

# Nominations Committee 2019 Report to Convention

This draft report reflects information received by October 10.

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.

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<b>Jaime Case</b> St. Luke, Vancouver	<b>Collum "Collie" Liska</b> St. Benedict, Lacey
<b>Jedediah Fox</b> Church of the Redeemer, Kenmore	<b>Douglas Oles</b> Epiphany Parish, Seattle
<b>Jennifer King Daugherty</b> Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle	<b>James Campbell</b> St. Mark, Montesano
<b>Kate Wesch</b> St. John the Baptist, Seattle	<b>Josh deLacy</b> St. Luke, Renton
<b>Kevin Pearson</b> St. Luke, Renton	<b>Judith Andrews</b> Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle
<b>Nic Mather</b> St. Stephen, Longview	<b>Kyle Davidson</b> St. Paul, Bellingham
<b>Paul Moore</b> St. Paul, Mount Vernon	<b>Maria Gonzalez</b> St. Mary, Lakewood
<b>Rachel Taber-Hamilton</b> Trinity Church, Everett	<b>Phillip Lienau</b> Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle
<b>R.C. Laird</b> St. John, Olympia	<b>Sandi Carter</b> Christ Church, Puyallup
<b>Rich Weyls</b> St. Andrew, Seattle	<b>Tieran Sweeny-Bender</b> Epiphany Parish, Seattle
<b>Sarah Butler Ginolfi</b> St. Thomas, Medina	
<b>Steve Danzey</b> Good Samaritan, Sammamish	

## **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.

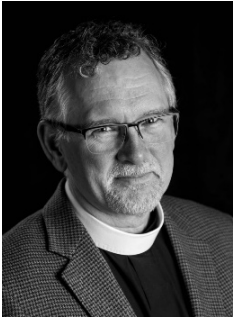
**Archivist and Records Manager:** The archivist and records manager is the official custodian of diocesan records and is responsible for the direction and implementation of the archives and records management program of the Diocese of Olympia. This is a part-time, paid position.

**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.

**2021 General Convention Deputation:** Nominations for deputies to General Convention are made “from the floor” at the convention rather than as part of the slate of the Nominations Committee. Those included here submitted election materials in advance for your review; this does not preclude additional candidates having their name placed in nomination onsite at the convention. **Brief Description of General Convention:** The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church, consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies meeting together every three years. The 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church is scheduled for July 2021, at The Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, MD (Diocese of Maryland). Every diocese is entitled to seat eight representatives in the House of Deputies, four clergy and four lay. The General Convention is a legislative body—some say the largest in the world—and it should not be surprising that it acts in large part like the Congress of the United States as many of its drafters were the same ‘fathers’ who designed the U.S. Constitution. It acts together to enact legislation and frequently seems submerged in paperwork (though folks are working to reduce the load. Much of General Convention work is actually accomplished in committee before legislation reaches the floor and committee assignments are avidly sought, for this is where legislation can best be influenced, amended or even cancelled. Most committee assignments are made on the basis of seniority, and as we have tended to have a stable representation of deputies our diocese has been blessed over the years with many such assignments. The downside to this system is that new faces tend to not get committee assignments. Although the deputies are expected to vote independently (and, by rule of the House, every deputy is required to be seated and voting), the deputation gets much out of caucusing and open discussion, both at the time of convention, and before.

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



**David Marshall** – *Rector, St. Dunstan, Shoreline.* Who is God calling our Church to be? As Rector of St. Dunstan’s Church for the past 10 years I have been engaged with our congregation to ask how our gifts can be re-imagined to build a new kind of church. Some of the results have surprised us, including the creation of a thriving feeding ministry that serves as many as 17,000 meals a year. Other discernment has led us deeply into the traditions of the Episcopal Church. At St. Dunstan’s Church, this work has led to new growth and vitality and a new vision of what it means to be a congregation. This work has to happen at the congregational level, but we need to collaborate with the diocese and other congregations as well. I am seeking the opportunity to work collaboratively with our bishop and other leaders from our Diocese as we lead the Diocese of Olympia and our congregations to new life and new ministries while honoring and celebrating who we are and where we came from.



