by serving on the Discipline Committee because I believe I have additional significant skills to offer to that committee: 1) my service as a family mediator where I had to fine-tune my listening skills during some acrimonious proceedings; and 2) my service to the Florida Supreme Court as a referee in attorney discipline cases where I had to balance societal concerns.



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Disciplinary Board

Clergy Nominees

Disciplinary Board: Clergy Nominees

The Rev. Teri Calinao *St. Mary's, Green Cove Springs*



Biography:

Teri is currently serving in her second year as a Curate at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Green Cove Springs, FL. Prior to answering the call to ordination and attending seminary, Teri worked in the banking and insurance industries as well as the non-profit sector where she served as the Philanthropic Services Officer at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, managing the day-to-day operations and overseeing the grantmaking process of the Women's Giving Alliance. She served in lay roles at Good Shepherd, her sending parish and as a postulant at Resurrection Episcopal Church in Jacksonville. Teri is passionate about sharing the love of Christ with all persons that she encounters. She believes that God is always meeting people wherever they may be in their journey of life. A favorite quote is, "Without love, deeds even the most brilliant, count as nothing" – Saint Therese de Lisieux.

She has been married to her husband, George for 23 years. They have a daughter, Savannah who serves as a Rector in the coastal village of Saunderstown, Rhode Island and son-in-law, Matthew. They also have two grand dogs, Augustine and Monica, who are rescued greyhounds from Ireland. Her interests outside of service in the church, include photographing historic churches/steeple, and travel to her favorite places, Alaska and the Canadian province of Quebec. She and George enjoy visiting various parishes and meeting parishioners during their travels. They are thankful to be serving in the Diocese of Florida.

Why would you like to serve?

I feel that God is calling me to serve in the larger context of the Diocese and has graciously provided me with the gifts, skills and graces to serve on the Disciplinary Board. My past career and life experiences would be, I believe, an asset as well. It would be my great joy to serve the people of the Diocese of Florida in this manner.



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Disciplinary Board: Clergy Nominees



The Rev. Ken Johnstone

St. Luke's, Live Oak

Biography:

Fr. Ken graduated from Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto and was Ordained to the diaconate at St. James Cathedral in Toronto, Ontario Canada in May of 2018. He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Margaret in the Pines Toronto, in February of 2019. He has served at 3 churches as interim priest in charge before beginning as the rector of St. Luke's Live Oak in 2022, where he still serves. Fr. Ken has also worked in the retail and grocery industries as well as a school bus driver while in his studies.

Why would you like to serve?

I bring a diverse set of experiences ranging from different working environments, which would be a benefit in dealing with disciplinary matters.



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Standing Committee

Standing Committee Nominees at a Glance

Name	Parish, City	Region
Lay Nominees, 3-Year Term (Elect 1)		
Pam Jordan Anderson	St. John's, Tallahassee	Apalachee
Bob Buehn	St. Mary's, Green Cove Springs	First Coast West
Arelia Donaldson	St. Philip's, Jacksonville	First Coast West
Glenn Guiler	St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville	First Coast West
Bob Hood	Holy Communion, Hawthorne	River
Mary Dudley White	St. Mark's, Jacksonville	First Coast West
Lay Nominees, 2-Year Term (Elect 1)		
J. Byron Greene	St. Michael and All Angels, Tallahassee	Apalachee
Caroline Nichols	St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville	First Coast West
Anne Seraphine	Holy Trinity, Gainesville	Santa Fe
Jack Tull	Christ Church, Ponte Vedra	First Coast East
Rhonda Williams	St. Paul's, Federal Point	River

Standing Committee Nominees at a Glance

Name	Parish, City	Region
Clergy Nominees, 3-Year Term (Elect 1)		
The Rev. Cn. Curt Benham	Trinity Parish, St. Augustine	River
The Rev. Lisa Meirow	St. Andrew's, Jacksonville	First Coast East
The Rev. Roy Tuff	Holy Trinity, Gainesville	Santa Fe
Clergy Nominees, 2-Year Term (Elect 1)		
The Rev. Bob Goolsby	St. Thomas, Palm Coast	River
The Vn. Marsha Holmes	Christ Church, Ponte Vedra	First Coast East

