

NOMINATIONS FOR **ELECTED OFFICES**

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce our slate of nominations for election at the 184th 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 26, 2024.

Any nominations made after the October 7 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 October 7, 2024).

Any nominations made after the deadline will be added from the floor during 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 outside 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:



Darlene Hillier-Kaczofsky

Calvary, Columbia

After much prayerful consideration, I am seeking to serve the Cathedral Chapter as I feel this would be a good use of my talent, time, and treasure. I bring experience from serving on previous Vestries and Deanery Councils in the Anglican Church Of Canada.

I currently reside in Columbia and attend Calvary. I serve as the current Warden for the Jane Dey Convocation. I am also an aspirant for the Diaconate. Outside of my church life, I work full-time as a Patient Service Representative at Boone Pulmonary And Sleep Medicine and serve as a weekend on-call Chaplain at Boone Hospital. I share my blessed life with my Husband of 12 years, Dominick. I enjoy cooking, reading, traveling, and meeting new people. It would be an honor and privilege to serve as a Lay Member of the Cathedral Chapter from outside of the St.Louis area.

The Rev. Bethann Rohlfing

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

I am Rev. Bethann Rohlfing, and I am a Deacon who has served as an intern at Trinity Episcopal CWE and Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration over the past year. I serve on the board of the Just Food truck and volunteer with the food ministry at Trinity CWE. I am a graduate of Covenant Theological Seminary, where I earned a Master of Divinity and a Master of Counseling. I am a Board Certified Chaplain and a Licensed Professional Counselor. I have been a chaplain at Mercy Hospital in St Louis for almost twelve years. I served twenty years in the Air Force as an Arabic linguist. I live with my husband, John, live in Kirkwood. We have two adult children.



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:



Tim Anderson

Holy Communion

I am an avid choral singer. For the last seven years, I've been an active member of the Holy Communion choir. I have sung in church choirs and combined choirs such as the Diocesan Gospel Choir and at various ordinations in St. Louis as well as for Interfaith Pride Services. I am currently in my fourth season singing with the St. Louis Symphony chorus. Since becoming widowed in 2021, I have become involved in a number of parish activities:

Assisted in the office and around the church facility

Member of the Building and Grounds Committee

Member of the Stewardship Committee

Advisory committee member for the Ellicock endowment fund, which supports the music program at Holy Communion

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Delegate to the Emery Washington Convocation and to the Diocesan Convention

Member of the Vestry

Ruth Ezell

Church of St. Michael and St. George

I'm a life-long Episcopalian who counts clergy, active lay persons and performers of sacred music among my extended family. Having served on the vestries of CSMSG and Trinity Episcopal Church in Chicago, IL, I appreciate the vital role entities like the Council play in the health and functioning of the Diocese.

In addition, my background in commercial news media and public broadcasting has taught me the importance of listening to all voices at the table and to "meet people where they are."



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NOMINEES for election to Diocesan Council: (continued)



Elizabeth Hines

Holy Communion

Elizabeth English Hines is a retired educator having spent some 40 years in the field of education in various capacities (teacher, counselor, instructional coordinator, Assistant Principal, Psychological Examiner, college instructor). She also was an assistant director of the Head Start Program in St. Louis County.

Upon retirement Elizabeth continues to assist her community

by tutoring youth and serving as a board member of the Episcopal City Mission. She has volunteered in the Oasis Program for seniors and given presentations with the Faith for the Sake of all Program regarding the effects of racism in St. Louis and participated in the Dismantling Racism Program in the Diocese of Missouri. She is a former member of the

Board of Directors of the Mary Ryder Home for Seniors, a former member of the Women's Society of Washington University in St. Louis and a former member of the Parents Council of Washington University.

Elizabeth received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from Harris Teachers College (Harris Stowe State University), a Masters in Education/Guidance and Counseling from St. Louis University and a Specialist in Education Degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Elizabeth is an active participant of Holy Communion Church where she serves as a Eucharistic minister and Lay Reader. In the Diocese of Missouri she has been a member of the Commission on Ministry as well as DECA in terms of selecting candidates for the diaconate and priesthood.

