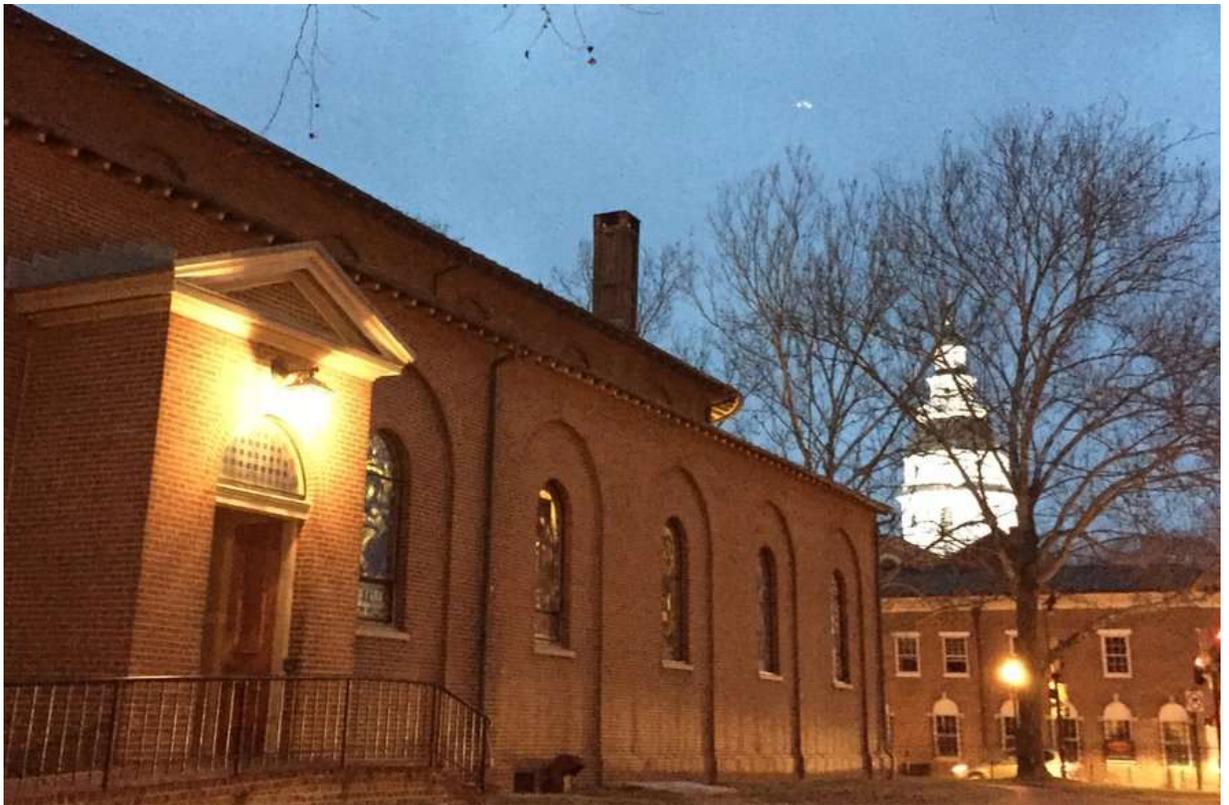


St Anne's Parish
Vestry & Diocesan Delegate Nominees
2020





ST. ANNE'S VESTRY NOMINATIONS

SLATE OF NOMINEES

VESTRY, CLASS OF 2023

(Five positions open):

Linda Adamson
Thea Chimento
Kevin Hays
Townsend McNitt
Paul Pope

ST. ANNE'S DIOCESAN DELEGATE NOMINATIONS

SLATE OF NOMINEES

(Top two vote-getters will be the delegates; the next two the alternates)

Nancy Bayers
Lauren Dana-Evans
Ginger DeLuca
Pete Thompson

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 in 250 words or less.

Their responses follow on the next pages.