Standing Committee

Lay Nominees (3-Year Term)

Standing Committee: Lay Nominees (3-Year Term)

Pam Jordan Anderson

St. John's, Tallahassee



Biography:

Growing up as an only child, the Diocese of Florida and her people have been Pam Jordan Anderson's family from the very beginning. She was baptized on New Year's Day 1961 by Father Harry Douglas in St. Clement's Chapel and was Father Bob Snell's first girl acolyte. She was a camper at St. Teresa Camp Weed and on Staff during the last summer there. She graduated from Sewanee in 1981. She and Paul met 41 years ago while attending FSU College of Law and were married in 1985 (by Father Bob). Their adult children Jordan, Elizabeth, Sarah Michael, and Katherine have all been joyfully engaged in the life of this Diocese. Pam Jordan Anderson and her husband are also the grandparents of Sam and Luke.

Why would you like to serve?

The relationships built through Cursillo, Happening, and the Camp Weed Committee, serving on the St. John's Vestry and Stewardship Committee, and serving two terms on the Standing Committee have afforded me the opportunity to give back to those who have given me so much. Using Psalm 133.1 "Ecce Quam Bonum" as my guide, it would be my great honor to serve our Diocese during these next hopeful years of our journey as God's children.



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Standing Committee: Lay Nominees (3-Year Term)

Bob Buehn

St. Mary's, Green Cove Springs



Biography:

Capt. Buehn retired from a 30-year career in the US Navy in 2008 as a Captain. His career included command of VS-32 at NAS Cecil Field, and command of US Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. As a Naval Aviator he flew more than 5,000 hours in Navy aircraft, primarily the S-3 Viking, and logged nearly 900 carrier landings. He was formerly Chief of Military Affairs for the City of Jacksonville in the administration of Mayor John Peyton. He was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott as Florida Commissioner to the Interstate Compact regarding educational opportunity for military children, and recently stepped down from that post after 12 years.

Capt. Buehn is a graduate of the University of Florida and the US Naval War College. In November 2024 he was recognized by the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce as the 2024 recipient of the RDML Kevin Delaney Military Hall of Fame award.

Why would you like to serve?

A decade ago I served on Diocesan Council and I enjoyed the broadened view of the church it gave me. I think the Standing Committee is an important body, as evidenced by how much the diocese depended on their leadership in lieu of a bishop. I think I can bring leadership experience to the committee and then when there is a sitting bishop I can advise on the interests and concerns of a small parish like St. Mary's.



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Standing Committee: Lay Nominees (3-Year Term)



Arelia Donaldson

St. Phillip's, Jacksonville

Biography:

Arelia has been a member of St. Philip's for over 20 years, where she has the privilege of serving in various lay leadership and pastoral roles. She currently serves as Chairperson of the Finance Committee on the Vestry, and is a Licensed Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, and Pastoral Care Minister. Arelia also actively participates in the parish outreach program, which provides meals to unhoused neighbors in the community. In past years, she has served as both President and Treasurer of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and is a member of the Daughters of the King. Each of these roles has deepened her commitment to the Church and to Christ's call to love and serve others.

Why would you like to serve?

As a lay member of the Church, I feel called to offer my experience and gifts in service to the Diocese as part of the Standing Committee. I am eager to support the mission of the Church in any way that is needed and appropriate, whether through ministry, administration, formation, or outreach.



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Standing Committee: Lay Nominees (3-Year Term)

Glenn Guiler

St. John's Cathedral



Biography:

Glenn is the son of a Methodist Air Force Chaplain, confirmed in the Episcopal Church in December of 1986. He has been a member of St John's Cathedral since 2010 and is currently serving a 2nd term on the Cathedral Vestry; acting as Council liaison for Stewardship, Parish Engagement, and Outreach councils over the two terms.

Glenn has been shaped by the church as he has deliberately and devotedly served the church in so many roles through his years as well as a Stephen Minister, Vocation discernment small group leader, the transformative experiences of Cursillo and an EfM graduate.