**Jedediah Fox** – *Rector, Church of the Redeemer, Kenmore.* As a church we do best when we do things in community, including making decisions. After a term providing a voice on Diocesan Council, I would be honored to offer my perspective on the Diocesan Standing Committee. I bring perspective as a spouse, parent, and priest of varied experience, and hope to bring all of those perspectives and more to be of service to the Diocese of Olympia.



**Jennifer King Daugherty** – *Canon for Congregational Life, Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Seattle.* I would be glad to contribute my experience and skills to the vital work of the Standing Committee. I bring multiple perspectives as a priest for five years (currently Canon for Congregational Life at Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Seattle); a board member of non-profit organizations in community bail support, affordable housing, trades training and job placement for women, and girls’ education; and a financial advisor to non-profit healthcare systems. I’ve learned about the important balance of mission and margin in sustaining and growing non-profits and I would apply my experience in financial analysis, negotiation of agreements, and engaging difficult conversations to the varied work of the Standing Committee. I strive to be a careful listener, a synthesizer of different points of view, and an advocate for voices that are often silenced. I believe my experience and gifts would support the prayerful and collaborative work of the Standing Committee.

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



**Harry Anderson** – *St. Stephen, Oak Harbor* I joined the Episcopal Church just after becoming baptized by the Suffragan Bishop of Los Angeles in 1996 at the ripe age of 52. Since then, as a result of job transfers and retirement, I have been a member of five Episcopal churches in three states: California, Texas and Washington. I have also served on the Vestry and been Senior Warden at four: Trinity (Santa Barbara, Calif.), St. Thomas The Apostle (Dallas, Texas), and St. Augustine's in-the-Woods and St. Stephen's (both on Whidbey Island). My experience in media and public relations as well as my service as a leader in various media and corporate positions has been helpful during my Vestry service, particularly as senior warden. I am interested serving on the Standing Committee because I would like to help our Diocese, Bishop and our churches address our many challenges: increasing secularization of society, political polarization, aging/declining congregations and the threats of climate change and racial/ethnic division.



**Vikki Day** – *St. Andrew, Seattle*. My professional life, higher education administration, is about serving students by creating programs, stewarding resources (budgets, space), nurturing staff and being responsive to stakeholders. I “thought” that career contributed to society. Then I was elected to the Vestry of St. Andrews (two years as senior warden) and I learned just how much I didn’t know. Balancing budgets, managing income property, motivating volunteer leaders, facilitating discussions, and responding to parishioner concerns all in the spiritual context stretched me. I learned that my spiritual life should be intertwined with my work life and that I borrow from each to be a better person. I’m learning that being intertwined is how I become who God means me to be. I’m realizing that the time I give to my parish and the diocese affirms “me” and a way to contribute my skills. I hope you’ll agree I have something to give to the Standing Committee.

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



**Connie Carlson** – *St. Andrew, Seattle*. As a lifelong Episcopalian in this Diocese, I consider among my times of richest growth and development, the years I spent Saturday mornings at the Diocesan School of Theology. Over years of personal discernment, I met others seeking and discerning what call meant for them. I believe each congregation embodies gifts to be raised up and charisms to be shared. Serving for some time as a co-chair on the Diocesan Children’s Committee enabled me to work with people from other congregations sharing ideas and creating experiences like Cathedral Days. After ordination, I served on the Diocesan Pastoral Care Committee and enjoyed serving on two Cursillo Teams. I believe we are stronger and more vibrant when we work together, listen to and learn from each other, share our gifts, our challenges, and value the unique ministries of each congregations. Serving as a listener/connector is a ministry I value.

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



**Josh Hosler** – *Good Shepherd, Federal Way*. The diocesan structure of the Episcopal Church is one of its greatest strengths, and this is why I am, in my ministry as a baptized person, diocesan in nature. Before my ordination I served for years in youth ministry, first at the diocesan level, and later as a lay employee in a parish that was able to be a resource for diocesan partners. As my emphasis expanded into formation for all ages, I found that I was able to help bring people together from various parts of the diocese to shore up all our gifts. As a priest now, I intend always to think not only in parish terms but also in diocesan terms. I have enjoyed serving on the Cathedral Foundation Board and the Commission on Liturgy & the Arts. I hope that my gifts of organization and communication might be especially helpful on Diocesan Council.

