

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (2020)

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:

STANDING COMMITTEE (pg. 3-4)	
<u>Clerical Order</u>	<u>Lay Order</u>
Rachel Taber-Hamilton Trinity, Everett	Harry Anderson St. Stephen's, Oak Harbor
Sarah Colvin Holy Spirit, Vashon	George Robertson St. Barnabas, Bainbridge Island
Carla Robinson Christ Church, Seattle	Tsuneko Nakatani St. Peter's, Seattle

DIOCESAN COUNCIL (pg. 4-8)		
<u>Be Attitudes - Clergy</u> Greg Peters St. Alban's, Edmonds	<u>Be Attitudes - Lay</u> Jo Burkholder St. Andrew's, Seattle	<u>Columbia - Lay</u> Sharalyne King St. Stephen's, Longview Andrew Brewer Good Shepherd, Vancouver
<u>Eastside - Clergy</u> Michael Ryan St. John's, Kirkland Elizabeth Riley Emmanuel, Mercer Island	<u>Evergreen - Lay</u> David Coburn St. James, Kent	<u>Peninsula - Clergy</u> Laura Murray Faith, Poulsbo Dianne Andrews St. Paul, Port Townsend
<u>Rainier - Clergy</u> Rachel Endicott Christ Church, Puyallup	<u>Rainier - Lay</u>	<u>Sno Isle - Clergy</u> Joseph Peters-Mathews St. Hilda St. Patrick, Edmonds Eliacin Rosario-Cruz St. John's, Snohomish
<u>Willapa - Clergy</u> R.C. Laird St. John/San Juan, Olympia		

OFFICERS OF CONVENTION (pg. 8)

<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Archivist & Records Manager</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Historiographer</u>
Marda Steedman Sanborn	Diane Wells	Barbara Fox	Carle Griffin

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH GOVERNING BODY/OFFICE

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 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.

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. The Diocesan Council includes the bishop, and two members (one clergy and one lay) representing each of the regional ministries.

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.

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



Rachel Taber-Hamilton – *Rector, Trinity, Everett.* Rachel's diocesan work includes serving on the former Dismantling Racism Training Team, the former Commission on Ethnic Ministries, the former First Nations Committee, and Diocesan Council. Rachel served as President of Standing Committee for three terms (2014-2017). Additionally, Rachel served as co-chair of the Bishop Search Committee during our most recent search process (2005-2007). Rachel served as rector of St. Stephen Episcopal in Oak Harbor and is currently the rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Everett, where she has served for almost 10 years. In 2020, Rachel co-founded Ethnic Ministries

Circles of Color, the independent grassroots network of people of color in the Diocese of Olympia. Rachel is Shackan First Nation, an indigenous heritage that informs her passion for social justice and advocacy for people of color. She currently serves on the international board of the Anglican Indigenous Network and the General Convention Joint Standing Committee for Nominations.



Sarah Colvin – *Rector, Holy Spirit, Vashon.* I am Sarah Colvin, a second career priest, serving on Vashon. I am a lifelong Episcopalian. As a former medical examiner, I have a sensitivity to the spiritual needs from a broad swath of life. I have experienced the Episcopal church in Texas, New York, Maryland (EDOW), Virginia and now Washington. My experience as clergy ranges from a large university based parish to a small bicultural parish in crisis, and now to my current parish, which has filled me with an appreciation of the challenges of the church in the seeker culture that undergirds church in the Pacific Northwest. I have previously served on the Executive Council during my time in Virginia. I have a master of arts in religious studies with a focus on Ethics. Finally,

I have respect for the breadth of the liturgical and spiritual expressions of the very big tent that is the Episcopal Church.



Carla Robinson – *Associate Priest, Christ Church, Seattle.* I've served in this diocese in several capacities, for 20 years, including service on the Bishop Staff under the leadership of two diocesan bishops and a suffragan bishop. So, I have experience in how Standing Committee functions and insight into what it can do and be. As an African American priest (the first raised up and ordained in this diocese), I have a lived knowledge and awareness of the issues facing people of color in this region. I've also had the honor of forming strong ties with people of color beyond the Black community. All of this I'll bring to Standing Committee, if elected. Though I speak here of "I," I'm deeply aware of "we." I've been formed by community and I'm accountable to community. If

elected, I'll bring a strong commitment to community—the community of our diocese and the communities that have formed me and hold me accountable.