He was on the Transition Team and Logistics co-Chair for the 2021-2022 FL Diocese Bishop search and election. Most recently he has served on the Steering Committee of the Diocese under the direction of Bishop Mary Graves-Reed.

Why would you like to serve?

I feel the strong call to serve on the Standing Committee because I believe this moment in our diocesan life requires steady leadership rooted in prayer and reflection, discernment and collaboration. With hope, honesty and my deep commitment to Christ's mission, it would be an honor and privilege to work to support the bishop, clergy and laity with promoting trust and shaping integrity for the mission of our Diocese.



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Standing Committee: Lay Nominees (3-Year Term)

Bob Hood

Holy Communion, Hawthorne



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Standing Committee: Lay Nominees (3-Year Term)

Mary Dudley White

St. Mark's, Jacksonville



Biography:

Mary Dudley Lee-White has been a member of St. Mark's since birth, where she was baptized, confirmed, and married. During high school, she was deeply involved in youth ministry both at St. Mark's and throughout the diocese. She had the privilege of serving on numerous Happening teams and later was the first youth to serve as leader for the reboot of New Beginnings.

At St. Mark's, Mary served on the Youth Advisory Board and was a member of an associate rector search committee. While attending Furman University, she was an active member of Canterbury Club, the Episcopal college ministry.

Since returning to Jacksonville, Mary has continued to volunteer with Happening and now serves on St. Mark's Young Adult Council, the Flower Guild leadership team, and as a chalice bearer. Professionally, she works for the Florida Senate as a Legislative Assistant. She lives with her husband, Wingate White, in Jacksonville with their two goldendoodles, Poppy and Theo.

Why would you like to serve?

I hope to help strengthen and expand our college and young adult ministry across the diocese. With two flagship universities in our diocese, we have a unique opportunity to support students through the transition into college and to provide vibrant young adult programming as they step into life after graduation.

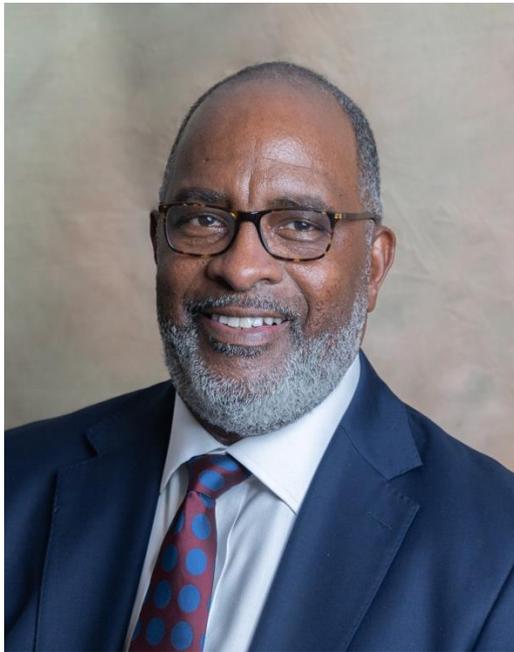


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Standing Committee

Lay Nominees (2-Year Term)

Standing Committee: Lay Nominees (2-Year Term)



J. Byron Greene

St. Michael & All Angels, Tallahassee

Biography:

J. Byron Greene's diocesan service includes various parish leadership roles. Additionally, he has served in diocesan leadership as a member of the diocesan council and the commission for anti-racism and reconciliation. His service includes committee work for Synod 4 along with 2 terms as board of trustee member for Sewanee: The University of the South. During my tenure he has proudly served as a deputy to the General Convention for the past 3 conventions. One of his most cherished roles was serving as Vice-Chair of the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Legislative Committee. He believes his experiences will serve to enhance the work of the diocesan Standing Committee.

Why would you like to serve?

I feel called to serve as a member of the Standing Committee, to provide care for our membership and protect the health and well-being of parish life. My desire is to serve as a trusted counsel to diocesan leadership for capacity building to strengthen service and impact of our diocese upon those seeking God's love.



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Standing Committee: Lay Nominees (2-Year Term)

Caroline Nichols

St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville



Biography:

Caroline Rogers Nichols was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida and has been a life-long member of the Episcopal Church. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, where she served as a member of the Vestry, the Lay Director of Christian Formation, a Eucharistic Minister and Lay Eucharistic Visitor, a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, and a teacher of both children's and adult Christian Formation classes.

