

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (2021)

This draft report reflects information received by October 01.

With a 150-word limit, each candidate was asked to review the job description for the position and discuss how their gifts, experiences, skills, and interests would aid this work, and how they would invigorate and/or stimulate the ministry of the particular diocesan leadership group.

Nominees at-a-Glance:

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<p>Rachel Taber-Hamilton Trinity, Everett</p>	<p>Joel Davis St. Margaret's, Bellevue Roberta Newell St. Mary's, Lakewood</p>

DIOCESAN COUNCIL (pg. 4-6)		
<p><u>Columbia – Clergy</u> (3 year) Nic Mather St. Stephen's, Longview</p>	<p><u>Eastside – Lay</u> (3 year) Heather Irwin Holy Cross, Redmond Mark Hendrickson St. Margaret's, Bellevue Donna Murphy St. John's, Kirkland</p>	<p><u>Holy C – Clergy</u> (3 year) Ruth Anne Garcia Epiphany, Seattle Edmund Harris St. Peter's, Seattle</p>
<p><u>Mt. Baker – Clergy</u> (1 year) Lindsay Ross-Hunt St. Paul's, Bellingham</p>	<p><u>Sno Isle – Lay</u> (1 year) Mandy Walters Whitaker St. Aidan's, Camano Island</p>	<p><u>Sno-Isle - Clergy</u> Joseph Peters-Mathews St. Hilda St. Patrick, Edmonds</p>
<p><u>Willapa – Lay</u> (3 year) Karen Fraser St. Benedict's, Lacey</p>		

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<p>Stephen Crippen Grace, Bainbridge Island</p>	<p>Sunni Bannon St. Thomas, Medina Carole Loudenback Good Shepherd, Federal Way Lawrence Sylvester Trinity, Everett</p>

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Marda Steedman Sanborn	Diane Wells	James Beckwith	Carle Griffin

ALTERNATE TO GENERAL CONVENTION (pg. 8-10)	
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<p>Malcolm McLaurin Holy Cross, Redmond</p> <p>Sabeth Fitzgibbons Trinity, Seattle</p> <p>Elizabeth Riley Emmanuel, Mercer Island</p>	<p>Elizabeth Santiago St. Andrew's, Seattle</p> <p>Sunni Bannon St. Thomas, Medina</p> <p>Karen Fraser St. Benedict's, Lacey</p> <p>Lawrence Sylvester Trinity, Everett</p>

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH GOVERNING BODY/OFFICE

Commission on Ministry: The primary canonical responsibility of the Commission on Ministry (COM) is to assist the Bishop in matters related to discernment and selection of persons for ministry; in the guidance and pastoral care of all candidates for Holy Orders, as well as lay professionals and other baptized persons; and in matters pertaining to lifelong learning. The Commission does this by facilitating the process for authentic individual discernment in community, by listening to the Holy Spirit and the sacred in each person, and by helping discerners grow spiritually as they identify their place in building the Kingdom of God. Members of the COM represent all orders of ministry laid out in the Catechism. Members are appointed for three-year terms by the Bishop, with terms beginning after diocesan convention. The work of our diocesan COM is done through periodic meetings as well as two in-depth retreats for those in process for holy orders. High value is placed on authenticity and integrity; listening and communication skills; intentional work focused on anti-racism skills, equity and inclusion; and compassionate understanding.

Diocesan Council: Between Diocesan Conventions, the Council oversees the budget and program goals of the Diocese, carrying out priorities adopted by Convention. Council develops a proposed budget to be ratified by the next convention. Members assume and accept the role of public relations and goodwill toward individuals and congregations facilitating connectedness within the Diocese. Members accept assignments, work on task groups, and attend regional, committee and commission meetings as necessary. Membership of the Diocesan Council is in transition through 2024, based on convention action in 2020. When complete, the Diocesan Council will include the bishop; 14 elected members (1 clergy or lay member from each of the 10 regional ministries and 4 at-large members (2 clergy and 2 lay); and up to 6 BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) members appointed by the bishop.

Standing Committee: The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice for the bishop and becomes the diocesan ecclesiastical authority in the bishop's absence. It makes decisions about the

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sale, encumbrance or disposal of real property belonging to parishes of the Diocese. It interviews and makes recommendations to the bishop on candidates for Holy Orders, and the consent of the Standing Committee is required for ordination. The Standing Committee also gives or withholds consent to the election of bishops throughout the church and has judicial responsibilities in the case of clergy misconduct where the clergy or the complainant does not accept the adjudication of the bishop. By canon, no two members of the Standing Committee may be from the same congregation.