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



**Tina Francis Mutungu** – *Trinity Church, Seattle*. I’m Indian and grew up in the Middle East. I’ve been a lifelong Christian. In my adulthood, I’ve found a new appreciation for the cyclical, respiratory, “behind-the-scenes” work that actuates the church. I’m applying to serve on the Diocesan Council to better understand this work—and to contribute to it. I’m a young mother; an acolyte and lector at my Parish; and an aspirant discerning a call to the priesthood. The other hat I wear is as a creative. I am a documentary and family photographer with a portfolio of work that includes humanitarian storytelling for nonprofits on four continents—including right here in Washington. I also co-founded SheLoves, a global, online magazine. I’ve written feature reflections published in Deeper Story and the NIV Study Bible for Women; have spoken at retreats and conferences across Cascadia; and have served as a Creative Advisory Board member for Exodus Road, a non-profit that works against human trafficking.

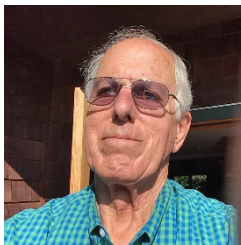
## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL MOUNT BAKER REGIONAL MINISTRY – LAY [one three-year term]**



**Kyle Davidson** – *St. Paul Bellingham*. Active in the Diocese of Olympia for over ten years and grandson, son and brother to Episcopal clergy persons, I have been shaped since childhood by our tradition and its mission to spread Jesus' love by welcoming all people, especially those at the margins. Within our diocese, I desire the church continue to focus on empowerment at the local level to outreach and model the inherent dignity of all people in the face of challenges such as homelessness, institutional racism and widening income inequality. My professional

background in public health and fluency in Spanish bring skills engaging diverse communities. I have served on a vestry, worked with budgets and volunteer for ministries such as lay-reading and Family Promise for homeless families. Alongside my wife and son, I treasure our worship and hymns, our clergy and laity and seek to nourish and energize our common story as a diocesan church family.

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



**Stuart Case** – *St. Barnabas, Bainbridge Island*. I served as Senior Warden during some of the period of time between the rectorships of Rev. Dennis Tierney and Rev. Karen Haig. During that time, I was the Administrative leader of the parish while Dr. Rev. Jan Heller served as Interim Priest dealing with only pastoral and liturgical matters. I chaired the Vestry planning the agenda and officiating the various meetings. I worked closely with Finance Committee and Treasurer dealing with various budgetary matters that would appear and funding projects that dealt with parish safety and campus beauty. I sought final spending approval from the Vestry. I can say with pride

that Rev. Karen Haig received a fully functioning parish upon her arrival. Prior to my service with St. Barnabas, I served on several Not-For-Profit boards dealing with diverse missions. My most recent was on the board of a residential care facility for troubled youth. I chaired the board 3 times. My first term involved a 2-year capital campaign that successfully concluded raising \$1.8 million fully funding the project. My last term dealt with a financial crisis causing me to focus on all budgetary items which we weathered. During my 15+ years, we focused on the operating budgets closely as the public funding had its own vagaries. I will bring to the Diocese my focus on mission and budget.

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

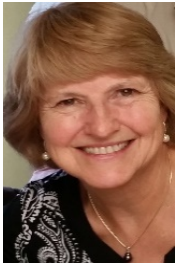


**Marian Stinson** – *St. Mary, Lakewood*. My primary interest in running for this position is to work with others in helping parishes thrive in their communities. The diocese really is all of us, so the role of the council is to listen, support and augment the work being done at the grass roots. During my 28 years of ordained ministry I've worked in a variety of parishes from family to corporate size with a specialization in conflict management and reconciliation. I know what an important role the diocese can play in providing resources, encouragement, and structural support during difficult times. A strong, healthy diocese such as ours can only get stronger as we stand together and live into God's call to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly before God. I would be honored to serve all of you on the diocesan council.

## SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA

*Position Currently Open*

## ARCHIVIST AND RECORDS MANAGER



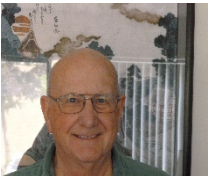
**Diane Wells** – *Archivist and Records Manager; Messiah Lutheran Church, Auburn.* I've had the privilege of serving as your diocesan Archivist and Records Manager and Officer of Convention since 1994 and I'm more convinced than ever of the importance of this position. Today's digital age presents many challenges, but my goal continues to be to provide the diocese and its congregations, ministries and institutions with the highest level of archival and records management expertise and service. Every day I work to maintain the records of the diocese, to preserve diocesan memory and to assist congregations. I am always looking for ways to improve access and make our records available to those who need them. I continue to participate in professional organizations such as the Society of American Archivists and I work closely with the Archives of the Episcopal Church. I have master's degrees in history and library science, a Certificate in Records Management and I am a Certified Archivist.

## TREASURER



**Barbara Fox** – *Retired escrow officer/limited practice officer; St. John, Kirkland.* 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** – *Retired; St. 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 – Lay Deputy *[we will elect four (4) deputies and four (4) alternates]*



**April Thomson** – *Christ Church, Blaine.* I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 2004 (Diocese of Los Angeles). Moving to WA in 2010 my wife and I began attending Christ Church, Blaine, a small Mission parish. We were immediately absorbed into parish ministry. We developed and continue to produce Backstage at the Border, a coffeehouse-style live music program which has become a primary funding source for Christ Church's outreach ministries. My parish ministries: hospitality, chalice, lector, bulletin production, office machine whisperer, and current member of our Bishop's committee. I am a recent graduate of College for Congregational Development, and a 2-time Delegate to our Diocesan Convention (currently an alternate). I have felt called more deeply into serving not only the church but the Church. I would be humbled to represent our Diocese at the next General Convention...if I can just tear away from unjamming our copy machine.



**Carol Van der Veen** – *Holy Cross, Redmond*. Baptized Episcopalian at 3 months, confirmed in the Anglo-Catholic tradition in Chicago, my life has moved me thru the very Protestant Southern Church and enlivened my faith thru experience in the Charismatic movement. Time in Alaska called me into Adult Christian Education and I spent some 20 years Mentoring EFM which broadened my understanding of Church, and allowed for a summer session at Oxford exploring Theology and the College of Congregational Development in our Diocese. I have engaged in Parish Leadership at many levels. Having studied the evolution of the Church over the past 2000 years, I believe we are in the midst of a time of reordering and having had the opportunity to experience a wide variety of Episcopal offerings, I believe I have some lay insights and skills that could help and inform the delegation from this diocese for the 2021 National Convention.



**Collum "Collie" Liska** – *St. Benedict, Lacey*. I have served on three diocesan-related organizations: the Board of Directors, Chaplains on the Harbor, and Episcopal Retirement Communities. These roles enabled me to learn how missions, parishes, diocesan boards and staff function and relate to each other. Experience shows that we function best as Church when we are willing to look at issues from all perspectives in order to achieve meaningful results throughout our diocese. I have served at the congregational level over the past 40+ years as Junior and Senior Wardens at St. John's, Olympia, and more recently as Treasurer, and Peoples' and Vicar's Wardens at St. Benedict's, Lacey. All my church-related roles give me a sound grounding to assist and invigorate our deputation to general convention on matters affecting our diocesan life. Giving thanks that my parents raised me in the Roman Catholic Christian tradition, happily I became an Episcopalian through my own adult choice!



**Douglas Oles** – *Epiphany Parish, Seattle*. After representing our Diocese at the last four General Conventions, I have been honored to gain a place on the national Canon Law Committee. There and in the House of Deputies, I have enjoyed opportunities to exchange ideas and build consensus with our Bishop and the rest of our Deputation. General Convention can sometimes be a little frustrating, but the inspirational leadership of our Presiding Bishop and of our Bishop gives me hope that we can promote unity by building reforms in a way that tries to leave no one behind. And a little humor can be helpful. If I am chosen to continue serving at General Convention, I will support those with ideas to build up the Church rather those who seem inclined to divide it.