Elizabeth enjoys having fun and belongs to several social organizations. She loves reading and studying the Bible

Elizabeth is married to the Reverend Chester Hines Jr. and has twin sons Atty. Christian Hines and Atty. Christopher Hines, one three year old grand-daughter, Olivia and a one year old grand-daughter Eleanor.

Earl Naylor

Christ Church Cathedral

I was confirmed in 1985 by Bishop Jones, became a member of Trinity, CWE, and later held membership at Emmanuel, Webster Groves, and currently at Christ Church Cathedral. I have served as director of music at both Emmanuel and St. Martin's, Ellisville, where I managed the budget for the music program at each church. Currently I am organist at Holy Communion, University City. In 2022 I went on the Companion Diocese trip to Puerto Rico with my wife of 28 years, the Rev. Deacon Susan Naylor. I also helped to host the Puerto Rican delegation when they visited here in 2023. Now that I am semi-retired, I look forward to giving more time to diocese in a new capacity.



NOMINATIONS FOR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Electing 2 clergy members 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).

NOMINEES for election to the Disciplinary Board:



The Rev. Dn. Jerre Birdsong

Emmanuel/St. Mark's

I have been active in the diocese since 1977. I have served as Treasurer of the diocese, Chair of the Diocesan Investment Trust, and as a trustee on the Tuttle Trust at Christ Church Cathedral and the Emmanuel Church Foundation. I graduated from the diocesan Episcopal School for Ministry in 2004. After retiring as Vice President and Treasurer of Ameren Corporation, I was ordained to the diaconate in 2014. In the last ten years I have served as deacon at my home parish of Emmanuel in Webster Groves and St. Mark's in St. Louis Hills. I would like to serve on the Disciplinary Board because I believe that good corporate governance and compliance enhances our ministry.

The Rev. William Nesbit

Grace Episcopal Church

Currently the Rector of Grace, Jefferson City, I have been a priest for just under 30 years, and in the diocese on and off for about 5 years. In the diocese of Chicago I have served on Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and Camp Board. In the Missouri I have served on Diocesan Council and Disciplinary Board. I am happily married for 40 years and have two adult children, both married, and one amazing grand daughter! I am seeking a second term on Disciplinary Board.



NOMINATIONS FOR STANDING COMMITTEE

Electing 2 clergy member and 1 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, ordination, 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. Dn. Justin Martin Christ Church Cathedral

The Reverend Justin Martin is a vocational deacon within the Diocese of Missouri. He currently serves at Christ Church Cathedral following his ordination on December 9, 2013. Deacon Justin moved to St Louis back in 2017 for a hospital chaplain position at Saint Anthony's Hospital/Mercy. Currently Deacon Justin is the Director of Spiritual Care Innovation and Transformation with Mercy and provide strategic/matrix leadership to over 130 chaplains in 15 spiritual care departments across 5 states. Deacon Justin currently serves within the Diocese engaging the JustFood truck ministry that is hosted at the Cathedral on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays. Additionally, Deacon Justin serves a member of the Young Adult Advisory Council and Deaconess Anne House Advisory Council. Prior to moving to St. Louis, Deacon Justin completed a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) residency at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio. He earned a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. He completed one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He completed his undergraduate work at Berea College in Kentucky, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. Deacon Justin is a native of West Virginia, yet his family now lives in southern Indiana. Deacon Justin is a proud resident of the City of St Louis. He enjoys going to Cardinals, Blues, and STL City games. He has attended many events at the Muny, the Fox Theatre, particularly their Broadway productions.