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



Harry Anderson – *St. Stephen's, Oak Harbor.* I'm Harry Anderson, a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Oak Harbor on beautiful Whidbey Island, and I am a nominee for the lay position on the Standing Committee. I believe I could be a valued member because of my church leadership background and broad corporate experience. I have served as Senior Warden at four Episcopal churches, one in Santa Barbara, Calif., one in Dallas, Texas and both on Whidbey Island. This gives me good insight into how individual churches handle their various challenges – from finances to aging membership. My background in journalism and corporate public relations gives me lots of experience in communicating with external and internal audiences. In addition, I would bring to the Standing Committee the perspective of Episcopalians at our churches – small, medium and large –

here in the gorgeous, less populated, northwest portion of our Diocese. I would be pleased to have your support.

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George Robertson – *St. Barnabas, Bainbridge Island.* I have served in leadership roles in four dioceses and believe that what I have learned would be a valuable addition to the Standing Committee. My six years on the Board of Directors (three years as Chair) and eight years on the Joint Finance Panel would help with property and finance issues facing the Standing Committee. My four years on the Board of Examining Chaplains and on the Commission on Ministry in our diocese and three years in the Diocese of Maine informs my understanding of the canonical role of the Standing Committee in the ordination process. I have worked with a number of bishops in five dioceses and know what to prayerfully consider in the consent to election of bishops. I also served a partial term on the Standing Committee 15 years ago. I am eager to work collaboratively with the bishop and members of the Standing Committee.



Tsuneko Nakatani – *St. Peter's, Seattle.* My name is Tsuneko Nakatani, attending St. Peter's Episcopal Parish in Seattle for the last 8 years. I am serving as the Financial Committee Chairperson on the vestry and an acolyte. I was raised in a multi-religious family of Buddhism and Shintoism in Japan, came to the US 30 years ago, received Jesus, and confirmed at Grace Cathedral in 1992. Since my confirmation, I have walked my life path in God's blessings. My profession in international financial management took me from San Francisco, Japan, Pacific Islands, and Silicon Valley, before arriving in the Northwest. Currently, I am a CPA and financial advisor. I am a woman minority, bilingual, multi-cultural, familiar with a multi-religious society. I have 8 years of experience in advocacy for survivors of Domestic Violence. My passion is in love for people. In our rapidly changing international community, I believe I can be an asset in this leadership role.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL BE ATTITUDES REGIONAL MINISTRY – CLERGY [*one two-year unexpired term*]



Greg Peters – *St. Alban's, Edmonds.* I am energized by the prospects of working on Council in our Diocese's ongoing discernment of how best to fulfill Jesus' commission to become God's Beloved Community. We are blessed to live in a richly diverse region. My calling is to lead the church toward embodying that diversity. What I offer to Council is a passion for working toward making our church more open to and inquisitive of the communities around us, more hospitable to those to whom we minister, and more compassionate toward and responsive to the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors. I enjoy working with people from different backgrounds and perspectives. Through God's redeeming love, we are bound together across divisions, beyond boundaries, and among diverse cultures, and then, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to learn from each other, to gain a fuller understanding of God's work in creation, in society, and in ourselves.

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



Jo Burkholder – *St. Luke's, Seattle.* As a trained anthropologist, I bring a world of experience to the Diocesan Council having worked, lived and traveled in many parts of the world and many regions of the US. A life-long Episcopalian, I have participated in many aspects of parish life including serving on Bishop's Committee, leading a Canterbury House and young adult program, and helping to implement formation programs at a number of parishes. I am particularly interested in the work of public relations and facilitating connectedness throughout the diocese. As a former chair of a university budget committee and a member of strategic planning committees and non-profit boards I am well prepared to do the work of carrying out priorities set by convention and adapting budgets accordingly, as well as serving on committees as needed.

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

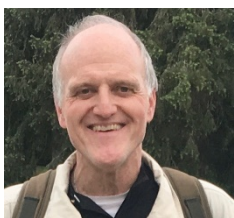


Sharalyne King – *St. Stephen's, Longview.* Thank you for the opportunity to be a standing nominee to Diocesan Council. It's greatly appreciated. I'm interested in learning more of the business side of our Church through our Diocese. I'm a person that enjoys learning and helping others. It's through these experiences that I've met some amazing people. My experiences as a current vestry member of my local church has been nurtured and shaped by my completion of a Master Business Administration and Master in Teaching. Through vestry experience, being an educator, and running a small business in prior years; I know that it takes determination, teamwork, patience, and the love for people to help the goals of communities thrive and flourish.