Secretary of the Diocese of Olympia: The Secretary of the Diocese takes part in the planning, preparation and leadership of Convention. The secretary receives (through the convention office) all resolutions, amendments, and official written business of convention. The secretary is official signatory of Convention correspondence and is an officer of the Diocese. As an officer, the secretary serves on the Board of Directors. This is a volunteer position.

Archivist and Records Manager: The archivist and records manager is the official custodian of diocesan records and is responsible for the direction and implementation of the archives and records management program of the Diocese of Olympia. This is a part-time, paid position.

Treasurer: The treasurer of the Diocese has responsibility for the assets of the Diocese, including investments, cash, and real property. The treasurer advises the bishop on financial matters, is liaison to the diocesan accounting and insurance office, and serves as an officer of the diocesan corporation. The treasurer is accountable to the bishop and the diocesan convention. The treasurer also serves as a member of the Board of Directors, the James F. Hodges Diocesan Investment Fund, the Budget and Finance Committee of Diocesan Council, and convenes the Joint Finance Panel. This is a volunteer position.

Historiographer: The historiographer is responsible for creating, maintaining and continuing a history of the Diocese, including its significant leadership and events. This is a volunteer position.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY – LAY ORDER *[three-year term]*

Joel Davis – *Freelance Science Journalist, St. Margaret's, Bellevue.* When I was much younger and a Roman Catholic, I spent two years at St. John's Seminary College (Camarillo, CA) in studying for the Catholic priesthood. More recently at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church I served on two parish committees (one as chair) working with the Rev. Missy Couch as she progressed through her discernment and postulancy for the ordained diaconate. These experiences have given me a unique lay perspective on the role of the parish, the Commission on Ministry, and the candidate in the journey to ordination. And as a professional writer for over 40 years, I not only know how to write well, I know how to interview and how to listen well – helpful talents for a member of the Commission.



Roberta Newell – *Management (Retired), St. Mary's, Lakewood.* Roberta Newell is a wife, mother who retired from State of Washington after 30 years of service. Her state service was with Employment Security Department in the executive level. She was installed into The Order of Daughters of King in the mid-90s and lives her life by the Order's Rule of Life with God's help to this day. She is currently serving as Diocesan President. She has served in the Kairos Prison Ministry International for over 20 years. She was the leader of the Washington State Kairos Torch Pilot program, servicing children whose parent are incarcerated. She is an active member of her church Saint Mary's of Lakewood and in the Cursillo movement. She completes her term on the Standing Committee where she

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served as their representative to The Commission on Ministry (COM). She enjoys traveling both domestically and international, cooking and food festivals.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY – CLERICAL ORDER *[three-year term]*



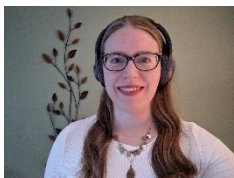
Rachel Taber-Hamilton – *Rector, Trinity, Everett.* I am Shackan First Nation and the first known Indigenous person to be ordained in the Diocese of Olympia (2004). I have been active in Indigenous ministries in the Episcopal Church for 20 years and am the co-founder and coordinator of the independent grassroots advocacy network of people of color and allies in the diocese – Ethnic Ministries Circles of Color. My years of service in the diocese includes terms on Diocesan Council and Standing Committee (President from 2014-2017). I am currently the rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Everett, where I have served for 11 years. I have a passion for social justice and advocacy for people of color that informs my commitment to institutional transformation for the empowerment and equity of all people. I believe that leadership formation for ministry applies to all the Baptized and that the Commission on Ministry serves an important role in helping to identify, nurture, and form diverse leadership that reflects our Church’s aspiration to be the Beloved Community and our Baptismal commitment to respect the dignity every human being.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL COLUMBIA REGIONAL MINISTRY – CLERGY *[one three-year]*



