The Episcopal Diocese *of* Vermont

Nominations Packet

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Brookhaven Treatment and Learning Center Trustees

3 Clergy or Lay

Three Nominees:

Sally Garmon

St. James, Woodstock

- **Place of Employment:** Self Employed
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** Outreach committee, Fair and auction committee
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** current board member
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** current board member
- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** Have been a foster parent, lived in Vt 40+ years, RN worked for state in Corrections, Public Health, DAIL, and mental health.

Teresa Voorhees

St. James, Woodstock

- **Place of employment:** Retired
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions**: Member of St. James Finance Committee, member of St. James Pastoral Care Team
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** Vestry member at St. Thomas in Indiana, 2010-2013, Search Committee co-leader at St. Thomas, 2019
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** Licensed Clinical Social Worker, past Interim Executive Director of Brookhaven
- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** As a current board member, I believe the services provided by Brookhaven are outstanding and much needed in Vermont.

Nancy Wuttke

Christ Church, Bethel



- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** Diocesan Resolutions Committee; Christ Church Senior Warden
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** Brookhaven Trustee, 2017-2024
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** During my previous experience as a Brookhaven Trustee, I was honored to fulfill various roles on the Executive Committee. This involved a bigger time commitment and more

responsibilities. Being an officer also gave me more insights into the working of the Board. I also participated in the search for a new director.

I have 41 years experience as a MS and HS teacher. After years in public school settings, I finished my teaching career as the only HS teacher at an alternative school in Barre. I understand the classroom and institutional dynamics of institutions that work to uplift underserved student populations.

- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** I feel passionately about providing compassionate and motivational programming for students who may have trouble accessing learning in a traditional setting. I am proud to have been a Trustee when Brookhaven extended educational services to girls as well as boys.
- **Other interests and concerns:** I am one of the musicians for my church. I enjoy hiking the beautiful trails of our Green Mountain.

Commission on Finance
2 Clergy or Lay

Two Nominees:

The Rev. Paul Olsson*
St. Stephen's, Middlebury

- **Place of Employment:** St. Stephen's, Middlebury
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** Rector, St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury; Secretary of Convention, Standing Committee
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** In the Diocese of Newark: Rector, St. Paul's Church, Morris Plains (2003-2020); Diocesan Council (2004-2012), Commission on Ministry (2005-2012), Cathedral Chapter (2013-2015), Committee on Constitutions & Canons (2010-2012), Bishop's Advisory Committee on Human Resources (2005-2020)
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** From my ministry experience in the Diocese of Vermont over the course of the past 6 years, I believe I can bring a valuable perspective to the work of the Commission on Finance as they shepherd our diocesan resources and seek to live into a positive vision of the future for our diocese.

Dr. Charles Wohlers
Christ Church, Montpelier

- **Place of Employment:** Retired
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** Commission on Finance; Vestry; Lay Eucharistic Minister
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** Diocesan Council, Diocese of Massachusetts; Vestry and Senior Warden at All Saints, Whitman, MA
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** Previous service.

General Convention Clergy Deputy 4
1 Clergy

Two Nominees:

The Rev. Canon Lee Alison Crawford
St. Mary's, Northfield



- **Place of Employment:** St. Mary's, Northfield
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions**: Priest Associate, Saint Mary's Parish, Northfield; Standing Committee, Clerk; Convener of the Task Force on Sanctuary and Refuge for Vulnerable Populations; 81st General Convention Clergy Deputy
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** General Convention Deputy (1997-present); Standing Committee (2014-2018, President 2015-17; 2006-2007); Diocesan Commission on Ministry (1994-2003/chair, 2000-2003; 2013-2019, chair); member of the Transition Team (and in charge of the liturgy subcommittee, 2019); member of The Episcopal Church Executive Council (2006-2012) and more.
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** The Vermont deputation will benefit greatly from having a balance of new and experienced deputies. As a Senior Deputy, I can bring my experience to bear on the difficult issues likely to arise at the 2027 General Convention, such as the 2028-2030 budget for The Episcopal Church, resolutions focusing on church policy, and actions regarding liturgical changes, health care and the cost of health insurance, immigration, the environment and safeguarding the well-being of all vulnerable persons. The current General Convention leadership has invited me to be part of a small cohort of deputies who will engage in a mock General Convention with the aim of finding "bugs" in the system before the Phoenix gathering. I will gladly share whatever I learn to help the deputation work more efficiently, always within a context of prayer. Finally, I want to go with the spirit of beloved Vermont Deputies Stan Baker, Nanci Gordon and Bishop Tom Ely, all of whom cared deeply about issues that will be addressed in Phoenix.
- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** Beyond the issues mentioned above, my heart has always been with small congregations and the bulk of my active ministry in Vermont has been at two congregations with an average Sunday attendance of under 30 people. General Convention surely will examine new ways of living out our faith in our local communities and supporting them. It will also discuss and take up resolutions concerning new configurations of diocesan partnerships. Whether locally or in the larger church, our faith communities have to adapt to certain inexorable realities (e.g., finances, clergy shortage).
- **Other interests and concerns::** At the 81st General Convention in 2024, I chaired the Legislative Committee on World Mission. Resolutions the committee debated and presented for adoption by the full General Convention included some on migration, such as