Caroline currently is an active member of St. John's Cathedral. Caroline has been married to her husband, Gene Nichols, for 23 years. Gene also has served on the Vestry at St. Mark's Episcopal Church and as the Board Chair for St. Mark's Episcopal Day School. Caroline and Gene have two children, Catherine and Richard, who currently are in college. Caroline works as a real estate attorney for Landmark Title and manages its office in Fleming Island, Florida.

Why would you like to serve?

The Episcopal Church has been foundational to my understanding of Jesus and how I live His mission by doing the work He has given me to do, and I have a deep respect for the history and traditions of the Diocese of Florida. In my ministries, I have been involved in various committee roles in which I have endeavored to listen and understand all perspectives. If elected to the Standing Committee, I will work to find consensus in supporting the Diocese in its next chapter so that it can continue to uplift our diverse membership in our journey to follow Jesus.



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Standing Committee: Lay Nominees (2-Year Term)

Anne Seraphine

Holy Trinity, Gainesville



Biography:

Anne worships at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, where she serves as a verger, lector, Eucharist Minister, a mentor of EfM, and a member on the Holy Trinity Episcopal School in Gainesville Board of Trustees. She also leads a weekly contemplative prayer group. In the past, she has served on the vestry, the Rector Search Committee, and on the Board of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Foundation; served as president of the St. Elizabeth's women's group; led the Sunday Lectionary class; and conducted, analyzed, and reported two Rector Search Surveys results. Currently, she's serving as a diocese delegate and had served as a member of the Anti-Racism and Reconciliation Commission. She works at the University of Florida as a faculty member and program coordinator in the areas of applied statistics, program evaluation, and survey research. For two years, she served as a principal investigator of a Florida Department of Education funded grant for a program evaluation of a Florida music initiative for grades K - 2 in three school districts. At the University of Florida, she has served on the COE Faculty Policy Council, which is the policy-making authority for the College of Education.

Why would you like to serve?

I accepted the nomination to serve because of my abiding love for Christ and His church. I hope to use my gifts to support the type of governance that nurtures an awareness that we are all connected to Christ and to one another regardless of our individual roles or differences.



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Standing Committee: Lay Nominees (2-Year Term)

Jack Tull

Christ Church, Ponte Vedra



Biography:

Jack has a wide range of experience in the Diocese of Florida and the Episcopal Church. In the Diocese of Florida, he has served 3 terms as Vice Chair of Diocesan Council; Served on Standing Committees; Served on COM; Diocesan Coordinator for Episcopal Relief and Development for 20 years; Chair of Nominating Committee, Trinity Parish; Served on Transition Committee; Nominations Chair, Trinity Parish and Diocese of Florida.

In the Episcopal Church: Jack served as a 6-time Deputy to General Convention, Served as Deputation Chair; Served on World Mission, Marriage, and Diocesan and Congregational Vitality and Resolutions Legislative Committees; Served as Co-Chair to the Episcopal Relief and Development 75th Anniversary Celebration raising \$135,000; Founding Lay Director of Cursillo in the Diocese of Washington; Team Rector and Team Member for Cursillo in Dioceses of Washington, Maryland and Florida; Evangelism Commission; Parish Senior Warden.

Why would you like to serve?

I believe that my experience on the parish, diocesan and Episcopal Church levels will allow me to contribute to the further development of the health and vitality of our diocese as we rebuild and work towards the calling of a new bishop. I am currently serving on the Standing Committee and would like to continue my ministry in that position.



