

Nominations

THE 181st ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Bishop and Trustees
Standing Committee
Cathedral Chapter



Descriptions of Elective Offices

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Canonical Bodies

Bishop and Trustees

For election: One cleric and three lay persons for three-year terms.

The Bishop and Trustees hold title to and oversee the use of the real property of the Diocese of Chicago including St. James Commons, mission congregations, and closed properties. They approve purchases, sales, construction projects involving mortgages and real estate, and the diocesan budget. The Bishop and Trustees also hold title to St. James Commons.

In addition to making decisions regarding the maintenance and purchase or sale of property, each Trustee is the liaison to at least one mission congregation. The Trustee works with the Vicar and lay leadership on matters relating to the physical plant and also addresses questions regarding congregational mission in partnership with Congregations Commission. Thus, knowledge of property issues is important, and the ability to think creatively about congregational development is also crucial. Trustees also work in small teams to address broader challenges and issues.

Twelve trustees serve three-year terms; each year's class includes one clergy and three laypeople.

The Bishops and Trustees meet bimonthly on the third Tuesday of the month from 11 AM – 2 PM. The July meeting is held on the third Saturday of the month at a mission congregation.

Standing Committee

For election: two clerics and one lay person for three-year terms.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Chicago is a council of advice for the bishop. They serve as a sounding board for any topic or issue that the bishop would like to address.

The Standing Committee is elected by representatives from every congregation in the Diocese, gathered in [Diocesan Convention](#). Every Episcopal Diocese (the regional body of the Episcopal Church, under the authority of a bishop) has a Standing Committee, with responsibilities assigned by the [Canons of the Episcopal Church](#). A majority of the Standing Committees of all dioceses have to consent when any diocese elects a new bishop. If a diocese does not have a bishop, the Standing Committee has the authority to make certain decisions for the diocese.

To be ordained as a deacon or priest in the Episcopal Church requires the approval of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, so in the Diocese of Chicago, the Standing Committee works closely with the Commission on Ministry from the time a person is nominated by their congregation until they are ordained. See the [Commission on Ministry's website](#) for a full description of this process. The Standing Committee is also legally required to approve decisions about clergy leaving the Episcopal Church for any cause.

In the Diocese of Chicago, a few special customs and provisions apply to the President of the Standing Committee, who is elected by the members of the Standing Committee. She or he is automatically a board member of the diocesan endowment. The standing Committee meets monthly.

The Cathedral Chapter

For election: one cleric or one lay person for a three-year term.

The Cathedral Chapter is the elected governing Board for St. James Cathedral. One clergy or lay person is elected for a three-year term. Following the end of the term, members must wait at least one year before seeking re-election.

Members of the Chapter give voice to a vision for the congregation's life together and set policy. They oversee resource development, people, property, and finances to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. Committed Christians are needed on chapter and especially those persons who understand in depth some of the concerns of urban life, those who have experience in reaching out to city dwellers and those who have been involved in funding ministries and programs. Cathedral Chapter members do not need to be St. James Cathedral parishioners.

Chapter meets in the evening on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

For more information on The Cathedral Chapter, read Canon 34 in "The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago."

List of Candidates

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Bishop and Trustees

Clergy

Bob Wyatt, Ballot #1

Lay

Fred Grier, Ballot #11

Doug Hoffman, Ballot #12

Lonn Myers, Ballot #13

Standing Committee

Clergy

Eric Biddy, Ballot #22

Anne Jolly, Ballot #23

Lay

Lisa Kerpan #31

Cathedral Chapter

Lay

Anne Driscoll, Ballot #41

Bob Wyatt

*Bishop and Trustees
Clergy Nomination
Ballot #1*

Occupation/Employer

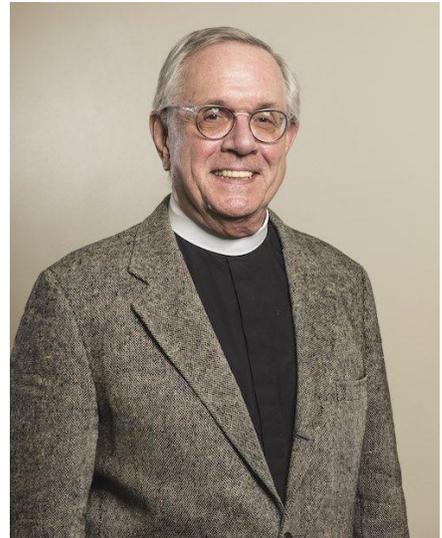
Priest Associate

Congregation

St. Mark's, Glen Ellyn

Present Parish Offices

Priest in charge of Pastoral Care, Adult Formation



Diocesan Offices

Bishop and Trustees, 2016 – present; Board of Trustees, Bishop Anderson House, Board of Trustees, Episcopal Charities and Community Services, 2008 – 2014; Board of Trustees, St. Augustine's College, 2008 - 2016

Issues Statement

Bishop and Trustees is now cooperating with the Congregations Commission to define meaningful measures of congregational vitality and apply equitable guidelines to all parishes and missions seeking aid. Priorities include geographical areas and minorities facing financial and social challenges. We are working to urge congregations with adequate fiscal and financial resources to transition to self-supporting status. We have made great strides toward coordinating Bishop and Trustees resources (which support property) and Congregation Commission grants (which support mission). Having helped initiate such important work, I hope to be able to bring it to fruition in the next three years.