Vestry

Linda Adamson, Patrick Carlson, Alvin Collins, Betty Creighton, Carrie Dana-Evans, Virginia DeLuca, Carrie Dana-Evans, Mark Grimes, Katherine Hilton, Jason Houser, David Huggins, Sharon McElfish, Sarah Morse, Cardie Templeton, Susan Thaxton, Tripp Trippitelli, and the Rev. Dr. Manoj Mathew Zacharia

Respectfully submitted, The
Nominating Committee

Josiah Dykstra, Katherine Hilton (Chair), Jason Houser, Vollie Melson and Sarah Morse



Candidate for Vestry Linda Adamson

Baptized: 1949, Grace United Methodist Church, Takoma Park, MD

Confirmed: 1961, Eastport United Methodist Church, Annapolis

Received into the Episcopal Church: 2001, St. Anne's

Member of St. Anne's Since: 1991

Occupation: Teacher educator (16 yrs. graduate level), elementary teacher - retired

Present Work in church: Cemetery Committee, Emmaus, Foyer Program co-leader & team leader, Healing Prayer, Outreach Committee, Partners in Mission in Guatemala, PASA Advisory Board, Reconciliation Ministry, Usher

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

I was born into a family anchored in the life of the church; over the course of my adulthood, centering my life in a worshiping community has become ever more important to me. Within my family of origin, I am the oldest of 5 children; we moved to Annapolis in 1961. I have been married to Wayne Adamson since 1978; we have four adult children who, with their spouses, have given us 9 grandchildren (#10 on the way in 2020!). I attended UNC-Chapel Hill for an undergraduate degree in French and later earned a master's and a doctoral degree in education from Johns Hopkins University. After college, I worked in computer operations, programming and systems analysis; my career in education, which I found deeply rewarding, began in the 1980s. That career gave me experience in all levels from elementary to university in settings with highly diverse and high minority student populations. I have studied several languages and currently am most proficient in Spanish. My life has included the opportunity to spend time outside the US in both short trips and two yearlong periods, much of it in developing countries. I was an active volunteer with the Light House Shelter for a number of years since its establishment before I joined St. Anne's. The first new ministry to which I felt called within St. Anne's was the Partners in Mission in Guatemala (1993). More recently, I have been called to the Cemetery Committee and Reconciliation Ministry.

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 bring experience with linguistically, culturally and economically diverse populations in developing countries and in Maryland; professional experience in systems analysis; and familiarity with all levels of education as well as research and grant writing and administration. In addition, I have participated in many Bible studies and am a graduate of the Education for Ministry (EFM) program.

As a Vestry member, I am most deeply interested in participating in the growth of St. Anne's as a beloved community church that welcomes, embraces and ministers to all within our setting in the name of Jesus and equips all to live what I think of as His "law of Love" ever more fully: to love God and our neighbors as ourselves with heart, soul, mind and strength. My personal commitment to the Reconciliation, Cemetery, Outreach (better: "Partnership"), PASA, spiritual growth and other ministries is formed by seeking to ground myself in this "law of Love." By further developing our ability to engage with each other in bringing the Kingdom of God into ever more vibrant life in this beloved community with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to more fully serve all in the name of reconciling Love Incarnate, to the glory of God.

Candidate for Vestry

Thea Chimento



Baptized: 1993

Confirmed: 1999

Received into the Episcopal Church: 2013

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2007

Occupation: Government Drone

Present Work in church: I've served in a couple different ways at St. Anne's, but currently participate as a lector, acolyte, chalicebearer, Altar Guild member, and occasional Spanish Evening Prayer leader. I am also a licensed lay preacher.

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

I'm the fourth of five children in an extremely bookish and nerdy family. I was born on the early side of the Millennial generation, and moved a couple different places (including internationally) before coming to rest in Maryland, where I've lived pretty much ever since (with a couple breaks). I came to Annapolis to go to college (St. John's, not the other one), but my family has deep roots here and I hike over past the Navy stadium to visit my grandpa every so often.

I came into the Episcopal Church from the Roman Catholic tradition, called by the power of the baptismal vows and the beauty of the liturgy as practiced in this part of the universal church. I've found it one of the most rewarding and challenging journeys I've embarked on to date.

Because of my background in two traditions, I am strongly committed to interfaith and interchurch dialogue. I am a public service lifer. Research is my security blanket, even though I know it can't solve everything. I believe in the power of transformational love and the nearness of God.

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 believe that all of us have an obligation to participate in our church community as we are able--not just showing up at services, but doing our part to make sure that we are faithfully discerning our mission as a parish and following God's desire for our community as best we can.