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Rhonda Williams

St. Paul's, Federal Point



Biography:

Rhonda Drackett Williams, a Florida native, has built a distinguished career spanning law enforcement, healthcare administration, and community service. Rhonda began her professional journey as a certified law enforcement officer, serving two agencies within St. Johns County. In 1990, she transitioned into healthcare administration, where she quickly rose through the ranks, working with major health insurance companies and hospitals. Over the past 30 years, she has been a highly sought-after healthcare consultant, specializing in health insurance program development.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Rhonda is deeply committed to community service and her parish. She is an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Federal Point, a member of the Diocesan Council, former member of the Standing Committee, current member of the Charter and Canons Committee, current Chair of the Resolutions Committee, historiographer for the Episcopal Diocese of Florida and a proud recipient of The Bishop's Cross. She resides in East Palatka (the River Region) with her devoted husband, Tim Williams (retired), and their beloved furry companions—Charlie, Jackie and Luc. They cherish spending time with their six children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many friends at their home.

Why would you like to serve?

I feel called to once again serve on the Standing Committee because I have a deep love for our Diocese and a sincere desire to help guide us toward stability during this important season of transition as we seek to ordain a new Bishop. Having previously served, I understand the weight and responsibility of this role—offering wise counsel throughout the search process, upholding the integrity of our discernment, and tending to the broader matters of the Church. In this season of our diocesan life, I believe my experience, collaborative spirit, and commitment to prayerful discernment and shared purpose will contribute meaningfully to the work ahead. I am especially drawn to supporting a culture of trust, accountability, and faithful leadership as we continue to build up the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Florida.



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Clergy Nominees (3-Year Term)

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The Rev. Cn. Curt Benham
Trinity Parish, St. Augustine

Biography:

The Rev. Cn. Curt Benham serves as the Assisting Rector and North Campus Pastor at Trinity Parish in St. Augustine, where they're seeing tremendous Kingdom growth in their first year.

Why would you like to serve?

I was born and raised in Jacksonville, so I love our diocese and want to see it move forward in health and growth. I've been blessed to be able to serve our diocese in various ways over the years, serving on the Commission on Ministry, the Nominating Committee, and currently on the Diocesan Council as River Region Canon. I would be humbled to serve on the Standing Committee for the next three years, helping to ensure a smooth transition for our new bishop, and helping to build a solid foundation for the years to come.



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The Rev. Lisa Meirow

St. Andrew's, Jacksonville



Biography:

A Jacksonville native, The Rev. Lisa is the Rector of St. Andrew's Jacksonville. She attended Florida State, where she received her BA and JD while serving on the vestry at the Episcopal University Center. Prior to ordained ministry, she practiced law as corporate counsel for Bank of America, managed a department at Merrill Lynch, and planted an Episcopal college ministry at UNF. Mtr. Lisa graduated from Sewanee in 2018 and returned home to Jacksonville. She has served in various roles at the diocesan level with a focus on evangelism, church growth, and communications.

Why would you like to serve?

Having grown up in and been called into ministry by the Diocese of Florida, I feel a deep sense of love and gratitude for our churches and the need to serve them on a diocesan level. I see many opportunities for our Standing Committee to make the path smoother for our new bishop, such as by streamlining policies and procedures, ensuring we are in compliance with national and diocesan canons, and improving our communications, and I believe I have a unique background and skill set to help pave the way.



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The Rev. Roy Tuff

Holy Trinity, Gainesville

Biography:

The Rev. Roy W. Tuff and his wife Maria moved to Gainesville in February of this year where he began serving as Rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Prior to that, he was Rector at Good Shepherd Church and Schools in Punta Gorda for 15 years. He began his ordained ministry in 2003 as Assisting Priest at Christ Church, Bradenton while serving as School Chaplain at Saint Stephens Episcopal School. He has served as Dean of the Venice Deanery 2014-2017, General Convention Deputy (2015 Alternate), 2018, 2022, and 2024, as well as the Diocesan Commission on Ministry.

Why would you like to serve?

I would be honored to serve the Body of Christ within the Diocese of Florida in this critical time of transition on the Standing Committee. I will faithfully attempt to discern the Holy Spirit's direction as we gather as a governing body.



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Standing Committee
Clergy Nominees (2-Year Term)

Standing Committee: Clergy Nominees (2-Year Term)



The Rev. Bob Goolsby

St. Thomas, Palm Coast

Biography:

The Rev. Bob Goolsby has served as Rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Palm Coast since 2018. Before coming to the Diocese of Florida, he served two parishes in the Diocese of Texas. Shortly after Bob arrived in the diocese, he was appointed as Regional Canon of the River Region, serving on the Diocesan Council for five years.

