NOMINATIONS FOR
ELECTED OFFICES

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce our slate of nominations for election at the 187th Annual Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. We will be electing members to the Cathedral Chapter, Diocesan Council, Disciplinary Board, and Standing Committee.

According to our Diocesan Constitution, all nominations for elected positions must be submitted at least 50 days prior to Convention. Our deadline for nominations was September 23, 2026.

Any nominations made after the September 23rd deadline are considered a “petition” and must be submitted to the Presiding Officer (the Bishop) during Convention. Those petitions must be signed by at least five voting members and accompanied by the written consent of each nominee. The Bishop will add any additional nominations to the official ballot.

This booklet contains all officially nominated candidates (nominations received by September 23, 2026).

Any nominations made after the deadline will be added from the floor during the Convention.

* The Constitution of The Episcopal Church in The Diocese of Missouri, Article III.6

NOMINATIONS FOR
CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

Electing 1 lay member (from inside St. Louis City/County) and 1 clergy member (from inside St. Louis City/County) for 3-year terms.

Cathedral Chapter is similar to the Vestry of a parish, but because the Cathedral is the Bishop's seat and the "mother church" for the Diocese, its leadership is made up of clergy and lay members from throughout the Diocese as well as its own congregation. Chapter meets monthly on Zoom.

NOMINEES for election to Cathedral Chapter:

The Rev. Canon Tamsen Whistler

Retired



I retired in 2025 after 30 years as Rector of Trinity Church in St. Charles. I was ordained a Deacon in 1984 at Christ Church Cathedral and a priest in 1985 at Grace Church in Jefferson City. I served two years on the staff at Grace Church and 9-1/2 years at Calvary Church, Columbia. I'm a 1984 graduate of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary (now Bexley-Seabury.) I have a B.S. in Secondary Education and an M.A. in English from the University of Missouri-Columbia. I taught high school English and journalism for six years (Scandia, KS; Caruthersville, MO) before I went to seminary. At St. John's Church in Caruthersville, I served as a lay reader, chalice bearer (old terminology), Diocesan Convention delegate, and was an at-large member of Diocesan Council. St. John's was my sponsoring congregation for ordination. (Sadly, it was flattened by a tornado about 20 years ago.) As a priest, I have served on Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, was a member of the Bishop Search Committee, and am a Deputy to General Convention. I avoided Cathedral Chapter for years, thinking, "One Vestry meeting a month is plenty!" A few years ago, however, I realized that I might have something to offer in a broad view of the diocese and the importance of connecting with our Cathedral. So, I changed my mind and was elected to a three-year term. I found it challenging, energizing, and full of people committed to serving Jesus Christ in God's mission for the world. I can see Chapter implementing the vision they developed for ministry when I was a part of the group. I continue to be deeply impressed with the Dean's leadership and with the gifts of the Chapter members. I would be honored to serve a second term.



Richard (Dick) Entenmann

Grace, Kirkwood

My wife Becky and I have been members of Grace in Kirkwood for 25 years. During that time I have served as Senior and Junior Warden, Discernment Team Chair, Stewardship Chair, Personnel Committee Chair and a choir member. My Diocesan support includes a member of the Standing Committee, Discernment Team for Bishop Deon, and Co-Chair for the Strategic Planning Team.
I have been thinking and praying on future service opportunities with the Diocese and feel (with the help of the Holy Spirit)that it is the right time to submit my name as a candidate for the Cathedral Chapter.

NOMINATIONS FOR
DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Electing 2 lay members for 3-year terms.

The Diocesan Council does the work of the Diocesan Convention when Convention is not in session, including development of the program budget; oversight of the programs and offices funded by the budget; and oversight and interpretation of diocesan policies. Members of this committee also serve as members of COEDMO, the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri (meets approximately every other month).