I have some experience in discernment and being attentive to God's will for a community as one of the members of the Search Committee. I'm committed to the welfare of our parish and of the institutional church, which I believe means accepting influence from the needs and desires of the communities we serve in order to make the Kingdom of God present here and now (as best we can, of course). My professional experience is largely financial in nature and I'm very familiar with making difficult policy choices and holding institutions accountable to their standards.

I also think it's important to both support the generation of leaders we have and raise up new leaders for the years to come, and I want to be a part of building the foundation of a healthy future.

I am honored to have been considered by the Nominating Committee, and if the parish calls me to the Vestry, I will be honored to serve.



Candidate for Vestry Kevin Hays

Baptized: When I was young

Confirmed: When I was a little older (High School)

Received into the Episcopal Church: From the start (it has been the only denomination I have had)

Member of St. Anne's Since: 1980 (with breaks during military service, but continuously since 1997)

Occupation: Manager at a National Defense Contractor; Cheerleading (Tumbling) Coach

Present Work in church: Chair of the Partners in Mission in Guatemala, Evening Prayer Leader (Spanish – Wednesdays), Lay Reader (Lessons and Prayers of the People)

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

As a fourth-generation military servant, Kev Hays has lived throughout the US and Europe. He graduated from USNA in 1984, during which time he attended St. Anne's regularly. While at USNA, he was an active member of the Youth Group. The Hays family moved back to Annapolis in 1997; they have been active members at St. Anne's since. Kev retired from the U.S. Navy after a fulfilling 20-year career.

Kev is married to Laurie, who is on the music staff and previously led the St. Anne's Youth Choirs and music for the Sycamore Tree. They have three daughters, Meghan, Brenna and Kelly, who attended St. Anne's until departing for college. Kelly was married at St. Anne's in 2016. Kev's service to St. Anne's includes Acolyte (as a Midshipman), Lay Reader, Evening Prayer Leader, Youth Group/Education, Rector Search Committee (serving with the special privilege as the committee's Chaplain), and Partners in Mission in Guatemala (currently serving as Chair).

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 strive to be a humble servant of God and in my prayerful discernment of where to walk next at St. Anne's, the Vestry is where the Spirit has led me.

I have had multiple opportunities to interact with the Vestry, past and present, and understand much of the charter of this wonderful group of Christians. I will bring business and organizational knowledge as a corporate manager, grounded Christian principles as a 40-year Episcopalian, and team building as a 27-year coach. I pray that it is in service as a Vestry member that I am next called.

Candidate for Vestry Townsend McNitt



Baptized: July, 1982

Confirmed:

Received into the Episcopal Church: 2000

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2000

Occupation: Attorney

Present Work in church: St. Anne's representative to the Lighthouse Board of Advisors, Annual Women's Retreat committee, Lay Reader, Member of Emmaus, Backpack Buddies Volunteer coordinator.

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

I have been following Jesus since the age of 13. My early childhood did not include church attendance or any religious instruction. But this changed when my parents became Christians and we joined an evangelical church when I was in the 6th grade. This represented a fundamental change in our daily lives. As a family we became very involved in church activities - my father became a worship (music) leader and my siblings and I were very active in youth group, Sunday school and our church's K-12 school. I attended Gordon College, a small Christian liberal arts college in Massachusetts. After college, I spent a year in Zimbabwe, Africa volunteering at an orphanage and then attended Notre Dame Law School where I met my husband, Doug, who grew up attending St Anne's. Doug and I moved to Washington, DC after law school where I spent 15 years working on education policy for Congress and the federal government. We moved to Annapolis in the summer of 2000 and began attending St. Anne's. Our oldest child, Baillie (18), was baptized at St Anne's in 2002. For a variety of reasons we attended another church in Annapolis for about 6 years but returned to St Anne's when Amy Richter became Rector. Our other two children, Claire (13) and Robbie (16), have also been baptized at St. Anne's. I am so grateful for the wonderful community of St Anne's which has encouraged Doug and I as we've raised our children and helped our whole family grow in our faith.

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.