Andrew Brewer – *Good Shepherd, Vancouver.* I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Diocesan council Lay position - Columbia region (3 year term). Asking for your vote. I am a member of The Church of the Good Shepherd in Vancouver, WA, elected delegate the 2020 (virtual) convention. I also attended past conventions. Served on Chapter for the Episcopal Cathedral in Spokane. Former Chair of the Diocese of Spokane Diocesan council "Social Justice and Outreach Ministries" committee. I created a community garden next the Cathedral property. At the Cathedral, I installed a Point of Sale Quickbooks Pro barcode bookstore sales system. While at the Cathedral, served as the assistant head usher and member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, delegate to past conventions for the Diocese of Spokane from the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist. I graduated from University of Idaho (B.S. Communication - Photo-Film), and Taipei American School H.S, Taiwan. I Worked as a Technical Sales Specialist - Digital output production and Apple Product Professional/technician, Color output management. I grew up in a USAF military family living in the Caribbean, UK, Germany, Italy and here in the USA. I was confirmed at the Frankfurt Episcopal Church, (West) Germany. My mother is from the U.K. My father was also a Department of State Foreign Service employee in overseas Embassies. Member of the NAACP, Sons of American Revolution, Brotherhood of St Andrew, League of Women Voters, and a County election observer.

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



Michael Ryan – *St. John's, Kirkland.* My wife, Susan, and I moved to Kirkland from the Diocese of Western Michigan in late January. Since the pandemic hit soon after we arrived, there haven't been many unstructured opportunities to share fellowship and become acclimated to the life of the Diocese of Olympia, so I was happy to get a call from the Nominations Committee about serving on Diocesan Council. The work of the Diocesan Council is a good fit for me. Before discerning a call to the priesthood, I spent two decades analyzing, developing and implementing public policy in a variety of professional contexts. My first job out of college was working for my Congressman in DC, later I managed a midwestern law firm's Washington office. Much of this work entailed representing tribal governments; I even took a leave of absence to serve as the interim chief of staff for an Ojibwe nation in Minnesota. In the years leading up to seminary, I was vice president of policy of a New England state's science and technology foundation advising legislative leaders on strategies to increase R&D capacity and expand technology infrastructure. For the last 11 years, I had the good fortune to work with the members of a distressed parish in western Michigan to redevelop the community into a vibrant missional church. From 2008 to 2013, I served on the board of Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church, including a stint as the organization's president. It was in this context that I first met and worked with Bishop Greg. From 2017 to 2020, I chaired the Commission on Ministry for the Diocese of Western Michigan. I look forward to getting to know and serving with the people and clergy of the Diocese of Olympia.

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Elizabeth Riley – *Emmanuel, Mercer Island*. I started serving this diocese two years ago after being in the Diocese of California. I am excited to see the ways in which the Diocese of Olympia is creatively addressing how we are the church, how we continue to share the message of Christ in the world in new ways, and I am eager to support this work through serving on Diocesan Council. I deeply believe in the potential of the Episcopal Church. I am passionate about how the church is growing and adapting, simultaneously holding onto our history and reaching in new directions. Ecumenical and interfaith relationships are a particular area of expertise and interest in my ministry, and I bring experience serving in a fundraising capacity on the boards of both Episcopal Campus Ministries at Stanford University and the ecumenical group Young Clergy Women International.

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



David Coburn – *St. James, Kent*. I came to this diocese about 25 years ago. In that time, I've been involved in leadership positions most years, from diocesan council delegate, diocesan council member, two stints on the vestry, and many different committees, councils, and other related ministries. I've been involved in both Cursillo (Come and See) and Kairos for much of that time. The Catechism of our faith states that one role of the laity is the "governance of the Church" (BCP, p. 855). I feel called to that role as a member of Diocesan Council, and I look forward to serving the next three years in that capacity.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL PENINSULA REGIONAL MINISTRY – CLERGY [one three-year term]



Laura Murray – *Faith, Poulsbo*. As the vicar of a mission that has been the occasional beneficiary of diocesan funds, I am acutely aware of how important our diocesan budget is when it comes to funding programs that benefit us all. Whether funds are for Christian formation, contributions for curacy positions, scholarships for various diocesan events, outreach, or newly articulated concerns, it is vital to keep the intended purpose always in mind and in line with Christ's command that we love one another. I am excited at the prospect of serving on Diocesan Council and being part of the group that helps ensure our best hopes and programs are well funded. I look forward to the possibility of building meaningful relationships in the Diocese of Olympia, hearing about all the good things happening throughout, and furthering our vision of health and opportunity for all.



