

St Anne's Parish
Vestry & Diocesan Delegate Nominees
2019





ST. ANNE'S VESTRY NOMINATIONS

SLATE OF NOMINEES

VESTRY, CLASS OF 2022

(Five positions open):

Alvin Collins
Betty Creighton
Sharon McElfish
Sarah Morse
Susan Thaxton

ST. ANNE'S DIOCESAN DELEGATE NOMINATIONS

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Katie Burke
Courtney Spikes
Heather Strang
Judy Templeton

To provide the parish information to make voting decisions, all nominees were asked to answer:

- How long have you been a member of St. Anne's
- Present work in the church
- Biographical statement in 250 words or less
- Statement of qualifications for and interest in serving on Vestry or as Delegate or Alternate 250 words or less

Their responses follow on the next pages.

Vestry

Linda Adamson, Monica Barry, Patrick Carlson, Virginia DeLuca, Josiah Dykstra,
Carrie Dana-Evans, Mark Grimes, Katherine Hilton, Jason Houser, David Huggins,
Cary Lukens, Bill Malicki, Doug McNitt, Cardie Templeton, Tripp Trippitelli,
and the Rev. Dr. Timothy Mulder

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee

Linda Adamson, Patrick Carlson, Katherine Hilton (Chair), Vollie Melson and Carolyn Sullivan



Candidate for Vestry Alvin Collins

Baptized: August 1960

Confirmed: September 1960

Received into the Episcopal Church: 2016

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2017

Occupation: Retired

Present Work in church:

Homeless Service Volunteer; Cemetery Committee

Please provide a biographical statement of no more than 250 words:

I have spent most of my professional life in the Public Sector including public teaching. I have degrees from Southern Connecticut University; Harvard Graduate School of Education; University of Maryland School of Social Work; and various certificates of achievement focused on Public Government Leadership. I am currently taking graduate level of courses at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute in Baltimore, MD. My life experience includes significant executive level positions with five mayors, two Governors, and one United States President. And, most significantly, serving our Lord and Savior as best I could.

Please provide a statement of no more than 250 words about your qualifications for and interest in serving on the Vestry or as Delegate/Alternate

My involvement as an Episcopalian happened quite by chance. I was looking for a place of worship locally. Having been raised as a Baptist, and various other less traditional settings, I would have never predicted St. Anne's. However, as God would will it, I wandered into St. Anne's on a Sunday and was totally captured by Amy, Joe and Dr. William. I love the doctrines and the message of God, Jesus, and the involvement with people and community. It was Paula Waite's great welcoming that also kept me coming back in the early months. It was later that I realized most of my significant friends in Baltimore are Episcopalians. In the early experience I witnessed the Absalom Jones celebration. I knew I had found my place right here at St. Anne's. I love being involved and helping to generate success with service to others. I love the Episcopal approach to worship, also being proactive with our faith and service. I look forward to matching my knowledge and experience in furthering the goodwill and love on behalf of St. Anne's. It is an awesome congregation, with awesome history, and possibilities. I look forward to serving St. Anne's and the Diocese, if I am

honored to be selected. BTW, I am known as the “faithful attendee at the 11:00 service.” I also love attending the 5:30 Sundays when I can.



Candidate for Vestry Betty Creighton

Baptized: New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.

Confirmed: St. John's Chapel, Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Ma.

Received into the Episcopal Church: Confirmed

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2006

Occupation:

Previously employed by the University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Also employed at Ryther Child Center as Adolescent Counselor, Seattle and worked in the Mutual Fund Industry in both San Francisco, CA and Boston, MA

Present Work in church:

Welcome Ministry, Refugee Committee, Women's Ministry (Retreats) Helped begin St. Stephen Ministry, Board Chair three years.

Please provide a biographical statement of no more than 250 words:

Born and raised in Chevy Chase, MD. Lived thirty years on West Coast and then back on East coast for twenty-three years. In previous parishes I was a Sunday School teacher, choir member, hand bell choir member and youth group leader. I have participated in Cursillo and Marriage Encounter. I served on the Executive Board for Spouses of Bishops. I have been a Hospice Volunteer.

Please provide a statement of no more than 250 words about your qualifications for and interest in serving on the Vestry or as Delegate/Alternate

I am a capable leader. Willing organizer of church efforts and have a good pastoral sense. Also, I am committed to tutoring second graders with the "STAIR" Program at Tyler Heights Elementary. I enjoy tennis, golf, sailing in Maine, cycling, bridge and book groups. I would like to see an active welcome to our new Rector and family and an emphasis on being an inclusive and vibrant welcoming community of long-time parishioners and new folks in our midst. I would like to see St. Anne's continue our strong Outreach and Pastoral Care programs.



Candidate for Vestry Sharon McElfish

Baptized: 1945 St. John's Lutheran Church, Cumberland, MD

Confirmed: 1956 St. John's Lutheran Church, Cumberland, MD

Received into the Episcopal Church: 2007

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2007

Occupation: Retired

Present Work in church:

Stephen Minister, Coordinator-Stanton Community Center Get Smart Club, Volunteer-Backpack Buddies, and Member-Outreach Committee. Additionally, serve on the ACT Education Committee via St. Phillips.