supporting Episcopal Migration Ministries (whose federal funding was gutted in 2025). Given the current focus on immigration and policies pertaining to deportation—which affect us all—I am certain General Convention will address this subject. My work on the diocesan task force on sanctuary and refuge will inform my work at General Convention

The Rev. Kathleen Schotto

Holy Trinity, Swanton



- **Play of Employment:** Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions**: Rector of Holy Trinity, Swanton – September 2024-Present; Member of Sanctuary Task Force Diocese of Vermont; Appointed Member of Executive Council for the Diocese of Vermont
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** I was a member of the Diocese of Maryland for 18 years both as a lay person and as clergy. As a lay person I served on the vestry of our church from 2010-2016; was co-chair of the Diocesan Convention Committee 2013-2019; was a member of Diocesan Council of Maryland from June 2016-May 2019 and served two of those years as the 2nd Vice President of Council, leading the meetings along with the Bishop. Between 2018 and 2022 while in discernment and seminary I served as an intern with St. Bartholomew's Church in Baltimore from September 2018 to January of 2019 and as the seminarian for St. Martin's in the Field in Severna Park, MD from Fall 2020-2022. Following my ordination to the priesthood in June 2022 I served as the Priest-in-Charge at the Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter in Baltimore until July 2024. I was also a volunteer coordinator for General Convention in 2022 and my final diocesan position with Maryland serving as a clergy deputy to General Convention 2024. As a part of my duties as deputy I served on the Social Justice and United States Policy Legislative Committee.

- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** Throughout my lay and clergy roles on both a parochial and diocesan level have given me a deep appreciation for the work done on a diocesan and wider church level that allows us to do the work of God in the world. In 2024 I was deeply committed to doing the necessary work as a deputy and honored to be elected as such. Having served in various roles as both a lay person and clergy gives me a different perspective on some issues because I have seen both sides. I am an organized person and desire to continue to promote the church in the world. I also enjoy laughter and having a good working relationship with whatever team I am serving.
- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** I believe in the polity of the Episcopal Church and most particularly in our commitment to our Baptismal Covenant. Everything that we do should be done through the lens of that Covenant.
- **Other interests and concerns:** Human rights issues, particularly those involving children and the marginalized, are some of my deepest concerns. I believe strongly that it is our responsibility as children of God and followers of Jesus to care for the least, last, and lost at all times.

General Convention Alternate Deputies
4 Clergy, 4 Lay

Three Clergy Nominees:

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- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** If I am not elected as the Clergy 4 Deputy, I will gladly serve as Clergy Alternate Deputy because the Vermont deputation will benefit greatly from having a balance of new and experienced deputies. As a Senior Deputy, I can bring my experience to bear on the difficult issues likely to arise at the 2027 General Convention, such as the 2028-2030 budget for The Episcopal Church, resolutions focusing on church policy, and actions regarding liturgical changes, health care and the cost of health insurance, immigration, the environment and safeguarding the well-being of all vulnerable persons. The current General Convention leadership has invited me to be part of a small cohort of deputies who will engage in a mock General Convention with the aim of finding "bugs" in the system before the Phoenix gathering. I will gladly share whatever I learn to help the deputation work more efficiently, always within a context of prayer. Finally, I want to go with the spirit of beloved Vermont Deputies Stan Baker, Nanci Gordon and Bishop Tom Ely, all of whom cared deeply about issues that will be addressed in Phoenix.
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The Rev. Anne Hartley

All Saints, South Burlington and St. Paul's, Vergennes



- **Place of Employment**: Priest-in-Charge of All Saints, South Burlington and St. Paul's, Vergennes 2024-Present
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** Priest-in-Charge of All Saints, South Burlington and St. Paul's, Vergennes 2024-Present
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** Curate, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, St. Petersburg, FL, 2022-2024; Diocesan Council, Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida, 2023-2024
- **Other interests and concerns:** Being new to the church life, this would be my first time at General Convention. I'm interested in seeing the information I learned in canon law class come to life in Church governance.

