

Nominations

THE 184th 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, one lay person to fill a two-year unexpired term.

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: one cleric 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 committee. 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

Jaime Briceño

Lay

Doug Hoffman

Lonn Myers

Bill Pearson

Nicole Spencer

Standing Committee

Clergy

Larry Green

Anne Jolly

Lay

No candidates

Cathedral Chapter

Clergy

Christopher Griffin

Jaime Briceño

*Bishop and Trustees
Clergy Nomination
Ballot*

Occupation/Employer

Priest-in-Charge, Director of Admissions, St. Michael and All Angels, Berwyn

Diocesan/Church-Wide Offices

Taskforce to Coordinate Ecumenical & Interreligious Work, Global Episcopal Mission Network – Board Member



Issues Statement

While our economic resources continue to dwindle the work of ministry our commitment to justice, and equity continues to increase in amount God's people, particularly when we serve communities of color that historically had been on the losing end of investment and resource allocation. Strengthening the work of this committee to always ask the hard questions that emanate from our Gospel values and our commitment to justice will be what I hope will be my contribution to this diocese.

Experience

I would love to bring my desire to keep a larger picture of the models of the church present in our diocese and how we are called to support them with all our resources and skills. Part of our task in this committee is to ensure the support of missions that in our current configuration include several Hispanic/Latinx communities, keeping a close relationship with them requires cultural knowledge as well as language skills to have a ready ear to listen to their concerns, and wishes. I hope to serve in that capacity while continuing to grow into the work of this committee.

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Douglas R. Hoffman

Bishop and Trustees

Lay Nomination

Ballot

Occupation/Employer

Congregation

The Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer

Past Parish Offices

Treasurer

Past Diocesan Offices

Bishop & Trustees, 2016-present

Director, the Church Home & Montgomery Place

Director & Treasurer, American Friends of the Anglican Centre in Rome

Issues Statement

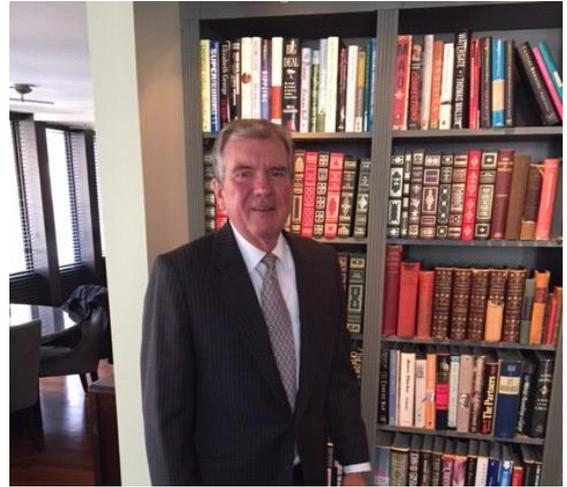
The Bishop and Trustees (B&T) is a mission driven body. If re-elected, it is my intent to continue assisting that body with the stewardship function of its mission. Many of us know what it is like to be called upon to do more with finite resources. It is a real challenge. Similarly, B&T is called upon 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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Lonn W. Myers

Bishop and Trustees

Lay Nomination

Ballot



Occupation/Employer

Retired Attorney

Congregation

St. David's Episcopal Church, Glenview, IL

Present Parish Offices

Finance Committee Member, Investment Oversight Committee, Loaves and Fishes Grant Committee

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

While COVID-19 has changed much, our Diocese must continue working to improve the vitality of individual congregations. B&T must continue expanding, from stewarding Diocesan properties used by mission congregations and unused properties until sold and providing support and expertise for mission congregations, to increasing its contribution for congregational grants and moving ahead with selling the Diocesan headquarters to create a fund for long-term support of our Diocesan and providing financial help to the Cathedral to secure alternative space for its many outstanding programs. B&T must deliberately continue to seek and embrace new roles with new partners to enhance Diocesan vitality.

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. I also chair the Diocesan Audit Review Committee and previously served as an ECCS trustee. My service in these roles 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. I am a retired attorney and accountant and offer experience that B&T has long utilized effectively to manage Diocesan financial assets and properties and fulfill its other roles.

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Bill Pearson

*Bishop & Trustees
Lay Nomination*

Occupation/Employer

Economic Consultant, PQR Economics, LLC

Congregation

St. Christopher's, Oak Park

Present Parish Offices

Buildings Committee

Past Parish Offices

Vestry, Senior Warden, Buildings Committee

Diocesan/Church-wide Offices

Clergy Compensation Committee



Issues Statement

As long as real property exists, somebody needs to manage it; for the Diocese, this falls to Bishop and Trustees. Broadly, I interpret this to mean thoughtfully ensuring the efficient and effective use of diocesan assets, both by trying to do as much as possible with finite resources, and by carefully allocating those resources between the claims of many deserving uses. More narrowly, it includes doing all we can to support mission congregations and to help missions to flourish.

Experience

I have extensive experience in real estate development and management which will enable me effectively to help with management of assets used by missions and to help with the alignment of those assets with missions' pursuit of their purposes. My parish, professional, and diocesan committee experience will help me to contribute meaningfully to Bishop and Trustee's broader stewardship of diocesan real estate assets.

