



**The Episcopal
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Bishop Search Committee

Bishop Search Committee **Co-Chairs**



The Rev. Carolyn Jones

St. Mark's, Jacksonville



Gregory Orloff

Holy Trinity, Gainesville



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The Rev. Carolyn Jones (Co-Chair)

St. Mark's, Jacksonville

Having been ordained 40 years, The Rev. Carolyn Jones is now retired, assisting at St. Mark's, Jacksonville. She has belonged to and worked in parishes and dioceses across the country: St. Chrysostom's (CHI); St. James's, Madison Avenue (NYC); Christ Church Cathedral (STL) All Saints; Beverly Hills (Dio/LA); Christ Church, Fitchburg (Dio/WMA); and was part time at Trinity Wall Street (NYC) (while working as a VP in Merrill Lynch Investment Banking). She has served as a Trustee of the Dio/NY; Minister of Ceremonies at GC in Phoenix; as Chaplain to Triennial in Denver; on the Standing Committees in Missouri and in WMass (2018-2023); and as Alternate Deputy to GC in Anaheim. In addition, she has been a non-parochial priest while VP for Mission & Ethics in a Roman Catholic H/C system (Diocese of Missouri), and while simultaneously teaching Professional Ethic at Purdue Northwest and working as Organist/Choir Director St. Paul's, Munster, (No.Ind.) (2023-2010). Carolyn's evangelical faith has been shaped by bible studies with Carol Anderson; readings of N.T. Wright, John Stott, Ray Brown, Karl Barth, Dietrich Bonhoeffer; and the contemporary music of Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, Chris Tomlin, Paul Oakley, Michael W. Smith, Matt Redman, and Hillsong (not to mention the rich tradition of English church choral and organ music). Lastly, she is an ardent historian, avid road cyclist, and enthusiastic canner.



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Gregory Orloff (Co-Chair)

Holy Trinity, Gainesville

Gregory Orloff is a parishioner of Holy Trinity Church (Gainesville, Florida). Baptized into Christ in 1963, a decades-long romance with the Book of Common Prayer as a self-confessed “liturgi-nerd” led him to Holy Trinity in 2010, with formal reception into the Episcopal Church in 2018. Looking to Christ Jesus to show us the bishop whom God thinks is best for our diocese, he prays that his parish vestry, vocation discernment committee, and church communications experience will prove helpful to that search process.



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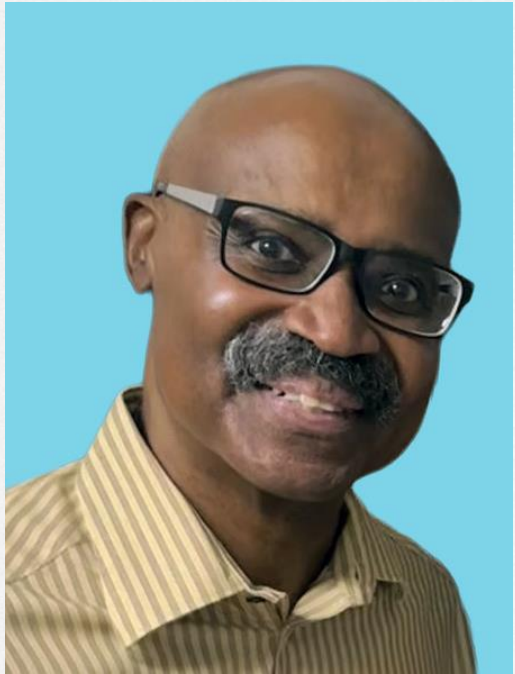
Mark Armesto

St. Paul's, Quincy

Mark Armesto and his wife Lou returned to St. Paul's in 2017. Soon after, he became a member of the vestry. Then, as Senior Warden, he helped to secure their first permanent rector in over 15 years. Mark is also a current member of the Diocesan Finance Committee. He believes, at a minimum, each region should be represented in the affairs of the diocese. So, he applied to help search for the next bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida and was honored to be chosen to serve on the committee.



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Paul Arrington

St. John's, Jacksonville

Paul Arrington feels called to serve on the Search Committee for the IX Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida as an act of discernment, grounded in prayer and the belief that God has drawn him to this place and moment “for such a time as this.” He believes that he can offer a perspective shaped by inclusion and deep listening, supported by years of lay ministry and leadership in the church and broader community. His spiritual journey and professional background - as a retired attorney, mentor, and Sacred Ground facilitator - have equipped him with skills in empathy, discernment, and collaboration. He trusts that this process will result in the selection of a Bishop who will proclaim the Gospel with integrity and grace.



