

2019 Convention – Nominations Report 145AC–R07

Nominations Submitted as of the Nominations Deadline on December 7th, 2018.

LATE Nominations accepted until noon on January 25th, 2019

Contact John A. King, Secretary of Convention, for further details.

(973)430-9919 or jking@dioceseofnewark.org

Submit nominations online via <https://dioceseofnewark.org/form/convention-nominations>

ACTS/VIM Board

To be Elected: Class of 2022 - 1 Clergy/ 2 Lay (3 year terms)

In the Clergy Order:

Not enough candidates,

Not enough candidates have stepped forward. Could God be calling you to share your gifts?
Submit your nomination before January 25th, 2019.

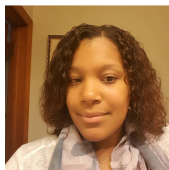


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ACTSVIM

In the Lay Order:

Janelle A Grant, St. Paul's, Paterson (District 10)



I am eager to serve on the ACTS/VIM Board. Currently I serve on Namaste doing what I believe is God's work. I have had the pleasure of serving on Diocesan Council for one term. I was honored to be elected to serve as a deputy for General Convention 2018 and in 2015. In my personal life, I am a licensed social worker. My passion is advocating for others and making positive changes in the community.

ACTSVIM

Mark A. Trautman, St. Paul's, Englewood (District 9)



It has been a pleasure to serve on the ACTS/VIM board these last few years, and an honor to serve our Diocese and work with so many talented people. I am currently Director of Music at St Paul's in Englewood and Missioner for Music and the Arts for the Diocese. Serving on this board allows me to share my skills as a music minister, grant writer, and administrator, and it would be a pleasure and an honor to serve again.

ACTSVIM

Constitution & Canons Committee

To be Elected: Class of 2020 - 10 Members (Clergy or Lay) to a one year term

Thomas A. Bisdale, Grace Church, Westwood (District 9)



I have served on the Committee when eligible since 1999 and welcome the opportunity to continue applying that experience. I am currently a Trustee of the Diocese and serve on the Disciplinary Board and am a past member of Diocesan Council. I have held various parish positions including warden which term will expire in January.

CONCAN

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John C. Garde, Grace Church, Madison (District 4)



Trustee - Member and President, Trustees of Episcopal Funds and Diocesan Properties, 2000 to 2018
Standing Committee 2018- present
Vice Chancellor - 1998 to present
Committee on Constitutions and Canons - 1998 to present
Convention Deputy - 1992 to present
Senior Warden and Vestry Member Grace Madison and St Thomas Lyndhurst
Ward J. Herbert Board - present
Presiding Judge Ecclesiastical Court 1987 to 2002
Attorney and Partner - McCarter & English, 1986 to present

I look forward to continuing service on this important committee as we continue to move the church forward and address a variety of issues including church status, discipline, accountability and the structure and mission of the Diocese. My experience both as a lawyer and in various capacities in the Diocese and at the church level brings an important perspective to this Committee.

CONCAN

The Rev. Joseph A. Harmon, Epiphany and Christ Church, Orange (District 5)



It has been a great joy to serve on the Constitution and Canons Committee for many years and I would welcome the opportunity to continue to share my experience as a priest, pastor and attorney on this important body.

CONCAN

Laura A. Russell, All Saints, Hoboken (District 6)



Member, Constitutions and Canons Committee
Former Warden, All Saints, Hoboken
Board, Jubilee Center, All Saints,
Board, Care on the Corner, St. John the Divine
Supervising attorney at a large not-for-profit
Deputy, 2012, 2015 and 2018 General Conventions,
President, Disciplinary Board

I welcome the opportunity to serve on this committee. As a practicing attorney with over twenty years of litigation experience, I hope to bring my knowledge of the canons, together with my experience in governance, to this committee.

CONCAN

John Sogliuzzo, Esq., Christ Church, Short Hills (District 4)



I am a member of Christ Church of Short Hills and formerly on the Vestry. I am a practicing attorney for well over 35 years. I am presently on the Ward J. Herbert Board and a member of the Constitutions & Canons Committee. With my background I would like to continue working on the Constitutions & Canons Committee and therefore ask for your vote. Thank you.

CONCAN

John G. Webb, III, Esq., St. Luke and St. Mary, Hope and Belvidere (District 1)



I have used my experience as a business lawyer in service to vestries of this Diocese (and the Dioceses of New York and New Jersey), to boards of nonprofits and to the Diocese of Newark in various capacities, including as a member of the Constitutions & Canons Committee. I want to continue as a Committee member to serve this Diocese and The Episcopal Church.