NOMINEES for election to Diocesan Council:



Carolyne Chuma
Trinity, St. Charles

I am Carolyne Chuma, a wife, mother of three adult children, and a committed Christian leader originally from Kenya. I have more than twenty years of professional experience in accounting and finance, along with over two decades of service in lay ministry, women's ministry, mission, evangelism, and community development. I developed a deep commitment to serving God, empowering others, and strengthening communities during my teenage years in my local church.
I was licensed as a lay leader in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2002 and became a member of the Mothers' Union. Since then, I have served as a treasurer, secretary, and chairlady at parish and regional levels, as well as a Mothers' Union Patron. I am also a Trainer of Trainers (TOT) in Mission and Evangelism, which has enabled me to equip others by sharing my knowledge of Christ and my ministry experience.
After moving to the United States, I was licensed to continue my lay ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. I currently serve through Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Charles, and St. Monica Missional Community, where my husband, Martin, serves as Missional Planter and Priest-in-Charge. I am authorized to preach, serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and participate in various areas of lay ministry.
I have helped establish sustainable opportunities, create employment, and develop income-generating initiatives for ladies in the church, including catering services, tailoring, branding, and printing projects. I have also supported small-business development by providing initial capital to individuals in need and initiated the provision of sanitary towels to teenage girls at the beginning of every semester.
I remain passionate about serving God, empowering women and youth, strengthening families, and transforming communities through faith, leadership, compassion, and practical action.

John Kazee
Calvary, Columbia



My name is John Kazee. My husband and I have been active members at Calvary Episcopal Church since 2018. Over the decades, I have earned a master's degree in Opera/Musical Theater Directing (Uni. of Southern Illinois), a master's degree in Choral Conducting (Southern Methodist Uni), and a master's degree in Church Music (Perkins School of Theology, SMU). Since 1980, I've worked in both Methodist and Episcopal Churches in full and part-time positions as a Music Program Director, Organist, Church Secretary and, sometimes, Bible Study leader.
Since becoming an Episcopalian in 1977, I've had the pleasure and responsibility of serving on two parish vestries and a Bishop's Music Committee in the Diocese of Chicago. While living in Portland, OR I was able to use my training in the music and worship style of the Taize Community. My husband and I were involved with designing and leading Taize liturgies for monthly parish worship, at the RC Grotto of Our Sorrowful Mother and the Jesuit Retreat Center.
Every position and experience has been an expression of my faith in action and a continuing search for Jesus' call and guidance. Seeking how best to serve the Love of Christ in all situations. It hasn't always been easy and I've not always been successful, but it has always been an interesting journey to Love.
I have worked and worshipped in a large variety of Episcopal churches, small farm-country churches, inner-city and suburban, both low liturgy and high liturgy. Every experience has been another step with Jesus through a world in much need of creative love and caring.
If elected to the Diocesan Council I hope to bring my treasure chest of training, experiences and Call to seeing situations differently. To seek the best way forward in Christ's Love.

NOMINATIONS FOR
DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Electing 2 lay people for 3-year terms

The Disciplinary Board exists to help in cases where clergy have been presented with charges under the Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Canons (Title IV) of the Canons of The Episcopal Church (meets once a year and as needed).



David Heise

Grace, Jefferson city

My wife Julie and I have been attending Grace Episcopal since 2014, shortly after moving to Jefferson City, and I was confirmed at Grace in 2017. I served on the Vestry from 2018-2021, and I have been a Lay Delegate to Diocesan Convention since 2024. While at First Christian Church (Columbia, MO), I was a (lay) deacon and I led the high school youth group for a time, accompanying the youth on three mission trips. I have served on multiple clergy search committees, and I also serve as a supply organist for both Grace and St. Vincent's in the Vineyard.

I am a professor of engineering and computer science at Lincoln University, and my experience there is perhaps what has best prepared me to serve on the Disciplinary Board. As a former (and still recovering!) department chair, I was responsible for supervising the faculty in my department. This role included being a "go-to" for student complaints, ranging from "my teacher is unfair" to accusations much more serious. I have also been targeted with unfounded accusations due to holding students accountable for their actions. In any such matter, it is critical to gather as much information as possible about a situation from the involved parties, and then evaluate the information gathered against standards of conduct and the rules in place. Alleged offenses must be treated as potentially valid until demonstrated otherwise, and respondents must likewise be heard in an unbiased manner. Title IV of the Canons provides a clear roadmap for ensuring that both complainants and respondents are afforded due process. Certainly, it is my (and our collective) hope that the Disciplinary Board will have no cases to review, but I am willing and able to serve such that we ensure accountability of the Clergy within our Diocese.

Annette Webb

Calvary, Columbia



I am Annette Webb, a cradle Episcopalian and a 14-year member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia. In this Diocese, I have served on the search committee for the 11th Bishop, Bishop Deon Johnson; the search committee for Calvary's rector, the Rev. Ann Dieterle; Diocesan Council; deputy to Province V; a member of Calvary's Vestry, Senior Warden, and Eucharistic Minister, along with serving on many other parish committees. I have also served on various committees in four other Dioceses. If elected to the Disciplinary Board, I will work to ensure fairness for all.