Experience

I have board experience in educational institutions (Seabury-Western Seminary; St. Augustine College) and service-oriented non-profits (ECCS; Bishop Anderson House). Such experience has taught me about the limitations of boards in oversight and the crucial role boards play in strategic planning, operations, and fundraising. Because of my experience in both affluent and challenged parishes, I know how important sufficient resources are and how limited resources can be used most effectively. I understand how partnerships between resource-rich congregations and congregations with special gifts enrich all. These experiences will guide my work with the parishes and missions we hope to serve and develop.

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Lonn W. Myers

*Bishop and Trustees
Lay Nomination
Ballot #11*

Occupation/Employer

Attorney, McDermott Will & Emery LLP

Congregation

St. David's Episcopal Church, Glenview, IL

Present Parish Offices

Finance Committee Member

Past Diocesan Offices

ECCS Trustee; ECCS Vice President, Finance; Diocesan Audit Review Committee Chair (2003-present); Lay Member of The Bishop and Trustees (2000-present); Second Vice President of The Bishop and Trustees; First Vice President of The Bishop and Trustees (2011-present)

Issues Statement

Our Diocese must improve the vitality of individual congregations to improve our Diocese as a whole. There are many opportunities. B&T focuses on stewarding Diocesan assets, including properties used by mission congregations, selling unused properties to fund new ministry, and teaming with Diocesan leadership and Congregations Commission to provide support and expertise for OTHER Diocesan initiatives. B&T must continue deliberately to seek and embrace new roles with new partners to enhance vitality. For example, B&T recently helped a parish purchase a building for much-needed space and is helping another parish sell a portion of its property and renovate the remainder.

Experience

I currently serve as a member of B&T and wish to continue. I enjoy working with Diocesan leadership and staff and groups throughout our Diocese, often in coordination with Congregations Commission. I also chair the Diocesan Audit Review Committee and previously served as an ECCS trustee. My service has taught me about church development and growth and social outreach and has increased my awareness of the many needs that our Diocese can and should serve. As an attorney and accountant, I offer experience that B&T can utilize effectively to manage Diocesan financial assets and properties and fulfill its other roles.

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Douglas R. Hoffman

*Bishop and Trustees
Lay Nomination
Ballot #12*

Occupation/Employer

n/a

Congregation

The Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer

Past Parish Offices

Finance Committee, Various Ad Hoc Committees

Past Diocesan Offices

Bishop & Trustees, 2016-present

Issues Statement

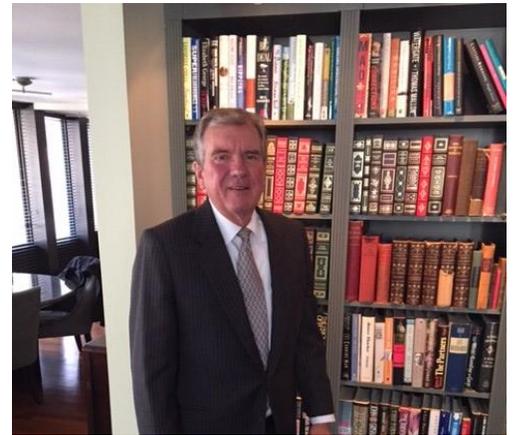
The Bishop and Trustees (B&T) is a mission driven body. If re-elected, it is my intent to continue assisting that body with the stewardship function of its mission. Many of us know what it is like to be called upon to do more with finite resources. It is a real challenge. Similarly, B&T is called upon to provide ever-greater assistance. I have come to learn that the members take those calls very seriously and work diligently to answer them.

Experience

Much of the work done by B&T involves finance and commercial transactions. I have practiced law as a commercial lawyer for approximately 35 years and, as a result, have developed a skill set that is well suited to the work of B&T. It is my plan to use those skills to advance the mission of B&T.

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Fred Grier

*Bishop and Trustees
Lay Nomination
Ballot #13*

Occupation/Employer

Licensed Architect – Solomon Cordwell Buenz

Congregation

St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church, Chicago

Present Parish Offices

Flower Guild

Past Parish Offices

Warden (2013), Parochial Church Council (2015-16), Bishop's Committee

Past Diocesan Offices

Lay Representative to Deanery Synod (2015) - St. James Church, West Hampstead, London UK

Issues Statement

Organized religion has a bad name for my generation. Most of my friends want none of it! Even my closest friends attend church occasionally, but do not share my love of the church. I believe spiritual development thrives in but doesn't require formalized religion. As a result, attendance has dropped – resulting in reduced contributions, support and use of church properties. Add to that years of deferred maintenance and aging buildings and we have a big problem! Managing that aging process whilst adding value to our property will help sustain our churches and build a brighter future for the next generation.