CONCAN

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Disciplinary Board

To be Elected: **CLERGY Class of 2025 (1 - Six year term)**
LAY Class of 2024 (1 - Five year term)

In the Clergy Order:

The Rev. Willie Smith, Trinity, Cliffside Park (District 8)



My experience as psychoanalyst, Chaplain, Systems Theory and being a member of the Pastoral Response Team has helped me to bring a fair and sensitive perspective to any matters that impact congregations and clergy.

DISBOARD

In the Lay Order:

John L. Smith, Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark (District 4)



I am a past Warden of the Cathedral Church, and presently serving on Vestry.
2 undergraduate degrees, Bloomfield College
Graduate Degree, Seton Hall University
Retired Detective Newark Police Department
Adjunct Faculty Essex County College, Sociology, Criminal Justice, Education
NJ State Conference/Newark NAACP
Treasurer, Newark/Essex Legal Services Board
I seek this office to continue to serve with other Christians in this Diocese.

DISBOARD

The Standing Committee

To be Elected: **CLERGY Class of 2023(1 - Four year term)**
LAY Class of 2023 (1 - Four year term)

In the Clergy Order:

The Rev. Elaine Ellis Thomas, All Saints, Hoboken (District 6)



Church Involvement – Local, Diocesan, National:

- Organist and Choirmaster - various churches (Episcopal and others) in the Philadelphia area
- ECW President - Diocese of Pennsylvania (Trinity Church, Gulph Mills)
- Chair, Spiritual Growth Resources Committee, Diocese of Pennsylvania
- Diocesan Coordinator - Episcopal Relief and Development (PA and Central PA)
- Diocesan Coordinator - Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation (PA and Central PA)
- Advisory Committee (rebranding project) Episcopal Relief and Development
- Assistant Priest, St. Edwards Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA
- Associate Rector, St. Paul's Memorial Church, Charlottesville, VA
- Co-convenor, Charlottesville Clergy Collective
- Diocese of Virginia Region XV Board (At-Large)
- Diocese of Virginia Standing Committee (Class of 2019)
- Elected as deputy to the 79th General Convention but left Virginia before serving
- Rector, All Saints Episcopal Parish, Hoboken
- Chaplain, Hoboken Fire Department

A lifelong Episcopalian, I love this church and I love God. I have a keen understanding of organizational dynamics and how those dynamics affect decision-making and leadership. I practice collaborative leadership and seek common vision and understanding among groups with whom I have worked. I believe that all of these skills, including my experience working in three different dioceses in the Episcopal Church as well as serving on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Virginia, would serve me well on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Newark. At ordination, I promised to take my "share in the councils of the Church," and I believe serving on the Standing Committee is one way of fulfilling that promise faithfully.

STANDING

In the Lay Order:

Patrice M. Henderson, St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange (District 4)



For me, previous service on the Standing Committee was an honor and a blessing, for which I am grateful. I stand now for election once again and ask for your support. I come not just with the experience about the intricacies of governance or knowledge about our wonderful congregations and the demographics of our diocese, but with values of integrity, compassion and devotion for all that is best for us. I take pride in our differences and appreciate our shared strengths and Christian spirit. Having served on the Search/Nominating Committee, I am committed to supporting Bishop Carlye and our diocese - I'm fired up and ready to go!

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The Standing Committee

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LAY Class of 2023 (1 - Four year term)

In the Lay Order:

Bernard J. Milano, Trinity, Allendale (District 10)



I am eager to work in any way I can to assist Bishop Hughes in her new ministry. Having served on the Search and Nominating Committee I feel a special calling to be engaged. Serving as a Trustee of the Newark Diocese my term ends with this Convention. I serve as Chair of the Diocese Audit Committee, member of a Pastoral Response Team, previously served on Fund Development, serve as chair of my parish Finance Committee and a member of the choir, previously served a few times as warden, on rector search committee and several years as treasurer. It was my honor to serve on the national Episcopal Church Foundation Board of Directors for nine years, six of which as Chair of the Board. I am a CPA, president of the KPMG Foundation and president of The PhD Project which is a 24 year old national diversity program which I helped start. I serve and have served on many national nonprofit boards of directors and two different town boards of education.