**James Campbell** – *St. Mark, Montesano*. I have served on Diocesan Council for 9 years, Standing Committee for 4 years, Diocesan Budget & Finance Committee for 15 years (5 as convener), and am active in my home church at St. Mark's, Montesano and with Chaplains on the Harbor ministry. There have been several new programs and ministries that have been started in our Diocese, some of which I know well, that we need to bring to the larger church (and some we do already!). My experience in all things financial can be useful at the larger church level in assuring our funds get used in the best ways possible.



**Josh deLacy** – *St. Luke, Renton*. I've encountered our diocese from many angles: as a young adult newcomer, volunteer small group leader, St. Luke's communications director, diocesan representative at the Evolving Faith conference, and trail guide on the Youth Creation Care Pilgrimage with +Katharine Jefferts Schori. After six years of very active participation, I know and love our church. As part of my bachelor's degree in political science and writing, I competed for three years in collegiate Model United Nations and worked in Washington D.C. as the public policy intern for American Forests. I cooperated with diverse coalitions in these roles and learned how to navigate the committee process to advance causes I believe in. Today, alongside my church positions, I own the website development company Branded Look LLC and edit The Post Calvin journal, where I facilitate productive discourse and workflow. I'd be honored to contribute these experiences and perspectives to our deputation.





**Judith Andrews** – *Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle*. As a deputy in 2018, I was honored to serve as chair of the Safeguarding and Title IV Committee. That committee reviewed and wrestled with many of the resolutions submitted by the special committee, (dubbed the “MeToo Committee,”) created by the House of Deputies President. Our work included changes to the canons on clergy discipline to ensure improved treatment of victims and improvements to the process itself, as well as approving the creation of training for the safeguarding policies. I currently chair an interim body developing model sexual harassment policies for the Church and training on the safeguarding policies. I hope to bring my passion for this work and the Church, my skills as a lawyer and experience as a deputy to the next convention to further these important issues and work collaboratively with our deputation to participate effectively at the Convention and bring our learnings back to the Diocese.



**Kyle Davidson** – *St. Paul, Bellingham*. As a cradle Episcopalian and grandson, son and brother to Episcopal clergy persons, I am proud to be a part of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement and its mission to spread Jesus’ love through welcoming all people, especially those at the margins. At the national level, I desire the church continue to advocate for the inherent dignity of all people and seek reconciliation from racism, hopelessness and the collective trauma generated by repeated violence and division seeming omnipresent in our national life. I advocate for the full inclusion of all persons at all levels of ministry, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented communities and seek to renew a radical sense of welcome. As a fluent Spanish speaker and public health professional, I treasure our institution and its polity and would bring a passion for the legislative process and relationship building as your deputy to General Convention.



**Maria Gonzalez** – *St. Mary, Lakewood*. While attending a student diversity conference, I was asked to select one word to describe me; I chose Episcopalian. I believe Episcopalians are change-makers—passionate, inquisitive, and eager to make the world a better place. Previously, I have represented the Presiding Bishop at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; served on the Official Youth Presence to the 79th General Convention; and participated as a Diocesan Youth Council leader, parish Diocesan Convention delegate, and Creation Care youth pilgrim. These experiences formed my passion for environmental and social justice issues. I believe our diocese, located in one of the most beautiful places on earth, can lead the way in combating climate change. Most importantly, I believe our church can embody the Way of Love by continuing to address issues of social inequality and human rights violations. As your deputy, I will bring youth voice, energy, and love to General Convention.



**Phillip Lienau** – *Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle*. Recently I served on the board of a local non-profit, chairing the committee tasked with updating the bylaws. At the time the organization happened to be going through a process of growth and change that caused some internal disagreements that threatened to tear the organization apart, and the bylaws were being used by many as a weapon against their opponents. I was honored to shepherd a process in which the underlying fears and hopes for the organization could be communicated in an open, honest, and safe environment for all so that the bylaws, and in turn the organization, could be made to serve the greater good. I would be honored to bring that experience to this ongoing work, the governing of the Episcopal Church, that I believe is vital to the communion we inhabit in Christ.