In the Diocese of Florida, Bob has held key leadership roles, including Co-Chair of the Transition Committee, President of the Disciplinary Board, and, for the past year, a member of the Standing Committee.

Why would you like to serve?

He is seeking election to a two-year term for Clergy on the Standing Committee, believing that continuity in this role will strengthen the Committee's ongoing work of fostering clarity, transparency, reconciliation, and understanding across the diocese as we prepare for the election of our next Bishop.



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The Vn. Marsha Holmes

Christ Church, Ponte Vedra



Biography:

The Vn. Marsha Holmes currently serves as Deacon at Christ Church – Ponte Vedra Beach and as Interim Archdeacon for the First Coast East and West Regions. Prior to her ordination to the Diaconate, she served as laity including the role of Senior Warden at Christ Church, Ponte Vedra Beach and as Deacon and Clergy -In- Charge at St. Phillips – Jacksonville. She also served on the Diocesan Standing Committee in a lay position prior.

Last year the Standing Committee appointed The Vn. Marsha Holmes to the Convocation Committee. Along with Bishop Mary Gray Reeves and lay and clergy representatives of the Diocese, she worked diligently with others to help begin the healing in our Diocese.

Why would you like to serve?

I believe my experience as laity in a very large parish and clergy in a very large and a very small one enables me to uniquely understand the needs of the Diocese. I believe I am uniquely equipped to help the Diocese and the Standing Committee to continue the prayerful work of building community and processes, supporting the current Assisting Bishops as well as contributing to the spiritual growth and functioning of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida. I believe my understanding of Church governance and decision making will be critically helpful to the Diocese. At this most critical time in the life of the Diocese of Florida, as we move to elect a new Bishop as well as continue to shore up many processes, I have prayerfully considered this role and believe God has prepared me and is calling me to this work.



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Sewanee Board of Trustees

Sewanee Board of Trustees Nominees at a Glance

Name	Parish, City	Region
Lay Nominees (Elect 1)		
Courtland Eyrick	St. Mark's, Jacksonville	First Coast West
Marissa Lingaitis	St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville	First Coast West

Sewanee Board of Trustees

Lay Nominees

Sewanee Board of Trustees: Lay Nominees



Courtland Eyrick

St. Mark's, Jacksonville

Biography:

Courtland is a Jacksonville native and a lifelong parishioner of St. Marks, Jacksonville. He has been the Junior Warden and currently serves as an adult acolyte leader and an EYC adult leader. He is also the current chair of Camp & Conference Center Advisory Board for the Diocese. Courtland is a graduate of Sewanee and has previously served as a class representative. He is employed by CBRE and lives in Jacksonville with his wife and three daughters.

Why would you like to serve?

It would be a privilege to represent our Diocese, one of the original founding Dioceses of the University, as a member of the Board of Trustees. The University and this Diocese have been integral parts of my life, and I would love to honor God by giving back to both.



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Sewanee Board of Trustees: Lay Nominees



Marissa Lingaitis

St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville

Biography:

Marissa Lingaitis has been part of the Diocese of Florida for most of her life, growing up at St. John's Cathedral and serving on numerous *Happening* and *New Beginnings* teams. A graduate of the Episcopal School of Jacksonville C'16 and the University of the South C'20, she was active in spiritual life, student leadership, and service on campus. Her roles included Vice President of Community Service for Kappa Delta, University Choir member, Proctor, and Arcadian leader. Now back in Jacksonville, Marissa is an active Cathedral member and remains deeply committed to the Church and Sewanee community.

Why would you like to serve?

Both the Diocese of Florida and Sewanee have deeply shaped my faith and sense of community. I want to serve as trustee to give back to the places that have poured so much into me and to help ensure they remain strong and welcoming for generations to come. Sewanee's spirit of *Ecce Quam Bonum* has stayed with me far beyond my time on the Mountain, and I am committed to carrying that spirit into my service. As a young alum, I offer a perspective grounded in recent experience, a lifelong connection to the Church, and a dedication to fostering spaces where people can grow in faith and service together.



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