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Holy Trinity, Swanton



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such. Having served in various roles as both a lay person and clergy gives me a different perspective on some issues because I have seen both sides. I am an organized person and desire to continue to promote the church in the world. I also enjoy laughter and having a good working relationship with whatever team I am serving.

- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** I believe in the polity of the Episcopal Church and most particularly in our commitment to our Baptismal Covenant. Everything that we do should be done through the lens of that Covenant.
- **Other interests and concerns:** Human rights issues, particularly those involving children and the marginalized, are some of my deepest concerns. I believe strongly that it is our responsibility as children of God and followers of Jesus to care for the least, last, and lost at all times.

Two Lay Nominees:

Lisa Leopold

St. John's in the Mountains, Stowe



- **Play of Employment:** Lamoille South Supervisory Union
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions**: I am in a phase of life (2 small children and full time job) that does not allow me to regularly contribute to anything other than helping my family have a great time at church on Sunday mornings. I love the idea of working hard and being focused on the business of the church for a finite amount of time. GC is the perfect way for me to participate right now.
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** I have been to 2 General Conventions. In 2006, I attended as a young adult guest. In 2015, I was elected as the dead of the deputation of the Diocese of East Tennessee. In 2024, I served as the 1st Alternate Lay Deputy for the Diocese of Vermont.
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** I understand the workload and level of attention to detail required to be a useful and effective deputy. I am a good listener and genuinely enjoy hearing and considering many different viewpoints on an issue. I was also part of the founding of a seminal non-traditional worshipping community in East Tennessee, which was featured at General Convention in 2015. Before moving to Vermont in 2017, I joined my husband, the Rev. Dr. Bob Leopold, on his Episcopal Church Foundation Fellowship. Through these experiences, I have had the opportunity to see and participate in many different expressions of the Church, giving me a wide lens through which to understand the future of our branch of the Jesus movement.
- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** "If it isn't about love, it isn't about God." – the Most Rev. Michael Curry
- **Other interests and concerns:** I have 2 small children, and have been a public school music teacher for 21 years. I would consider myself an expert on how to create meaningful experiences for children, and I think this could be a useful skill for the Church.

Gaen Murphree

St. Stephen's, Middlebury

- **Play of Employment:** Self-employed writer
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions**: Co-Chair Zero Emissions Task Force; Chair Creation Care Ministry, St. Stephen's; part of St. Stephen's Social Justice group.
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** Delegate to Diocesan Convention and multiple positions at my church including organizing and leaded Taize services, Lectio Divina offerings during Lent, and teaching Sunday School.
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** As part of my work on the diocesan Zero Emissions Task Force and with the Creation Care Ministry at St. Stephen's, I am active with the Green Caucus of the Episcopal Church, which both brings together Episcopalians called to Creation Care ministry and also was created out of and to support environmental resolutions at General Convention.
- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** The Episcopal Church is a leader in faith-based Creation Care and has dedicated folks all over the US and worldwide in the Anglican Communion, supporting this work through theology, worship, prayer, and action.
- **Other interests and concerns:** Our faith calls us to work for justice and to be a voice for those whose voices aren't heard, which for me includes all who are most vulnerable in our human societies and in ecosystems worldwide.

Rock Point School Board of Trustees
2 Clergy or Lay

Two Nominees:

Saeed Hammond



- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** Previous alumni and active board member for the past 3 years.

Monica Brady-Myerov

More information to come.

Standing Committee
1 Clergy, 1 Lay (Full Term); 1 Lay 1-Year Term

One clergy nominee:

The Very Rev. Greta Getlein
Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington



- **Place of employment:** Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington
- **Previous parochial and/or diocesan positions:** Chair of Financial Oversight and Audit Committee (2020-2022); Chair of Finance Committee (2022-2025); Executive Council (2022-2025); Joint Title IV Disciplinary Board, member then president (2020-2025)
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** I served on the Standing Committee in the Diocese of Rhode Island for 4 years, serving as president for my last year.