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Eileen Bisgard

St. Mary's, Green Cove Springs

Eileen Bisgard was asked to consider joining the Search Committee. Following this request, she spent a lot of time in prayer and ended up feeling a call to submit an application offering her participation if she could help the committee represent the entire Diocese. She is a relative newcomer to Florida and the Diocese. Eileen has a strong commitment to trying to represent the entire Diocese in this process and to be sure that everyone is heard and appreciated. She is a person who thinks “outside the box” to find creative solutions to problems and has the capacity to nurture creativity in others and include the ideas of all those around her in finding the best possible solutions.



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Angela Boyd

Our Saviour, Jacksonville

Angela Boyd lives in Jacksonville, worships at Our Saviour, Mandarin, and volunteers at St. Mary's, Springfield. She is a retired stay-at-home mom to two young adult children and one large, bossy dog. She prays that our diocese will find a bishop who will strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being, including historically marginalized persons such as our neighbors who are facing food or housing insecurity, our LGBTQIA+ brothers and sisters, and our children.



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Martha Cox

St. John's, Jacksonville

Martha Cox is a lifelong Christian who has worshiped at St. John's Cathedral for over 15 years, where she now serves as Senior Warden. She is committed to fostering collegiality, reconciliation, and transparency in the life of the church. As Vice President of Episcopal Children's Services—a diocesan-founded ministry nearly sixty years old—she leads work that supports thousands of vulnerable children and families with compassion and hope. As the Diocese prepares to elect its next bishop, Martha prays we will call a shepherd who nurtures all clergy and unites us in love for Christ and the Church.



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Courtland Eyrick

St. Mark's, Jacksonville

Courtland Eyrick is a lifelong member of St. Mark's in Jacksonville. He has grown up in this Diocese, leaving briefly to attend the University of the South, and was a camper and staff member at Camp Weed and continues to be active in the Happening community. As a manager of people in the secular world, he is prayerfully hopeful that his experience bringing diverse groups of people together will be helpful in the search process for the next Bishop.



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The Rev. Allen Hill, PhD

Holy Comforter, Tallahassee

The Rev. Allen Hill, PhD, is the Rector of Holy Comforter Church, Tallahassee. Fr. Allen, who was ordained in 2003, served over 17 years as a missionary in India and Peru, including stints as the founding President of The Saints Augustine Seminary of Peru and as Rector of the Diocesan Cathedral in Lima. In addition to training up many leaders for both lay and ordained ministry, Fr. Allen has served previously on two other Bishops Search Committees and has a passion for helping others to discern and live into their God-given vocation. As the son-in-law of a bishop, he has special insight into the role of a bishop, especially in a missionary environment. Fr. Allen is grateful for the opportunity to use his experience on this search committee as we seek God's will for the future.



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The Rev. George Holston

Church of the Mediator, Micanopy

The Rev. George Holston is currently serving as the Vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Micanopy (home of several great antique shops and the best bar-b-que in the state of Florida). He came to the Diocese of Florida in 1999 as the Vicar of St. Alban's Church in Chiefland. He was recalled to active duty as a chaplain in 2006 and served in the Army until retiring in 2013. Fr. George returned to Florida to care for his aging father and was invited to become the Associate for Holy Trinity Church in Gainesville. He served there until 2019 and was subsequently asked to serve the Church of the Mediator following Fr. Les Singleton's retirement.

When considering his reasoning for joining the search committee, Fr. George shared the following: "The Diocese of Florida is comprised of small and rural congregations. These congregations are ably led by retired clergy, locally ordained clergy, as well as priests serving part-time (there is no such thing as 'part-time' clergy). Many of these priests receive little to no compensation. I want to give voice for these faithful communities."



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The Rev. Mal Jopling

St. Cyprian's, St. Augustine

Following his ordination, The Rev. Mal Jopling has served as rector and interim rector at parishes across the Diocese. He has been a member of the Diocesan Finance Committee, Commission on Ministry, President of the Standing Committee, Deputy to General Convention, and a member of the Board of Trustees for The University of the South.