Please provide a biographical statement of no more than 250 words:

Retired Educator: Teacher, Principal, Supervisor, and Consultant (Yale SDP).

Please provide a statement of no more than 250 words about your qualifications for and interest in serving on the Vestry or as Delegate/Alternate.

As a resident of Annapolis, I am involved in the community and "our church in the circle." Using collaborative decision making, organizational skills, time management skills, and compassion toward all people, combined with thinking before speaking, will serve as important vestry skills. Additionally, I will always be grateful to Deede Rivers for personally welcoming me to St. Anne's one Sunday morning when I knew no one. Quickly, she had me volunteering at the Homework Club. Therefore, I will continue welcoming newcomers and supporting the important work of all of our outreach ministries. In summary, I am inspired each Sunday when we collectively say the Post Communion Prayer: "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."



Candidate for Vestry Sarah Greenlee Morse

Baptized: St. Louis, MO 1955

Confirmed:

Received into the Episcopal Church:

Member of St. Anne's Since: 1992-1996; 2011- present

Occupation: Realtor

Present Work in church:

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Please provide a biographical statement of no more than 250 words:

I live in downtown Annapolis and have two grown daughters, Anne and Augusta, who live nearby. We love living in Annapolis and are so glad to be back after a 15-year stint in Baltimore County. In Baltimore, we were members of the Church of the Redeemer and I served on the Maryland Commission on Ministry from 1998- 2004.

My professional background includes corporate marketing for IBM; management and volunteer training with AFS Intercultural Programs; and administration as director of admissions for two independent schools in Baltimore. I returned to Annapolis in 2011 to take a position as director of admissions for St. John's College in Annapolis.

Following a long career in educational administration, I was ready for a change and started full time as a realtor in 2015. I am affiliated with Coldwell Banker on Church Circle. I love that my work allows me to explore Anne Arundel County and help people discern and achieve their goals around real estate. Interests and activities include music (singing in the Annapolis Chorale and listening to live music), theater, animals, local politics, international travel, architecture, and design.

Please provide a statement of no more than 250 words about your qualifications for and interest in serving on the Vestry or as Delegate/Alternate.

I am honored to be asked to serve, and hope my skills and talents will be of good use to the Vestry. In my 17 years as an admissions director, I gained valuable experience in recruitment, marketing, and administration. I learned to manage sensitive situations, deal effectively with boards of directors, and juggle competing priorities. Currently, my work as a realtor allows me to engage with a broad array of community members, and keeps me

current on trends and issues affecting our region. Much like admissions, I work with clients to help them clarify and achieve their goals.

On a more personal level, I meet others easily and am an effective communicator. I am highly organized, efficient, and skilled at asking questions to clarify goals. I enjoying working with a group and am collaboratie by nature.

St. Anne's Church plays an important role in my life and I would like to give my time and talents to the church. I am happy to provide additional information as needed.



Candidate for Vestry Susan Thaxton

Baptized: 1973

Confirmed: As a 9th grader in the 80's

Received into the Episcopal Church:

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2010

Occupation: Executive Director for Girls on the Run of the Greater Chesapeake

Present Work in church:

Please provide a biographical statement of no more than 250 words:

Susan Thaxton is the Executive Director of Girls on the Run of the Greater Chesapeake, a youth development program that uses running to teach girls healthy living and develop self-respect. Susan has diverse professional experience, from being a non-profit strategy consultant, to managing a production line in an auto assembly plant, to serving as a naval officer. Susan has not only worked extensively with non-profit boards, but also has served on boards for Girls on the Run, her daughters' school, and the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra. She and her husband, Mickey, have two daughters, Katie (NAPS alum 2016) and Pippa (5th grade) and have fully enjoyed being members of St. Anne's parish. Susan is excited to become more deeply involved in the St. Anne's community and working with the vestry and the congregation as a whole.

Please provide a statement of no more than 250 words about your qualifications for and interest in serving on the Vestry or as Delegate/Alternate.

I have experience both serving on boards as well as working with board as a consultant. Through my work with boards, I have seen the importance of fully understanding the mission of the organization and working to help focus decisions and resources to fulfilling that mission. Through my current job, I manage all aspects of a non-profit organization including program management, constituent engagement, outreach, fundraising and financial management (including fundraising). I am excited to serve on the Vestry and use my experience and skills in the way that can best serve St. Anne's.



Candidate for Delegate/Alternate Katie Burke

Baptized: St. Anne's, Annapolis, August, 1983

Confirmed: St. Anne's, Annapolis, June, 2000

Member of St. Anne's Since: I was raised at St. Anne's, but became an adult voting member in 2010 when I returned from graduate school in Chicago.

Occupation:

Collections Management Database Administrator, Smithsonian National Postal Museum

Present Work in church: I currently serve as a lector at the 9:30 service.