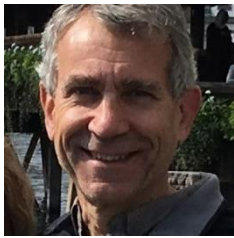
Nicholas Mather – *St. Stephen’s, Longview.* I am honored to stand for election to the Clergy Representative seat of Diocesan Council for the Columbia Region. I’ve been in Longview for three years and have developed a love for Southwest Washington and the uniqueness that this area offers to our diocese. I previously served in the Diocese of Spokane (I’m originally from Central Washington), including serving on the Diocesan Council and Council Executive Committee as the Vice President. I am passionate about formation ministries, especially for youth and children, camp ministries (my spiritual home for many years was and in many ways still is, Episcopal Church Camp), and the ability of the Diocesan system to support and lift up our parishes during challenging times like this current season of pandemic, and during times of joy, celebrating in our diversity of gifts and experiences to create a richer experience of the Christian community in Western Washington.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL EASTSIDE REGIONAL MINISTRY – LAY *[one three-year term]*



Heather Irwin – *Holy Cross, Redmond. Former optical engineer,* I am currently the Eastside Lay representative on Diocesan Council and, through that work, began to serve on the Budget and Finance Committee. It has been a pleasure to visit congregations first in-person and now online and hear how God is at work throughout the diocese, then map that work to the spreadsheet that is our diocesan budget. At Holy Cross, Redmond, I am a cantor, lector, and flutist that has jumped into the world of virtual choirs and continues to read up on how we can make music in-person safely. Our pandemic handbell choir, Bells on the Porch, just had a small cameo on BBC’s Last Night of the Proms, but we’ll also deliver a card or a meal to your porch. I would be glad to continue working with additional people in this diocese if given the opportunity.

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Mark Hendrickson – *Food processing quality assurance manager (Retired), St. Margaret’s, Bellevue.* I have lived almost all my life in Western Washington, worshiping at and serving churches in our diocese. Living in Bellevue and part of St. Margaret’s for 33 years, I have served on vestry, hospitality, facilities, and the endowment committees. I am a lay reader, Stephen Minister and church thrift shop volunteer. Experience during my career in private industry (food manufacturing and quality assurance) provides a good skillset to support the work of the counsel. I’m a good communicator and consensus builder. I hope to help meet the challenges our diocese and it’s churches face to stay vibrant and engaged to serve the needs of our communities where cultural diversity and economic inequality continue to grow.



Donna Murphy – *Human Resources Executive (Retired), St. John’s, Kirkland.* My name is Donna Murphy, a candidate as a lay member of Diocesan Council, Eastside. A member of St. John’s, Kirkland for more than a decade, I have been active in liturgical and administrative ministries including scheduling ministers for Sunday H.E., convention delegate, outreach, stewardship, lay reader and Vestry. With the pandemic, we began offering Daily morning and evening Prayer via Zoom, and I both officiate and schedule officiants for it. My active involvement at St. John’s stirred my desire for greater service to the Church, and I’m hoping to share my gifts on a larger scope as a member of the Diocesan Council. The Council performs the important work of carrying out many of the decisions that all of us make here at Convention, when not in session. My background includes a career (now retired) in Human Resources in the US Department of Treasury and Coast Guard where I supervised and trained supervisors and professionals, wrote policies, and negotiated labor agreements. The gifts I hope to share on Diocesan Council include policy analysis, public speaking, writing, and working collaboratively. After a time of prayer and discernment, I believe that God has called me to put forth my name for this ministry.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL HOLY C REGIONAL MINISTRY – CLERGY *[one three-year term]*



Ruth Anne Garcia – *Vicar, Epiphany, Seattle.* My name is the Rev. Ruth Anne García and I am Vicar/ Senior Associate at Epiphany Parish Seattle. A life-long Episcopalian, I have been honored to serve the church as a priest for almost twenty-five years. I have served parishes in New York City and state, Washington DC, Northern Virginia, New Hampshire and even my little hometown church in Montana. Thanks to the very different communities where I’ve worked ranging in size from small family-sized churches to corporate sized (3800 parishioners) parishes, I bring a breadth of experience and understanding of churches both big and small. I also love to see God work through different people and communities in diverse and delightful ways! My husband Jeremy, our two chihuahuas, and I love the Diocese of Olympia and the people we’ve met in the new home we’ve made. I feel so grateful to have been nominated to serve on the Diocesan Council.