Experience

As a licensed architect with nearly 10 years of experience, I can assess and understand building problems in a unique way. Although my experience is mostly with commercial office buildings, I have volunteered my talents at my former church communities to improve and redesign its spaces for improved function, performance and aesthetics. I have a good sense for solving problems creatively and programmatically. I also have several years' experience in construction, and construction management. Most importantly, I have a high level of emotional intelligence, and love working with people to get the job done.

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Eric Biddy

Standing Committee
Clergy Nomination
Ballot #22

Occupation/Employer

Rector

Congregation

St. Christopher's, Oak Park

Present Parish Offices

Rector

Past Diocesan Offices

Standing Committee (2015 – present)

Issues Statement

SC can play a vital role in thinking with congregations on how best to use our resources to do the work we are called to do. As budgets shrink and the ways Christians embody their discipleship evolve, our fundamental calling to proclaim the good news in word and action continues to animate us. The old calling and new context call for creativity. The SC's canonical responsibilities regarding property are an opportunity to empower congregational creativity. SC is at its best when it is accompanying congregations as they discern how to use their resources to pursue God's work in the world.

Experience

It is a bit embarrassing to inflict another ballot with my name, but I believe that I can continue to be useful to God's church on this body. I have served on SC for three years and was elected President in September of this year. I think I am realistic about the challenges our church faces in this excessively fraught time. But I am even more optimistic about the new ways we are finding and will find to carry the gospel to the world. This is good work that I love, and I hope to be able to continue it.

Contact Info

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Anne B. Jolly

*Standing Committee
Clergy Nomination
Ballot #23*

Occupation/Employer

Rector

Congregation

St. Gregory's, Deerfield

Past Diocesan Offices

Missions Board, Diocese of TX (Secretary) 2015-2016;
Board Member,
Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (Secretary) 2010-2016



Issues Statement

With the rapid rate of change in society, and a highly divisive political climate, the church is one of the few places where all generations come together, engaging in meaningful conversation, rooted in a common understanding of faith. By engaging our Anglican roots, connectedness, and history, we are positioned to bring the Good News to a new generation. To share this News with today's families, we must reimagine how the parish and diocese engage people in spiritual practices, worship, and community. Engaging the diocese in embracing our tradition, while re-imagining our future excites me most about serving on Standing Committee.

Experience

My great passions and experience in business and church settings (as a lay person, staff, and clergy) are stewardship, church growth, strategic planning, and communications. Leading on diocesan and national boards, and serving in multiple dioceses has given me the opportunity to see the potential of the Episcopal Church, and to engage with and learn from some of our most creative leaders. I am passionate about the Episcopal Church, and the Diocese of Chicago, which I believe is a leader in the national church. I look forward to being a part of the support and vision of the Standing Committee.

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Lisa Kerpan

*Standing Committee
Clergy Nomination
Ballot #31*



Occupation/Employer

Communication Consultant/Self-Employed

Congregation

Christ Church, Winnetka

Present Parish Offices

Mentor to the 2040 Strategic Planning Committee

Issues Statement

I found my way to the Episcopal Church as an adult. It was parenthood that moved faith off the back burner. Before that, I wasn't missing anything, because I didn't know what I was missing. Initially, I didn't go to church as an expression of my faith. I went to church, and faith found me. Slowly, mysteriously, episodically, faith found me. My hope and prayer for the church is as simple (and complicated) as this: that we will meet people where they are — and who they are — with a message of love, hope, and mercy. With God's help.

Experience

My experience includes ethnographic field research, writing, teaching, and consulting. I have a master's degree in sociology, and believe strongly in the power of evidence-based discernment. When we listen for what God is calling us to do, and ask ourselves what the evidence we've collected tells us, we make prayerful, powerful decisions, decisions that allow us to go beyond knowing to the place where faith resides. Currently, I work part-time as a communication consultant, helping nonprofit organizations reach their audiences with messages that resonate — reaching people where, and who, they are.

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Anne Driscoll

*Cathedral Chapter
Lay Nomination
Ballot #41*

Occupation/Employer

Partner, McCarthy Bertschy & Associates,
a retained executive search firm

Congregation

St. Chrysostom's



Issues Statement

I seek to become a member of the Cathedral Chapter to gain a better understanding of the role the Cathedral plays in the Diocese of Chicago; to assist the Dean and the Chapter in making important strategic decisions in the coming three years; to strive to make the Cathedral relevant and accessible in today's secular world; and to contribute to creating possibilities for the Cathedral to serve as a beacon of both hope and action in the City of Chicago.

Experience

I have a history of serving in leadership roles, both in various local church parishes, as well as in my role as a member of the Board of Trustees of Garrett Evangelical Seminary in Evanston, where I have served for the past 11 years. I believe I possess critical thinking skills as well as the ability not only to recognize strategic challenges for the church today, but more importantly, also envision ideas and offer solutions that address these challenges. My views and ideas are steeped in deep faith and a prevailing sense of hope for the future.

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