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Nicole Spencer

Bishop & Trustees

Lay Nomination



Occupation/Employer

Self-Employed Consultant

Congregation

St. James Cathedral, Chicago

Present Parish Offices

Jr. Warden, Finance Commission (member), Summer in the City Working Group (member)

Past Parish Offices

Chapter Member

Issues Statement

A lifelong Episcopalian, I seek to serve our Diocese by offering my talents and experience in real estate (operations, property and portfolio management), and by developing and sustaining productive relationships between and among diverse stakeholders. I am committed to the flourishing of all congregations throughout our diocese and to our common mission. Our churches face ongoing challenge in aligning local ministry and building resources in times of financial constraint. I believe B&T is in a position to offer leadership through: integrity of process, strategy recommendations; strengthening processes that support and exercise fiscal responsibility consistent with our common mission.

Experience

I am an accomplished Property Management and Real Estate professional with 20 years' experience managing properties for Jones Lang LaSalle, the Chicago Housing Authority, and Northwestern Medicine, among others. As Senior VP for Asset Management at CHA, I led 32 team members in management of 8,900 senior housing units, 100 commercial properties, and vacant properties. At JLL, I directed capital projects for properties ranging from 700,000 to 1.3 million sq ft and managed day-to-day operations for assets valued up to \$181 million (average operating budgets of \$25 million). At St. James I serve as Junior Warden with responsibility for facilities.

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Larry Green

*Standing Committee
Clergy Nomination*

Occupation/Employer

Deacon

Congregation

St. Chrysostom's, Chicago

Diocesan/Church-wide Offices

Deacon leadership team, Diocesan counsel, Diocese disciplinary
President, Anti-Racism Commission



Issues Statement

I am seeking a position to the standing committee because after serving 2 terms on diocesan counsel I feel called to serve the diocese as a member of the standing committee. I have a strong background in managing people as well as great knowledge of our diocese and have strong communication and people skills. I would consider this an honor as our diocese goes through some periods of great financial and logistical challenges. I also have a tremendous desire to continue to make our diocese aware of the challenges that people of color have not only within our diocese but the Episcopal Church nationwide.

Experience

Who do I feel that I am a stellar candidate for this Position? I have served on Bishop search committee, President of the diocese of Chicago disciplinary committee for 2 terms, Diocesan counsel 2 terms, Member Diocese of Chicago Anti-Racism Commission. Currently on Deacon Leadership Team and newly elected secretary of the Fund for the Diaconate board of the Episcopal Church. Deacons are the soul of the church and we are out in the world and bring those cares and concerns to the church and as a member of the standing committee I see my strengths and skills very well suited to bring a fresh voice to this group as well as a strong working knowledge of our huge diocese that covers from central Illinois to the Wisconsin border and as far east as the Indian border and as far west as the Iowa border.

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Anne Jolly

*Standing Committee
Clergy Nomination*

Occupation/Employer

Rector, St. Gregory's, Deerfield

Diocesan/Church-wide Offices

Standing Committee Secretary (2019), Standing Committee President (2020-Present)

Issues Statement

In a time of ecclesiastical transition, the standing committee is a very visible and active leadership team for the diocese. Yet, the work of the church doesn't stop, and standing committee works with diocesan staff and congregations to navigate new ways of being church in the world. This year, as we continue to pray for Bishop-elect Paula's recovery and welcome Bishop Chilton, our diocese faces the challenges of a rapidly changing world still wrestling with the pandemic, and I believe DioChi will lead the wider church in adapting. I am seeking re-election to provide consistency in our transition.

Experience

Leading on diocesan and national boards and serving in multiple dioceses for 17 years 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. My leadership skills have broadened in ways I could not have imagined in the last three years on standing committee and as a rector through the pandemic. Creativity, a high tolerance for uncertainty, and smart, committed colleagues have carried me through this time. I'm always excited to see what is next, and to work with others to make it happen.

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Christopher Griffin

*Cathedral Chapter
Clergy Nomination*

Occupation/Employer

Reverend

Congregation

St. Martin's, Chicago

Diocesan/Church-wide Offices



Issues Statement

Maybe I'm just getting old. But when Convention rolls around, I find myself reflecting on the "good old days" when we all met at our Diocesan Center and our Cathedral. Surely it made sense to shake things up a bit and move Convention and other events around to accommodate more of our members throughout our diocese. However, I still wonder, and care, about the significance of our Cathedral with other churches in the diocese, like my own, and with the city. Geographically, and theologically, the cathedral remains an important symbol to me for projecting our presence in the city.

Experience

Therefore, I would like to be part of the conversation(s) thinking about our cathedral (as well as the rest of our congregations) in such a time as this. The pandemic has caused many of us to re-imagine the role of our churches in our communities. I believe that, along with our Bishop, St. James Cathedral may be able to lead the way we can all re-envision who we are and what we do as we move forward. I believe our cathedral can still speak for us and represent us wherever, and whenever, we meet in these good new days.

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