Edmund Harris – *Rector, St. Peter’s, Seattle.* The past year has been a deeply challenging time to be the Church. The pandemic has shaken us, yet I also think it presents us with a unique opportunity to be more faithful to our calling. To embrace this opportunity, I believe we need leaders who are creative, collaborative, and committed to the Church, its mission, health, and authenticity. To Council, I would bring a lifetime of experience across the Episcopal Church, including at St. Peter’s, Seattle, where I have gratefully served as Rector since 2015. As we begin to imagine what life will be like in the years to come, I think the gifts we possess as Church will be needed more than ever. I would look forward to working with fellow Council members to support congregations in sharing these gifts generously, and in growing ever more fully into what God intends for us to be.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL MT. BAKER REGIONAL MINISTRY – CLERGY [one one-year term]



Lindsay Ross-Hunt – Associate Rector and Campus Chaplain, *St. Paul's, Bellingham*. I was not raised in the Episcopal Church, but when I decided to call this community “home” part of why I did so was because of my appreciation for the governance and structure of the Episcopal Church. What a tremendous gift and resource a diocese can be in connecting and equipping churches for ministry in their neighborhoods, cities, and world! In my previous work with ecumenical organizations and non-profits and now as a parish priest and campus ministry chaplain, cultivating relationships across communities to discern creative paths forward has been a priority and focus, one that I hope would prove useful in serving on Diocesan Council.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL SNO-ISLE REGIONAL MINISTRY – LAY [one one-year term]



Mandy Whitaker – Music historian, musician, private music instructor, and mom, *St. Aidan's, Camano Island*. In every church I have been involved with, I have found a place to volunteer; whether it was as choir director, teaching Sunday school, directing the Christmas program, or serving on committees. In each position I have found myself surrounded by other faithful servants from different backgrounds. While sharing my ideas, I have learned by listening to the people with whom I have served and together we have found ways to share the love of Christ through our words and actions. I hope to bring my ideas and experiences from other

congregations to the Diocesan Council. However, I also want to continue to learn by listening and gaining insight into the journeys of others I will be serving with. I hope to find ways to show God's love to everyone in my work. I appreciate this opportunity to participate in the Diocese of Olympia and am honored to be considered.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL SNO-ISLE REGIONAL MINISTRY – CLERGY [one two-year unexpired term]



Joseph Peters-Mathews – Vicar, *St. Hilda St. Patrick, Edmonds*. It's an honor to be nominated for Diocesan Council in the Diocese of Olympia. Having worked on churchwide and diocesan staffs in my past, I have experience looking at the big picture, which is necessary to do the work of the convention between conventions. I have also been embodied in local congregations forming Christian leaders and building networked communities inside and outside the church. I have a passion for justice, especially racial justice. I see potential for the church to lead in dismantling societal white supremacy, empowered by the sacraments and moved to Christian service, striving

for justice and peace among all people, restoring all people to unity with God and one another. I currently serve on the Commission for Liturgy and the Arts and have recently shared facilitation of a diocesan-wide book discussion. Thank you for your consideration.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL WILLAPA REGIONAL MINISTRY – LAY [one three-year term]



Karen Fraser – State Senator (Retired) Chair of Evergreen State College Board of Trustees *St. Benedict's, Lacey*. It would be a sacred responsibility to contribute to the growth and vibrancy of our Diocese. I would bring the perspective of a long-term parishioner and a life-long Washington resident. My 40+ year active participation in the St. Benedict congregation includes: Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte, former Chair of our Earth Ministries group, former delegate to the Diocesan Convention, and a participant in a wide variety of our congregation's activities. I'm a past member of the Diocesan Environment Committee. My life emphasis has been public service. Key roles have included: State

Senator, State Representative, Thurston County Commissioner, President of the Washington State Association of Counties, and former Lacey Mayor and City Council Member. I am well acquainted with southwest Washington and the state as a whole, have substantial international experience, and have considerable experience serving on nonprofit boards. I currently chair the Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College in Olympia.

STANDING COMMITTEE LAY ORDER *[one four-year term] and [one one-year unexpired term]*



Sunni Bannon – Director of Ministries, *St. Thomas, Medina*. I am honored to be a Standing Committee Lay Nominee. Fourteen years ago, my husband and I found our church home at St. Thomas in Medina after a spiritual journey that included worship and engagement in a variety of Christian denominations. I have a long history of church volunteerism, but my greatest joy is serving as Eucharistic Minister. In 2017 I joined the St. Thomas staff and now serve as the Director of Ministries. I love utilizing my program and staff management skills to build community and empower the priesthood of all believers. My previous career in higher education culminated in my leading MBA Admissions for the University of Washington. My professional passion is sharing best practices and facilitating opportunities for staff to support each other. My personal passions include storytelling and hospitality. Abilities I would bring to the Standing Committee include thoughtfulness, discernment, compassion, curiosity, and enthusiasm.