One lay nominee:

Jack Manning
Calvary, Underhill



- **Place of Employment:** Retired – Owner of The Classic Bike Experience in Essex
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** Senior Warden at Calvary
- **Previous parochial and/or diocesan positions:** Same
- **Qualifications to serve in this positions:** 30+ years of professional leadership positions in many disciplines and industries.
- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** Happy to help with our mission.
- **Other interests and concerns:** Calvary-St. James Constellation is in full swing and this position will provide more visibility for the team.

Trustees of the Diocese
5 Clergy or Lay

Five Nominees:

David Bullock
St. Mark's, Newport



- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** President of the Trustees of the Diocese of Vermont; Member of the Investment and Real Estate Committees of the Trustees; Member of the Diocese Executive Council
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** For the last 6 years a Trustee and member of the Investment and Real Estate Committees.
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** Experience as a Trustee of the Diocese. Previously while in NY a Trustee of the Episcopal Diocese of NY for 7 years. Served as Junior Warden of Christ Church, Rye for 3 years. Leadership role in created the Bishop Tharp business in Haiti with the help of Episcopal Relief and Development funding. Visited Haiti over 30 times to develop this project. Life long Episcopalian and very proud of our role in assisting in diversity and inclusion in the USA. Married to Nancy Bullock, a former Vestry leader in St. Mark's, Newport.
- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** Would like to see our Diocese take a leadership role in augmenting moderate to low income housing in Vermont and to assist in the Immigration crisis in Vermont.
- **Other interests and concerns:** How we grow youth participation in our Churches and in the leadership of the Vermont Diocese.

Paul Horn
St. Stephen's, Middlebury



- **Place of employment:** Retired
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan positions:** Trustee (filling one year position) 2026
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan positions:** Trustee (2026); Diocesan Treasurer (2023-2025); various leadership positions at St. Stephen's Church in Middlebury
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** The Diocesan Treasurer position provided valuable insight of the Diocese. Professionally, I have managed small to large organizations financial health, cash flow, and financial planning.
- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** My background fits well with managing and protecting the financial, real estate, and endowment assets of the Diocese.

Lindsey Huddle

St. James, Essex Junction



- **Place of employment (if applicable):** Retired
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan positions:** Secretary of the Trustees of the Diocese
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan positions:** I served on the board of Rock Point School for 4 terms, attended General Convention in 1997, and served on the vestry and various committees at St. James. I served on the Cooperative Christian Ministry and the University of Vermont, the only progressive Protestant ministry on campus for approximately 20 years, ending in 2024, and served on the Canons Committee of the Diocese for approximately 35 years and presently. Currently, I am serving on the Stewardship Council of Rock Point Commons as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** Years of experience serving in the Diocese, years on the Canons Committee, attorney with practice in real estate law.
- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** I believe that it is important to support the growth of the mission of the Episcopal Church in Vermont, and to assist in the management of the real estate of the Diocese.
- **Other interests and concerns:** Supporting healthy communities in Vermont, as I am able.

Dana Peterson*

Trinity, Rutland



- **Place of employment:** BROC Community Action, Case Manager for the Rutland Emergency Shelter
- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan positions:** DoV Trustee: Nov. 2022 to Present; Parochial Roles: Chalice Assistant, Usher, Livestream Tech, Lector
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan positions:** Finance Team Chair: 2017 to 2024; Stwardship Chair: 2000 and 2001; Stewardship Team Member: 2021, 2022, 2023; Chalice Assistant since 1992; Usher since 1990, Acolyte Trainer 2004 to 2017; Diocesan Convention Delegate 2021
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** The Diocesan Trustees have two active subcommittees that provide direction for the use and stewardship of funds and property that fall under their direction. The management of these assets is important to the Diocese and the individual member parishes that are beneficiaries of these assets. Appropriate oversight of these resources is important for God's work to thrive in our Diocese. In addition to more than 20 years of administrative experience managing finances, building and grounds as a public-school administrator, I have also served on the Real Estate committee for the Trustees for the past four years. During this time, I have reviewed scores of documents, attended numerous subcommittee meetings and offered input into operating procedures and their development. In addition, I have served as a point of contact and liaison between the

trustees and parishes that have been going through a transition process. During that time, I have conducted site visits, visually documented assets, offered support and insight for the few active members who have been communicating with the Diocesan Office, and helped guide account transfer from the local parish to the Diocese. I have even helped coordinate a service for a small local parish with de facto mission status. In addition, I served as Secretary for the Trustees for the 2025 calendar year.