Please provide a biographical statement of no more than 250 words:

Having been raised at St. Anne's, I've always felt a strong connection to it as my "home church," despite attending a nondenominational church during my college years in Cleveland, and another Episocal church, Church of Our Savior in Lincoln Park, during graduate school in Chicago. Since returning home to St. Anne's, I've volunteered at various one-off events, and have enjoyed serving as a lector, but now I'm looking for a way to engage more deeply in a role that serves the whole St. Anne's community. I would be pleased to represent St. Anne's as a delegate or alternate to the Diocesan Convention, and to report back to the congregation about the decisions made and actions taken there.

Please provide a statement of no more than 250 words about your qualifications for and interest in serving on the Vestry or as Delegate/Alternate:

I have a deep interest in policy and how decisions about it are made – this is the role I always inevitably assume on the professional committees to which I belong. I'd like to bring that high level of curiosity about the process to my position as a delegate or alternate to the Diocesan Convention, coupled with a sincere desire to serve my community. I also have many years of experience at synthesizing complex ideas for a general audience - I spent a number of years as the social media manager for the National Postal Museum, and before that I used to teach philosophy to undergrads. Both of those positions definitely required such a skill!



Candidate for Delegate/Alternate Courtney Spikes

Baptized: USNA Chapel 1970

Confirmed:

Received into the Episcopal Church:

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2016

Occupation: History Professor

Present Work in church:

2018 Profile Committee

2017-2018 Parent Volunteer: Church Circle Choristers

Please provide a biographical statement of no more than 250 words:

I grew up on Cornhill Street, the daughter and granddaughter of USNA grads. I attended Bates and The Severn School, worked at the old market house on weekends and performed around town with Children's Theater of Annapolis before it had its wonderful current location. I lived in California for twenty years and was very active at our church there, in Stewardship Ministry for a few years and then on Children's Ministry, with a focus their Vacation Bible School program for many summers. I am currently on the Development Committee at my son's school, and was delighted to be part of St. Anne's Profile Committee last year.

Please provide a statement of no more than 250 words about your qualifications for and interest in serving on the Vestry or as Delegate/Alternate.

Being a part of the Profile Committee deepened my commitment to the St. Anne's community and inspired me to want to become more involved.



Candidate for Delegate/Alternate Heather Strang

Baptized: 1957

Confirmed: 1967

Received into the Episcopal Church: 2012

Member of St. Anne's Since: 1993

Occupation: Culinary Teacher/Spiritual Director/Retreat Leader

Present Work in church:

Lay prayer minister/Personal Prayer during Offertory; co-facilitator/Emmaus; community member/Women's Ministry; leader/Maundy Thursday Simple Supper

Please provide a biographical statement of no more than 250 words:

Heather lives in Annapolis with her husband Dave and their rescue dog Max where they raised two sons. She graduated from the University of Virginia in English Literature and from L' Academie de Cuisine in French cuisine. In 2017, Heather graduated from the Shalem Institute of Spiritual Formation - Nurturing the Call-Spiritual Guidance Program and currently works as a Spiritual Director and retreat facilitator. Heather has worked as a professional chef in several capacities as well as a teacher of creative cooking for all ages, from 2 to adult. Over the two past years, Heather has served at St. Anne's as a Vestry member, a Listening Hearts facilitator for discernment, a Chalice Bearer, and a co-facilitator for Family Cooking for the Lighthouse Shelter.

Please provide a statement of no more than 250 words about your qualifications for and interest in serving on the Vestry or as Delegate/Alternate.

I would be honored to represent my community at St. Anne's as a Delegate.

"...(M)ake my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind." Philipians 2:2 And, "...where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20



Candidate for Delegate/Alternate Judith M. P. Templeton

Baptized: April 12, 1945 Church of England/Anglican

Confirmed: May 2, 1959 Church of England/ Anglican

Received into the Episcopal Church: 2004

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2004

Occupation: Retired Property Manager

Present Work in church:

Senior Choir, Environmental Committee, Outreach Committee, Stanton Center Get Smart Homework Club

Please provide a biographical statement of no more than 250 words:

Now retired, I have had a varied career, most recently managing property (commercial offices and a marina) for a family business here in Annapolis. Prior to that, I was the owner/operator of a retail business in Annapolis for many years. This followed a position as marketing director for a small specialty publishing house.

I have a strong interest in music, having served in the past on boards of The Friends of the Annapolis Symphony, The Annapolis Symphony, and the Friends of the Annapolis Chorale, where I have been a long time member. I am also an active member of Anne Arundel Women Giving Together, having served as chair of the Post Grants Committee. I love to travel to far-off places and enjoy skiing, sailing, gardening and reading. I graduated from University of London (UK) with a BA (Hons.) in English in 1966, and moved to the US in 1967.

I am the proud mother of two and grandmother of three.

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I would find it interesting to attend the annual meeting of the Diocese and report back to the congregation about any pertinent discussions. Having served as secretary on various boards, I am familiar with the reporting process.