Carole Loudenback – Caregiver, *Good Shepherd, Federal Way*. Hi, I'm Carole Loudenback. Years ago, going through a divorce, I was scared about having enough money to live on. I consciously began to pledge at 5% and added a percent every year until I was tithing. Somehow, even though the numbers did not add up, God provided enough money for my family. Realizing I could trust Him with my finances, I began to trust Him in other aspects of my life. I had never been comfortable praying out loud, someone else was always more eloquent. I started volunteering for Kairos Prison Ministry, which meant sharing my story in front of people. Eventually I was asked to lead a weekend. I now trust God to guide me to pray with people at the altar rail. I am outgoing Junior Warden; Chair of Pastoral Care; Healing Minister and on the Stewardship Committee. I hope to serve you on the Standing Committee.



Lawrence Sylvester – Inventory Control & Stockroom at Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery Estates, Trinity, Everett. I grew up in the Episcopal church and my home church is all Saints Episcopal Cathedral in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Since retiring from the military in 2011 after 26 years, I completed my degree in Commercial Photography in 2014. I volunteer with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a non-profit organization geared to helping veterans with their military service-connected disabilities. With that background, I believe I can contribute to the diocese with organizing, filing and digitizing files and photo's.

STANDING COMMITTEE CLERICAL ORDER *[one four-year term]*



Stephen Crippen – Interim Rector, *Grace, Bainbridge Island*. My primary call, throughout my life and career, is the work of reconciliation. I discerned my call to the priesthood after many years as a deacon, and serve now as the Interim Rector at Grace Episcopal Church, Bainbridge Island. I operated a private psychotherapy practice for ten years prior to my 2017 return to seminary, specializing in couples therapy. I've worked since 2010 as a trainer in the College for Congregational Development, and a congregational consultant with our diocese. I also have experience from earlier in my career as a parish musician. I would add value to the Standing Committee as a member with experience in family-systems theory, congregational development, and organization development. I am a member of the LGBTQIA+ community. My personal life experience also motivates me to attend to the Episcopal Church's need for deepened awareness of, and advocacy for, substance-abuse recovery.

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SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA



Marda Steedman Sanborn – Priest, Saint Mark's Cathedral. I previously served as Secretary of convention for a number of years before I accepted the position as Canon to the Ordinary. I was Secretary of Convention last year and would like to continue in that role. I have a lot of experience with the Board of Directors and have been ordained and serving churches in this Diocese since January 1992.

ARCHIVIST AND RECORDS MANAGER



Diane Wells – Messiah Lutheran Church, Auburn. Thank you once again for nominating me for the position of Archivist & Records Manager. It has been a privilege to serve in this position since 1994 and I look forward to continuing this important work. Preserving the records of the diocese, our congregations, and ministries enables us to keep and to tell the story of God's work in our midst. Managing our records allows us to keep and to have access to those records which make much of our daily work possible. God has given us His Word and the amazing capacity for memory that we may know His Word and learn from our reflections and those of others. The focus of my ministry is on preserving those memories – on keeping our stories so that they may be shared – thereby providing the foundation of history from which to draw insight and strength in the daily living of our faith.

TREASURER



James Beckwith – St. Paul's, Bellingham. It has been an honor serving as your Acting Treasurer for the past year. Covid restrictions have kept me from traveling and meeting with you, but I hope in the coming year as restrictions are loosened to visit with many of you. Previously, I served on the Standing Committee of this Diocese and as Treasurer of St. Paul's Bellingham where I wrote its first Finance Policy and Procedure Manual. I am a retired accountant and the only male in three generations not an ordained Episcopal minister. (My aunt finally forgave me when she found out I could balance her checkbook for her.) Educated in Episcopal schools from kindergarten on up, you would think I would be sick of the church, but here I am. In so many ways, you are my family, and I wish to serve.

HISTORIOGRAPHER



Carle Griffin – Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle. After distributing a diocesan history at last year's convention, I resumed work on a broader and more detailed history of the Episcopal Church in Western Washington. I expect it to be ready to publish next year.