**Sandi Carter** – *Christ Church, Puyallup*. I've twice served as alternate deputy and was able to participate in the last General Convention. I have been involved in leadership in my home parish, having served on the vestry several times. I am a graduate of the College for Congregational Development. I serve in my parish as a worship leader, lay preacher, Eucharistic Minister and Visitor. I'm also an EfM mentor. Additionally, I serve on the St. Andrew's House Advisory Committee. I'm currently a student at Fuller Theological Seminary working on a Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry. I found at the last General Convention a new understanding of the workings of our church and how important it is for there to be a connection between our congregations, the diocese, and our denomination.



**Tieran Sweeny-Bender** – *Epiphany Parish, Seattle*. I am so excited about the possibility of being a deputy! At age 12, I started as an acolyte and am now a eucharistic minister. I helped run Epiphany’s 2019 Vacation Bible Camp, was Holy C youth delegate at multiple diocesan conventions, and am currently on the leadership team for the Christian group at Reed College. I fundamentally believe that the Church has profound and powerful answers for how to be a human being in the 21st century, especially in the face of the fear and resignation present in my generation. I long for us to continue building communities abounding in love, welcoming and affirming all people. I believe I would have much to offer and much to learn by being part of the delegation. As a deputy, I would work to represent our entire diocese and continue thinking about how to better connect the Church to people my age, to participate effectively at the Convention and bring our learnings back to the Diocese.

**GENERAL CONVENTION – Clergy Deputy** *[we will elect four (4) deputies and four (4) alternates]*



**David Marshall** – *Rector, St. Dunstan, Shoreline*. As Rector of St. Dunstan’s Church for the past 10 years I have been engaged in the practical discernment of who God is calling our congregation and our Church to be. My entire ordained life has been lived out in the Diocese of Olympia with our unique challenges and gifts. We, in the North West, are on the leading edge of discerning a new identity and mission for the Episcopal Church in an ever more secular and polarized world. We are doing the soul-searching work necessary to turn our congregations and ourselves inside out, looking for new ways to be the heart and hands of Christ for our neighborhoods, our cities, and our world. I look forward to the opportunity to bring the perspective and experience of our congregation and our Diocese to the General Convention.



**Dianne Andrews** – *St. Paul, Port Townsend*. I believe that attending to the business of the church is an act of faithfulness and service. I offer 22 years of experience as a priest serving in three different dioceses. During the 1997 General Convention, in Philadelphia, I served as a volunteer. In the Diocese of Pennsylvania, I have served on Diocesan Council and as chair of the Faith Formation Task Force. My years of ministry include extensive experience working with children and youth. I have a passion for the work of administration that creates vital and healthy organizations, firm infrastructures, and an openness to new possibilities. This passion would, ideally, serve the larger

church in the work of governance, for the sake of furthering the mission and ministry that we claim as our inheritance and our purpose, in the love of Christ Jesus.



**Jaime Case** – *St. Luke, Vancouver*. Although in my 25th year of ordination, I have never served as a delegate to General Convention. I am interested in serving because I have been to convention as the Executive Director of Province VII Center for Hispanic Ministries and Canon for Multicultural Ministry of the Diocese of Texas, but never as a delegate. In Texas, I was the first Anglo called to serve a Hispanic congregation, San Francisco de Asis, where I was also ordained. I have actively served in Spanish since 1994. I also bring to ministry my background from the Philippines, where I was raised by missionary parents in rural ministry. I have been resident in the Diocese of Olympia since 2011, all of that time serving at St Luke’s ~ San Lucas [SL2], in Vancouver, WA. Vancouver has offered ministry in

Spanish since 1998, and I am pleased to be a part of an effort of cross-cultural ministry, reconciliation, and immigration issues. Since I have worked at SL2, we have expanded outreach to the homeless. We teamed up with Share to have an overnight shelter for 18 women in the basement of our facility. Aztec Dancers have joined in using the facilities with all the Twelve Step groups we host. We are proud of our record with GLBTQI rights, and our participation in the Pride Fair and Peace and Justice.