In addition to the roles I have assumed at the Diocesan and Parochial levels, I have also served as vice chair for my local town planning commission since 2015. This role has required me to become familiar with a number of regulations including state statues, local codes and ordinances in addition to various plans. It has required me to be actively involved in a variety of hearings such as land use and subdivision applications. Furthermore, my experience in the above-mentioned roles and areas of responsibility has helped me to develop a sensitivity to liability awareness and a strong sense of risk mitigation. These are two attributes that would complement my skill set to continue to execute responsibilities as a Trustee of the Diocese of Vermont

- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** When we consider the importance of the role of trustees, I continue to believe it is important to view responsibilities through an equity lens. In order to be effective stewards, it is critical to know the audience for whom we are providing care and stewardship. The work the trustees are currently doing with respect to identifying diocesan assets and striving to work with parishes that have been declining in active members has been vital to the sense of belonging both at the parish level as well as on the wider diocesan level. There are elements of grief and loss when parish memberships shrink to a level where the active congregants can no longer maintain the facilities that they have been caretaking for a long time, and they do not have the financial resources to call a spiritual leader. Trustees must keep in mind the characteristics of these audiences when reaching out to help these faithful parishioners interact with the diocese in a meaningful way. When we talk about the audience for our actions and communications, we should include anyone who is touched by the decisions that are under the auspices of the trustees. Furthermore, it is essential to note that teamwork is critical to advancing the life of the church. Understanding the differences between governance and operations is essential to helping facilitate active stewardship both at the parochial and diocesan levels.
- **Other interests and concerns:** As a long-time educator, I have a strong commitment to youth development and youth opportunities. This is as true in the life of the church as it is in society as a whole. As a trustee whose role is to help shape the future direction of the Diocese in coordination with the bishop, I think I will be able to bring an important perspective to this arena. Whatever decisions that are made about the future of the church in Vermont, our youth need to be an essential part of the conversation. By including them, we will get a glimpse into the needs of future generations and how they can help shape and sustain the future vitality of our Episcopal faith.

The Rev. Kathleen Schotto

Holy Trinity, Swanton



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- **Current Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions**: Rector of Holy Trinity, Swanton – September 2024-Present; Member of Sanctuary Task Force Diocese of Vermont; Appointed Member of Executive Council for the Diocese of Vermont
- **Previous Parochial and/or Diocesan Positions:** Between 2010 - 2024 I held multiple roles as a lay and clergy member in the Diocese of Maryland. I served on vestry and was the secretary for my parish. On a Diocesan level I was a member and co-chair of the Diocesan Convention Committee, member of Diocesan Council and 2nd vice-president of Council leading the meetings along with the Bishop. During discernment and seminary I was an intern at St. Bartholomew's Church in Baltimore and the seminarian at St. Martin's-in-the-Field in Severna Park. After ordination I served as the Priest-in-Charge at the Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter in Baltimore for two years. I was a volunteer coordinator for General Convention in Baltimore in 2022 and a clergy deputy to General Convention in 2024.
- **Qualifications to serve in this position:** The multiple roles I have held as both lay and clergy have given me a deep appreciation for the administrative work necessary for us to do the pastoral care and work of God in the world. These roles provided me with the ability to see issues from multiple perspectives. I enjoy learning new things and gaining new skills as well as having a desire to promote the church in the world.
- **Views on any issues that may be relevant to this position:** The Trustees of the Diocese work primarily with property and finances, particularly investments. I believe that a part of what the church as a whole must do is to look at our properties for ways in which we can use them to serve our communities in different ways than in the past. We also need to ensure, as much as possible that our investments are in line with our work toward the kingdom of God.
- **Other interests and concerns:** Human rights issues, particularly those involving children and the marginalized, are some of my deepest concerns. It is our responsibility as baptized Christians to remember always our Baptismal Covenant and to carry those promises with us from the church into the world.

**The Rev. Paul Olsson transferred his nomination to the Commission on Finance and Dana Peterson has been nominated for The Trustees in his place.*