Dianne Andrews – *St. Paul's, Port Townsend*. It is an honor to stand for Diocesan Council. Before seminary I was as a Registered Cardiovascular Technologist and a marketing specialist. The tapestry of my experience, including a BS degree in Design, continues to serve me well, especially in challenging times in which innovation and creative communications are especially important. I attended Church Divinity School of the Pacific and have served congregations in the Dioceses of Central Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania. In Pennsylvania I served as a Diocesan Jubilee Officer and on Diocesan Council. In the Diocese of Olympia, I was the Interim Missioner for the Komo Kulshan Cluster in Skagit Valley, and am currently blessed to be serving as rector of St. Paul's in Port Townsend. For the sake of offering Good News to the world, we continue to be called to tend to health of Christ's church with glad hearts and with the gifts we have been given.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL RAINIER REGIONAL MINISTRY – CLERGY [one three-year term]



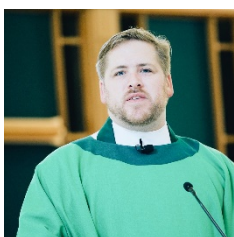
Rachel Endicott – *Christ Church, Puyallup*. If elected, I believe my seemingly diverse set of experiences and skills would contribute to Diocesan Council. Having served a variety of Puget Sound area congregations, I've seen how the diocesan budget shapes the diocese as well as individual parishes. Configurations of diocesan staffing, numbers and types of grants, special programs, and diocesan resources are affected by the diocesan budget as well as program goals. On top of being a parish priest, I served as a chaplain at Camp Huston for a couple of years, sat on the Commission on Personnel, and was elected as an alternate for General Convention. I have particular interests in Evangelism and Social Justice; I possess an MBA and years of financial leadership. In congregations I've served – particularly those in transition or that have experienced challenges – I've always worked to strengthen the ties between the diocese and the individual faith community.

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

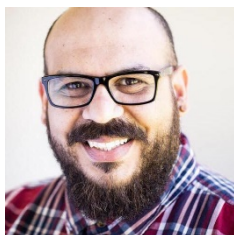


No Nominee – There are no nominees currently standing for this position. This is open for nominations up to the time of diocesan elections at convention on October 23rd.

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



Joseph Peters-Mathews – *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 believe I have experience looking at the broader picture necessary to do the work of the convention between conventions. In addition to my work at the broadview, I have 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. This is reflected in my preaching and my actions, and would carry over to the public relations function of council. Thank you for your consideration.



Eliacin Rosario-Cruz – *St. John's, Snohomish*. I am a convert to The Episcopal Church. My falling in love with TEC, my discernment to the Priesthood and my formation have all happened in the Diocese of Olympia. I am deeply grateful, and now is my time to serve this Diocese. I've been in Christian leadership for the past 25 years. I bring with me the strength at looking, understanding, and approaching the work of the church through multiple lenses: as a non-cradle Episcopalian, as a former Evangelical, as a convert to TEC, as a Latinx Priest. I serve as a trainer at the College for Congregational Development, a member of the Union for Black Episcopalians, and a Board Member in the Episcopal Evangelism Society. I serve as Rector of St. John's in Snohomish.

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



R.C. Laird – *St. John/San Juan, Olympia.* Rev. Laird is standing for a second term on Diocesan Council. Personal statement not available at this time.

SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA



Marda Steedman Sanborn – *St. Margaret's, Bellevue.* I am a candidate for Secretary of Convention and have previously served in this role. I have also served as the Canon to the Ordinary and in that role, served on the Board of Directors, Diocesan Council and the Personnel Committee. This position facilitates communication between the Board of Directors and specific individuals and congregations. It is a key position in the Diocesan Convention. I have served in several parishes in the Diocese including St. Andrew's, Tacoma; St. Mark's Cathedral; St. James, Kent and now St. Margaret's, Bellevue. I have been a trainer with the College for Congregational Development, and am certified to teach IDI, multicultural competency; Fierce Conversations and MBTI Myers/Briggs Typology Indicator. I would love to serve the Diocese in this capacity again.

ARCHIVIST AND RECORDS MANAGER



Diane Wells – *Messiah Lutheran Church, Auburn.* I have had the privilege of serving the Diocese of Olympia as Archivist and Records Manager and as an Officer of Convention since 1994. The Archivist and Records Manager is the official custodian of diocesan records and I view the protection and preservation of the historical memory of the diocese as reflected in these records as an act of stewardship. As I have said before, 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 preservation of those memories – keeping our stories and making them available to others – is the focus of my ministry. Professionally, I participate in local and national archival organizations and work closely with the Archives of the Episcopal Church. I am a certified archivist with master's degrees in history, and library science and a certificate in records management.

TREASURER



Barbara Fox – *St. John's, Kirkland.* Statement from 109th Convention: It has been an honor to service the Diocese in the important work of finances and I wish to continue helping to make the Diocese of Olympia stronger.

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.