Fr. Mal offers himself in the discernment and search process for the IX Bishop of Florida in the hope of presenting a slate of candidates, each of whom have demonstrated a commitment to being a pastor to the "entire flock of Christ." He prays for a Bishop who in these challenging times in the church, and the world, has the heart and the vision for a ministry of reconciliation.



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The Rev. Lonnie Lacy

St. John's, Tallahassee

The Rev. Lonnie Lacy is Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee, Florida, and serves as Chaplain to the Bishop Search Process, appointed by the Standing Committee. In this role, he will help ground the work in prayer, biblical reflection, and prayer book theology; provide tools for discernment; and walk alongside committee members, candidates, and the wider diocese as a pastoral and spiritual resource. A priest of nearly twenty years, brings experience in formation for leadership, community discernment, and congregational development. He has previously served on a bishop search committee in Georgia and has also been a candidate in two searches, giving him pastoral insight from both sides of the process.



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The Rev. Reid McCormick

St. Paul's by-the-Sea, Jacksonville Beach

The Rev. Reid McCormick was baptized, confirmed, and called to serve as priest in the Diocese of Florida. Since his ordination in 1997, he has served in ten churches under six bishops in four dioceses. He also served as one of eleven members on the Search Committee that elected and ordained The Right Reverend Russell Kendrick in the Diocese of Central Gulf Coast.

As newly retired, he has discerned how he might help our beloved diocese and upon discerning a call to serve on the Search Committee, offering himself for service at this critical time in the life of the Diocese that has always been home.



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The Rev. Quinn Parman

All Saints, Jacksonville

The Rev. Quinn Parman, a Jacksonville native, was ordained to the priesthood in 2013 and has served congregations in Florida and Tennessee. For the past two years, he has been Rector of All Saints, Jacksonville. Fr. Quinn has a particular passion for youth ministry, preaching, and teaching. Outside of church, he is a distance runner and a loyal supporter of bad football teams—including the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Florida Gators, and Tottenham Hotspur (prayers appreciated on all fronts). He and his wife of twenty years, Rachelle, live in San Marco with their two children.



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The Rev. Dcn. Beth Ranoull

Our Saviour, Jacksonville

“Our next bishop will help shape the future of our common life, and I am committed to helping discern a leader who is rooted in the Gospel, faithful to the canons of the Episcopal Church, committed to justice and reconciliation, and able to shepherd, challenge, and walk with us as the Body of Christ. That’s sacred work, and I am honored to be part of it.”

The Rev. Dcn. Beth Ranoull’s diaconal calling is fulfilled through living her life as a testimony of God’s faithfulness – sharing the love of Jesus through kindness and compassion in the church and in the world. A member of Church of Our Saviour since 2006, she served as Director of Children’s and Family Ministries for 9 years before discerning a call to ordained ministry. Since her ordination in 2022, Dcn. Beth has continued her service to Church of Our Saviour as deacon. In addition to her church work, Dcn. Beth is the Pediatric Program Coordinator for Community Hospice and Palliative Care in Jacksonville. She currently serves on the Commission on Ministry and is the Bishop’s appointee to the Board of Trustees for Episcopal Children’s Services (ECS 4 Kids). A native of Decatur, Alabama, Dcn. Beth graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration. She and her husband Jeff share a beautifully blended family of 5 children and 1 grandchild.



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The Rev. Dcn. Lawanda Williams

St. Paul's by-the-Sea, Jacksonville Beach

The Rev. Dcn. Lawanda Williams is a Jacksonville native and has attended St. Paul's by-the-Sea in Jacksonville Beach since childhood. She was ordained as a vocational deacon by Bishop Howard at SPBTS in February 2023 and is blessed to serve in this parish with Father Victor Hailey.

Dcn. Lawanda loves the people of the Diocese of Florida and has been saddened by the events of the past couple of years. Since Rev. Sarah Minton first announced that the search committee application process was open, she felt a strong call to serve on this committee. Dcn. Lawanda has participated in all of the listening and reconciliation sessions with Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves and believes we are ready to find our new Bishop. She feels we need a diverse group of folks on the committee so that all may have a voice and be heard. After much discernment and prayer, and with the Holy Spirit continuing to nudge her, Dcn. Lawanda completed the application and asked God to do the rest. She is honored and humbled to be a part of this process.



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