STANDING

Michele Simon, St. Paul's, Englewood (District 9)



1. I have had the honor and privilege of serving as a vestry member and warden of St. Paul's Church, Englewood. I was the co-chair of the successful rector search for St. Paul's Englewood. This past year, I served as the co-chair of the Search/Nominating committee for the X Bishop for the Diocese of Newark. For the past, 19 years, I worked as a classroom teacher, vice principal, principal and assistant to the superintendent of schools for the Leonia School District. I have also worked in the corporate world as a manager and supervisor for NYNEX, the telecommunications company. I believe that my administrative and organizing skills were honed in each of these experiences.

2. My desire to serve as a member of the Standing Committee has been fueled by my time as the co-chair for the recent Bishop search. For approximately, 18 months I had the opportunity to work with a group of individuals both lay and clergy who had a tremendous desire to serve their individual parishes, and the diocese as a whole. This experience also gave me the opportunity to visit other churches and share in a dialogue with parishioners who have a deep passion for our church community. I felt their passion and was drawn toward finding another way that I could contribute my time and experience to support the Diocese of Newark.

STANDING

Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral Chapter

To be Elected: **Class of 2021 - 1 Clergy/ 1 Lay (3 year terms)**

In the Clergy Order:

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CATHCHAP

In the Lay Order:

Rosie Grant, St. Paul's, Paterson (District 10)



My family has been a member of St Paul's Paterson for 32 years. Currently, I am serving a second term as a warden during transition. I sing on the choir and have served as Treasurer, Altar Guild, Sunday School Teacher and Youth Leader. I have been Treasurer of the Gertrude R. Butts Memorial Scholarship Fund for 5 years and a member of the board since 2000. I've served 2 3-year terms as Diocesan Convention Delegate. I am the Executive Director of the Paterson Education Fund, where I have been on the staff for 26 years. I have a background in accounting, grant writing, program management and nonprofit management. I am skilled at convening cross-sector partnerships, leading difficult public dialog and strategic planning. I seek this as an opportunity to serve at the diocesan level and I love the Cathedral.

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Trustees of The Episcopal Fund & Diocesan Properties

To be Elected: Class of 2023 - 3 Members (5 year term)

John Garde, Grace Church, Madison (District 4)



Attorney and Partner McCarter & English (33 years); Trustee and President, Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark (2001 to 2018); Standing C committee Member 2018 – Present, Vice Chancellor, Vestry member and Warden Grace Madison, 2009 to present, Member Committee on Constitutions and Canons. As a lawyer and participant in the Church and the local and Diocesan level I would like to remain a member of this important committee as the church grapples the many challenges that its faces in its operation, program and structure.

The role of the Trustees is of critical importance in this time of our Diocese. The essential issue facing our Diocese is the same one facing many of our congregations - how do we rationally and responsibly address the needs of our diocese, its congregations and people in light of the changing environment in which we live and the resources available to us now and in the future? In light of my other service in various capacities at the Diocesan and Parish level I feel called to run again for Trustees at this time to work with the next Bishop to address these critical issues.

TRUSTEE

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TRUSTEE

Secretary of Convention

To be Elected: Class of 2019 - (1 - one year term)

John A. King, St. Andrew's, Harrington Park



A lifelong member of the diocese, I have had the benefit of being spiritually nurtured by, and have served on the vestries of, four different congregations of various sizes within the diocese. I was formed as a Christian by Eagle's Nest Camp, and World Of Our Diocesan Youth (WOODY), having held various leadership roles including Camp Life Director of ENC. Served on the Youth Ministries Board, and currently on the Board of Trustees at Cross Roads Camp., I volunteer as a LEM at St. Andrew's, Harrington Park and as a volunteer firefighter, serving the Harrington Park Fire Company as President. I have 18 years of corporate experience and a profound respect for the polity of the Episcopal Church. I look forward to continuing to enhance the ways that we interact with each other as a diocese, utilizing new technology whenever possible, while at the same time, respecting the needs of those who, for whatever reason, cannot similarly embrace technology.

SECRETARY

Treasurer of Convention

To be Elected: Class of 2019 - (1 - one year term)

Samuel Reckford, Christ Church, Short Hills



I am the CFO of the Diocese of Newark, past Warden of Christ Church, Short Hills and longtime member of various committees at Christ Church including Stewardship, Finance and Investment.

TREASURER

Assistant Treasurer of Convention

To be Elected: Class of 2019 - (1 - one year term)

Rhonda Lutz, Saviour, Denville (District 2)



Vestry, Warden, Treasurer, Finance Chair, Parish Life Chair, President of St. Martha's, Member of the Search and Nominating committee XI Bishop, Member of the Anti-Sexism Task Force.

ASST. TREAS.