GENERAL CONVENTION ALTERNATE – LAY ORDER



Elizabeth Santiago – Student to the Diaconate, St. Andrew's, Seattle. I am a deeply committed, spiritual person and I would be honored to serve my Church in this capacity. I am an excellent listener and I have a deep desire to serve our Lord in every way possible. I am excited to bring my diverse background, experiences, and faith to this role. It is an honor to get to know all of you. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

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Sunni Bannon – *Director of Ministries, St. Thomas, Medina.* Thank you for considering me as a Lay Deputy Alternate to General Convention. I’m a cradle-Christian and have been a parishioner at St. Thomas, Medina for fourteen years. I have extensive volunteer experience, but my greatest joy is Eucharistic Ministry. In 2017 I joined the St. Thomas staff and as the Director of Ministries I use program and staff management skills to build community and empower volunteers. Previously I led MBA Admissions for the Foster School of Business at UW. My professional passions are sharing best practices and facilitating collaboration. Friends and colleagues describe me as authentic, compassionate, thoughtful, curious, hard-working, patient, and a good listener. I would use these traits to serve our local deputation and the wider church to the best of my ability. I love art, travel, storytelling, and good food. My husband and I live in Kirkland with our two teenagers and one dog.



Karen Fraser – *State Senator (Retired) Chair of Evergreen State College Board of Trustees St. Benedict’s, Lacey.* It would be a sacred responsibility to represent our Diocese at the General Convention. I would bring the perspective of a long-term parishioner and a life-long Washington resident. My 40+ year active participation in the St. Benedict congregation includes: Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte, former Chair of our Earth Ministries group, former delegate to the Diocesan Convention, and a participant in a wide variety of our congregation’s activities. I’m a past member of the Diocesan Environment Committee. I would also bring a perspective from a lifetime of public service, including: State Senator, State Representative, Thurston County Commissioner, President of the Washington State Association of Counties, and former Lacey Mayor and City Council Member, and more. I have considerable political, international, and nonprofit organization experience, and know western Washington well. I am currently serving as Chair the Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College in Olympia.



Lawrence Sylvester – *Inventory Control & Stockroom at Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery Estates, Trinity, Everett.* I grew up in the Episcopal church and my home church is all Saints Episcopal Cathedral in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Since retiring from the military in 2011 after 26 years, I completed my degree in Commercial Photography in 2014. I volunteer with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a non-profit organization geared to helping veterans with their military service-connected disabilities. With that background, I believe I can contribute to the diocese with organizing, filing and digitizing files and photo’s.

GENERAL CONVENTION ALTERNATE – CLERICAL ORDER



Malcolm McLaurin – *Curate, Holy Cross, Redmond.* I welcome the nomination for the clergy alternate deputy for General Convention and I believe my experience and skills can add a unique perspective to our work. Having 20 years of experience working in the Episcopal church in five different diocese the majority of this time in lay ministry, I have an experience of the Episcopal Church that captures multiple vantage points. In addition to these gifts, I will also bring the gift of engaged listening, a renewed energy for the post pandemic church, and a willingness to have courageous conversations. Having completed seminary after nearly two decades in lay roles in episcopal church as well as engaging theological education during the pandemic has afforded me the opportunity wrestle with the question of “who are we” in new ways. I truly believe this perspective is needed as we step into who we are called to be.

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Sabeth Fitzgibbons – *Priest-in-Charge, Trinity, Seattle.* I am interested in being a clergy deputy to General Convention because I love the work of The Episcopal Church when it meets to discuss and pray and decide about our life as a Church. I love the diversity of people and perspectives at General Convention. I love the sense of community and shared commitment to living life faithfully, however we understand it. Part of ordination to the priesthood is a promise to take our place in the counsels of the church, and I feel strongly called to be part of the General Convention. I previously attended General Convention as a deputy from Olympia (2006, lay) and Northwestern Pennsylvania (2015, clergy). Ordained in this diocese in 2006, I served with congregations in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania before coming home to Seattle in 2016. I am currently Priest in Charge at Trinity Parish, Seattle.



Elizabeth Riley – *Rector, Emmanuel, Mercer Island.* I have served in the Diocese for three years at the rector of Emmanuel on Mercer Island. I am eager to see the ways in which the larger Episcopal Church will address the changing culture and demands of the world. I have been excited to see the ways in which the Diocese of Olympia is beginning to do that, and how that can be represented at General Convention. I am passionate about how the church is growing and adapting, simultaneously holding onto our history and reaching in new directions. I am passionate about interfaith and ecumenical ministry and partnerships in the church. I am currently serving on

Diocesan Council and am excited for the opportunity to represent our diocese further.