**Jedediah Fox** – *Church of the Redeemer, Kenmore*. I am running to be a deputy to General Convention for the third time because I believe in the Church not only as we are now, but as we can and should be, as Jesus calls us to be. The work of getting from where we are to where Jesus is calls us is equal parts exciting, boring, and always hard work. I believe that it is something that you’re called to and I feel called to do my part to work with people from every part of the Church to make the Jesus Movement move.



**Jennifer King Daugherty** – *Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Seattle*. I would be honored to serve as a deputy to General Convention in July 2021 and have long appreciated our deputation’s significant contributions. I am bi-vocational, serving as the Canon for Congregational Life at Saint Mark’s Cathedral and as a partner in a financial advisory firm to non-profit hospitals. I serve on the steering committee for our Diocesan Taskforce on Sexual Harassment and Discrimination and have passion for criminal justice reform, liturgical development, and diversification of leadership’s voices and perspectives. I enjoy the legislative work of research, priority-setting, collaboration, and coalition-building that bears fruit in new mandates. I strive to be a careful listener, a synthesizer of different points of view, and an advocate for voices that are often silenced. I would bring my love of Christ’s people alongside my analytical skills and experience with group facilitation and consensus-building to support the heart and goals of our delegation.



**Kate Wesch** – *St. John the Baptist, Seattle*. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as a deputy in 2018. After that, I was asked to serve as a member of the State of the Church Committee. This group has been tasked with being “an energetic think tank and incubator for adaptive thinking, innovative ideas, and fresh approaches to the church’s leadership, organizational thinking, and common life.” It feels like we have been given broken tools to fix a broken system. General Convention in its entirety needs to look and happen differently. I would like to go in 2021 to complete the work we have begun. Then, I believe it is imperative to share this ministry and have others attend in the future. If elected, I will do what I can to make the governing bodies of our church more equitable, accessible, and streamlined so we can focus on forming disciples to bring about the Kingdom of God.



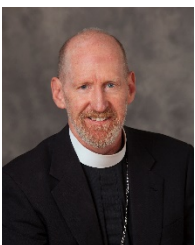
**Kevin Pearson** – *Rector, St. Luke, Renton*. I serve our diocese as rector (15 years) of St. Luke Church, Renton and, newly, as priest for Our Lady of Guadalupe Episcopal Church: a bilingual Spanish/English congregation that meets at St. Luke’s. Previously, I served the Diocesan Personnel Commission for nine years as chair and two terms on our Clergy Association (once as chair). I’ve also served as an alternate delegate and attended two General Conventions as a visitor. I have been instrumental in bringing healthcare and gun violence legislation to GC. I hold a D.Min. in worship and the 21st-century church, calling for a renewed sense of mystery and majesty in worship life; GC

2021 will have something to say about our church’s worship, and I would love to contribute to the conversation. I represent our church’s diversity, and I hold some wisdom, having served in this and other dioceses for over twenty years. I’m a nice guy.



**Nic Mather** – *St. Stephen, Longview*. I have always been interested in the governance of the Church. I attended General Convention 2015 as a visitor, where I took in the process of the whole of the convention. In 2018 I was chosen for the Planning Team for the National Young Adult Festival at General Convention. This opportunity enabled me to teach about and share my enthusiasm for convention with the newest leaders of our church, and it convinced me that I should serve as a Deputy. Being a millennial and a Rector in the Episcopal Church places me in a unique group (particularly in the Northwest), challenging me to hold our long standing traditions that we have received in our tradition

and pushing me to see how the church can truly be a leader in the Christian faith, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ while leading our denomination into the future.



**Paul Moore** – *St. Paul, Mount Vernon*. I serve two congregations, Resurrección and St. Paul’s in Mount Vernon, two congregations that work closely together for mission and ministry in Skagit County. I am also available to the diocese for consultation in multicultural ministry and border issues. Though new to the diocese, I come with significant experience and education in both of these related areas of ministry, areas that are gaining an increasingly high profile across the church. I am known in the church as “the priest who celebrated the Eucharist in the middle of the Rio Grande,” and with launching a Border Ministry Summit program to bring dioceses along the border together to enrich

one another’s ministry. As a delegate to General Convention I will carry with me this diocese’s significant commitment to these ministry concerns and bring back information on what is going on in the rest of the Church that can enrich our ministry here.