NOMINATIONS FOR
STANDING COMMITTEE

Electing 1 clergy member and 2 lay members for 4-year terms

The Standing Committee functions as the council of advice to the Bishop. It is a visioning group for the diocese; certifies candidates for ordination in the diocese; votes on consent to the election, ordi nation, and consecration of bishops churchwide; and may serve as the ecclesiastical authority for the diocese in the absence of a bishop (meets monthly).

NOMINEES for election to the Standing Committee:



The Rev. Jared Moore

Hope, Town and Country

Jared Moore serves as priest at Hope Episcopal Church in Town and Country. Through the past 20 years of ordained ministry, he has led churches in a variety of contexts and planted churches in both Colorado and Missouri. This broad experience has given him a real appreciation for the challenges our Church faces and the creativity needed to mark out a sustainable future.

In the Diocese of Missouri, Jared has served as a Convocation Dean and is a member of the Camp Firebird Leadership Team. He values building relationships between our congregations and cultivating a sense of joy in our shared work as a diocese.

At Hope, Jared is passionate about creating a culture where people can belong before they have everything figured out, where questions are welcomed, worship is beautiful and alive, and following Jesus has something to say for how we actually live together.

Jared has been married for 27 years to his high school sweetheart and is a dad to their three kids. He deeply loves the Episcopal tradition, especially its liturgy, sacramental life, theological breadth, and its peculiar ability to hold things together that the rest of the world insists must be pulled apart.

Twenty years into ordained ministry, Jared still remains enchanted by the Church, hopeful about what comes next, and grateful to be part of the work.

The Rev. Deacon Valerie Patton

Al Saints and Ascension, Northwoods



As a cradle Episcopalian, my life and ministry have been rooted in faith, worship, and dedicated service to the church and community. From serving as the first female acolyte in my home parish to exercising leadership as a worship leader, Eucharistic Minister, and head of Food and Social Justice ministries, my passion remains steadfast: bringing people together to serve God by serving others. Ordained to the diaconate on June 1, 2024, my ministry as a deacon reflects the call of 1 Peter 4:10: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." I view leadership within the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri as a sacred stewardship—an opportunity to offer my gifts to strengthen our shared mission, foster community connection, and support the flourishing of our parishes and people.

Prior to ordination, I spent decades cultivating professional expertise across corporate, civic, and community sectors. My career includes leadership roles in accounting, information technology, banking, and social and economic development. These experiences shaped my primary areas of expertise: driving organizational effectiveness and operational excellence, advancing social and economic development, and building bridges across diverse stakeholder groups.

If elected to the Standing Committee, I will bring this synthesis of deep Anglican tradition, practical administrative experience, and a deacon's heart for service to our diocesan discernment and governance. I am committed to listening thoughtfully, collaborating effectively, and honoring the trust placed in leadership. I respectfully ask for your vote and prayers as we discern the future of our diocese together.

NOMINATIONS FOR **STANDING COMMITTEE**

NOMINEES for election to the Standing Committee: (continued)



The Rev. Zachary Rugenstone

St. Peter's, Ladue

Priest in the diocese for a little over two years, focused on youth and family ministry.

The Rev. Brenda Sol

Holy Communion, St. Louis



Although I'm new to the diocese, I was very involved in my the diocese of San Diego participating on a number of leadership task forces, Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and, most recently, the Commission on Ministry. I would be honored to use my organizational gifts and systems thinking in service to the Diocese of Missouri. I was ordained in 2012, served as an Associate Priest for Young Adults for two years at Saint Michael & All Angels in Dallas, TX. For the past 12 years, I served as Rector of St. Andrew's in Encinitas, CA. Since March 1st, I've been enjoying getting to know the faithful people at Holy Communion in University City as their rector.



Christopher Masters

Christ Episcopal, Cape Girardeau

I have been a part of Christ Episcopal Church for 12 years now, served a term on the Vestry and several years on the Finance Committee, have served 2 consecutive years representing our church at convention.

I would like to learn more about the diocese and that is why I am running as a lay person for the Southeast convocation.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Mary Korte
- Annette Webb
- Theresa Luebcke
- The Rev. Dr. Teresa Danieley
- The Rev. Dr. Maria Evans
- The Rev. Dave Malek
- Ryan Nely

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