St. Anne's has been my family's church home for the last 11 years and I am so grateful for the opportunities I've had to serve in a variety of St Anne's ministries. Early on, I was involved in children's ministry, serving for several years as a Sunday Discovery teacher and a VBS teacher. I served as a member of the Outreach Committee for two terms (6 years) which allowed me to get to know the many important outreach ministries led by parishioners. I was able to see the incredible partnership we have with our Guatemalan sisters and brothers, traveling twice with our Partners in Mission Guatemala team. I get to work with gifted women each year to organize the annual women's retreat in Rehoboth Beach and I volunteer with the Backpack Buddies ministry to feed hungry children each week at Annapolis Elementary School. I also serve as a tutor at the Stanton Center and participate in our Christmas gift ministry. Most recently, I was honored to serve as Chairman of the Rector Search Committee, which was a profoundly encouraging experience as the Lord drew the committee together and showed His remarkable faithfulness as we sought His will through prayer and discernment. The Lord has used the faithful women and men in this parish to teach and model for me what lives of faith look like. I would be honored to serve on the Vestry and continue the important work of St. Anne's as it seeks to expand the Circle and introduce more people to the love, joy and peace found in Jesus.



Candidate for Vestry Paul Pope

Baptized: St. James Catholic Church, Sauk Village, IL (1962)

Confirmed: St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Annapolis, MD (5/19/2007)

Received into the Episcopal Church: See above

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2006

Occupation: Legal Assistant

Present Work in church: Choir, Verger, Chalice Bearer, Acolyte, Lector, Thurifer, Special Services Team (Weddings, Baptisms, and Funerals), Baptismal Workshops, Advent Crèche display, and most recently, the Hospitality ministry.

Please provide a biographical statement of no more than 250 words: My faith journey has been long and taken so many twists and turns. I'm so grateful to have found a church home here at St. Anne's. This community has supported me in good times and bad, and has become a very important part of my life. I look forward to saying thank you and giving back in whatever way I can.

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 bring a wide range of experience and involvement in the various worship services that St. Anne's offers and have previously served as a Diocesan Delegate. I'm a highly organized administrative assistant, and am willing to serve in whatever capacity the Vestry sees fit. Thank you for the opportunity to serve!



Candidate for Delegate/Alternate Nancy Bayers

Baptized: 1947

Confirmed: 1958

Received into the Episcopal Church:

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2013

Occupation: Retired

Present Work in church: Chair, History Subcommittee of the Reconciliation Ministry; Participant in Saturday Women's Bible Study and Annual Women's Retreat.

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

I have a BA in History and Political Science and MS in Information Studies. I spent 10 years in management positions in PR, Marketing and Corporate Communications before returning for my Master's degree. I changed careers and worked for 15 years in various capacities relating to the information industry: reference and law librarian; trainer of users of multinational corporation's information products and databases. My final position prior to retirement in 2011 was as Europe and Asia manager of company's bibliometric services, providing evaluation of research performance of universities and government laboratories.

Prior to moving to Annapolis in 2012, I lived in Philadelphia where I attended St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Center City. As a parishioner, I served as head of the Altar Guild, as an Acolyte and a member of the Auxiliary Vestry.

Here in Annapolis I volunteer at the Research and Reference department of the Maryland State Archives.

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 owe a tremendous debt to St. Anne's for providing an environment in which I have been able to grow spiritually and, as a newcomer to Annapolis, become a part of an active, God-based community. I believe I can represent our church and community in a thoughtful, positive manner and, guided by the church Ministers and Vestry, promote our positions on the issues facing the Diocese in these very challenging times. As a cradle Episcopalian, and have lived through the challenges facing the church and believe in St. Anne's positions on the major issues facing us – particularly inequality based on income, race, and social status. I welcome the opportunity to be your delegate/alternate.



Candidate for Delegate/Alternate Lauren Dana-Evans

Baptized: 1981

Confirmed: 1994

Received into the Episcopal Church: 2014

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2010

Occupation: VP Risk Review Manager at U.S. Bank

Present Work in church: Lector

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

I was born and raised in Northern Virginia and moved to Annapolis when I married my wife Carrie. Together we have two children and three cats, and have been members of St. Anne's for the last ten years. I received my bachelor's degree from The College of William and Mary, and my law degree from Tulane Law School, and spent seven years as a practicing attorney before moving to U.S. Bank in a regulatory risk role. In my current role at the bank I am full time work from home. Here at St. Anne's, I spent several years singing in the choir prior to having children, and was the Vice Chair of the Rector Search Committee in 2018.