**Rachel Taber-Hamilton** – *Trinity Church, Everett*. Throughout my 19 year tenure in the Diocese of Olympia, I have always been actively engaged in several diocesan committees and councils, including Antiracism, First Nations, US representative to the Anglican Indigenous Network, Diocesan Council, Ethnic Ministries, President of Standing Committee, and Deputy to General Convention. For five years, I served on The Episcopal Church Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries and currently serve on The Joint Standing Committee for Nominations of the General Convention Office. I served a three-year term as an office of the Province VIII Executive Committee. Additionally, I served on the Presiding Bishop’s Indigenous Missioner Search Committee, and at General Convention 2018, I wrote the resolution that inaugurated a staff educator position for the Office of Indigenous Ministries. At every level of our church organization, I have served as an advocate for marginalized and minority voices within our society and within Church. I bring broad experience in collaborative leadership, organizational polity and communication to the committee work and legislative dialog which characterize The General Convention. I feel sincerely called to serve our diocese and the Church in this vital ministry, through which the Church strives to realize God’s mission in the world.



**R.C. Laird** – *Rector, St. John, Olympia*. As an alternate at the last General Convention, I had the opportunity to focus my time on issues that I was particularly passionate about, and I spent the Convention following the work of the legislative committee working on sexual abuse in the church, even working to draft a resolution with colleagues from our diocese that was adopted by the Convention (though the resolution that was adopted was heavily edited in the legislative process). It was a tremendous learning experience, and one I would be grateful to continue. I love our Church, and have seen how the legislative process of the General Convention reveals the Kingdom of God, as messy and confusing as that process can be. At the same time, there is always more we can do to truly make Christ’s love known to the world, and the General Convention is central to that work.



**Rich Weyls** – *Rector, St. Andrew, Seattle*. I have always experienced God’s call in my life to be exciting and new. I feel that God is inviting me to offer myself to the Episcopal Church as a General Convention Deputy. My life as a priest has spanned 26 years and I have served the Church in a variety of positions. Though I have advanced training in systematic theology, I felt called to serve God’ people, primarily, as a parish priest. I have been fortunate to serve eight different parishes throughout the country – three as Rector. My leadership experience in the larger church has been in liturgy, music, art/architecture/environment, stewardship and planned giving. I am also a Board-Certified Healthcare Chaplain and have worked as a Palliative Care leader in the acute care setting. I am fun to be around, enjoy listening and learning, and often get tapped to offer leadership in group settings. I am happy to serve however you, and God, call me. Thank you for your consideration.



**Sarah Butler Ginolfi** – *St. Thomas, Medina*. At St. Thomas, I support the Rector and Vestry with strategic innovation in worship, evangelism, and faith formation. I also oversee our Children’s Formation programs. In service to the diocese, I joined the team designing the Youth Creation Care Pilgrimage and was able to help lead that as well. I’ve also served as a chaplain at high school retreats. Prior ministry with St. Thomas, I served as the Parish Missioner at St. Paul’s, Indianapolis where I oversaw young adult and evangelism teams and founded St. Paul’s On The Way, an offsite neighborhood venue for casual worship and community. I love this church family and believe it’s an exciting time to “be church” even amidst the stress of change. I thrive in transition and feel called to add my voice to this unique time and place.



**Steve Danzey** – *Good Samaritan, Sammamish*. Like many others, I came to the Episcopal Church as a spiritual refugee. This expression of Christ’s Body in a very real sense “saved” me. I want to see its faithfulness and witness to the Gospel deepened and expanded because I believe our Church has something unique and live-giving to offer to a broken, divided world. I will bring that passion to the diocesan leadership group, as well as experience gained from serving in three different dioceses of the Church and from knowledge about the wider Church acquired by serving on the Standing Committee of our Diocese.