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 in the Rector Search process connected me with many people throughout the national church and within our parish. I truly enjoyed my experience in that endeavor and have wanted to find another way to be involved as an advocate for St. Anne's. I believe my working background and the experience I gained during the Rector Search process would help me be an effective delegate for St. Anne's in the diocese.



Candidate for Delegate/Alternate Ginger DeLuca

Baptized: US Naval Academy 1945

Confirmed: St. John's Episcopal Church 1973

Received into the Episcopal Church:

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2005

Occupation: Elementary School Teacher in Fairfax, VA

Present Work in church: Two terms on the Vestry; Chair of the Environmental Ministry and the Cemetery Committee

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

I was born at the Naval Academy hospital in late 1944. Having attended the Naval Academy, my father had become a naval aviator and, having fought in both the Atlantic and Pacific during WWII, was at Post-Graduate school here when I was born. Because he remained in the Navy, we moved around a lot. When my father was transferred from California to Washington, D.C., however, I remained at the University of California at Santa Barbara and then went on to San Francisco State for my teaching credential. My first teaching job was in California, but I moved to the Washington area in 1968 to marry my first husband. In 1974 my son and I moved to Northern Virginia and I began teaching at Great Falls Elementary where I taught until I retired in 1998. During my tenure at Great Falls, I received my Master's Degree at George Mason University and participated in curriculum development for Fairfax County as well as a board member of the Virginia Council for the Social Studies. I married my husband, Frank DeLuca in 1976 and we adopted our daughter, Katie in 1984. Frank and I moved to Annapolis in 2005 and I immediately joined St. Anne's while Frank, being an unrepentant Catholic, joined St. Mary's.

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 interested in serving as a Delegate to our Diocesan Convention now that my two terms on the St. Anne's Vestry are coming to an end. During my six years on the vestry, I have remained the chair of the Environmental Ministry, which has installed rain gardens around the parish house, initiated collecting wine corks for recycling, and conducted the annual spring plant sale. Over the past three years, as co-chair of the Cemetery Committee, my goal has been to turn our main cemetery into an integral part of our parish life and a property that we can all be proud of. To that end, I have written articles about the cemetery for the EBlast, conducted tours of our cemetery, did a forum presentation, and brought my two committees together to remove ivy from many of the beautiful old trees and begin to remove lichen from the tombstones.

While I have never served as a Diocesan Convention Delegate, I have served as an organizer and participant for the Virginia Council for the Social Studies during my time as a teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools. While a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean, VA, I served on the vestry, was a co-chair of the youth ministry and participated in our four mission trips to the Dominican Republic.



Candidate for Delegate/Alternate Pete Thompson

Baptized: 1982

Confirmed: 1993

Received into the Episcopal Church: 1982?

Member of St. Anne's Since: 2006

Occupation: Elementary School Assistant Principal

Present Work in church: Active in Saint Anne's Senior Choir, recently a member of the Search Committee

Please provide a biographical statement of no more than 250 words: Pete moved to Annapolis in 2005 from Waldorf Maryland, having been born and raised in West Virginia, and joined St. Anne's Church. He worked as an Elementary School Music Teacher for 12 years before becoming an Assistant Principal at Odenton Elementary School, where he currently works. He's been able to serve the church in various capacities during his time here, singing with the Senior Choir for many years, teaching Sunday School, providing music for Vacation Bible School, and recently serving on the Search Committee. Pete is passionate about running, and has just completed a "Race-and-a-Half Challenge" in Walt Disney World. He has occasionally appeared on stage, performing with the Annapolis Summer Garden Theater, Colonial Players, and the Annapolis Chorale, but has since moved into a supporting role- partnering with his wife Kate to raise David and Anna, who, at ages 5 and 2, have managed to steal the spotlight.

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.

The Episcopal Church has been my home since I was baptized at 2 years old- my whole life is a reflection of the things I have learned and experienced either directly or indirectly from the Church or its influence. St. Anne's Church has been a guidepost for my life since moving to the area 15 years ago, and through countless changes it has provided a supportive foundation for me and my family. I am always eager to contribute my gifts to the faith community that has been such an integral part of my life, and I can think of no better way than by learning more about the priorities of the Church and supporting its efforts in our community, the nation, and the world, as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention.