The Rev. Heather M. McCain Columbia, MO

The Rev. Heather M. McCain serves as a bi-vocational clergywoman in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. As both Priest and Educator, she is passionate about educating young people in the faith, so they grow up knowing God. Her spiritual life in Christ includes daily prayer and meditation, Bible study, devotional music, weekly worship and participation in the 12-step fellowships. She holds three advanced degrees: a Bachelor of Arts from Duke University, a Master of Divinity from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Hannibal-LaGrange University. Heather currently leads an Episcopal School Exploration Team, whose task is to conduct a Feasibility Study for the purpose of developing an Episcopal School in Mid-Missouri. For over 12 years, Heather has served Columbia Public Schools as a French Teacher, Club Sponsor, and Equity Team Facilitator at Lange and Smithton Middle Schools; in that role, she studied and taught Mandarin Chinese. Since 2003, she has participated in undoing and dismantling racism; her current work in that area is building Beloved Community in religious and educational settings, by increasing Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (IDE) through restorative justice practices. Since 2011, she has participated in a Jungian Dream Group. For fun, she swims, cooks and studies Spanish. She is matched with a wonderful Little Sister in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. She lives in Columbia, MO with her dog and two cats.



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NOMINEES for election to the Standing Committee: (continued)



James Ammon

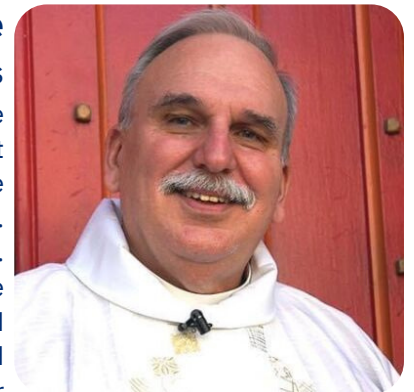
St. Pauls Carondelet

I've been a member of St. Paul's since 2019 and have served terms as both the junior and senior warden. I work at loving and serving my neighbors daily. I would enjoy serving on the committee to learn more about our diocese and its members, as well as learning more about the leadership of our diocese.

The Rev. Jeffrey Goldone

Trinity St. Louis

The Rev. Jeffrey Goldone was ordained into the priesthood in December 2021. He currently serves as Transitional Priest for Trinity St. Louis and is an Affiliated Priest for Christ Church Cathedral. Prior, he served as Transitional Priest for Hope Episcopal Church in Town & Country, and Christ Church, Cape Girardeau. Throughout the past three years he has served numerous congregations in the St. Louis metro area as a supply priest, and served his diaconate with St. Timothy's. He completed a one-year chaplain residency program at St. Luke's Hospital and currently works part-time as a staff chaplain at SSM St. Louis University Hospital and Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Rev. Goldone completed the three-year formation program at the Episcopal School of Ministry and Anglican Studies courses at Eden Seminary. Rev. Goldone served on the diocesan Bishop's Transition Committee in 2020 and the Healing in the Heartland planning committee earlier this year. Prior to ordination he served two years as senior warden on Chapter at Christ Church Cathedral and one year as junior warden. He was the coordinator for Winter Outreach at the Cathedral for eight years and lead a team of breakfast volunteers one Saturday a month at the Cathedral for six years. Rev. Goldone holds a B.A. from Dominican University. He was an adjunct professor at Fontbonne University for seven years, and he worked as Administrator of Dining Services for Lutheran Senior Services for twenty-seven years, managing an annual budget of \$17M, serving 2.5M meals, with 700+ full and part time employees. He will bring to the Standing Committee proven business management skills, a connection with many congregations in the diocese, as well as a compassionate heart for pastoral care and service. He enjoys gardening, cooking, preserving an historic home in the Shaw neighborhood, traveling, and spoiling his golden retriever pup, Bobbi.



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Tammy O'Donnell

Trinity Central West End

My name is Tammy O'Donnell . I am a very proud member of Trinity Central West End and I am seeking election to the steering committee.I am a mother of four adult daughters and twelve grand children. I am a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature with an emphasis in Shakespeare and a graduate certificate in Creative Writing.I was born and raised in the Roman Catholic Church. I was received into the Episcopal Church in 2001 at Christ Church Cathedral. While I was a member at the cathedral I served as an acolyte, usher, Eucharistic minister and Eucharistic visitor. Plus, I led noonday prayer and I was commissioned a lay chaplain in the Community of Hope. I joined Trinity in 2016 . Since I have been at Trinity, I have been a thurifer, acolyte, and a vestry member. Currently, I am on the Rector Search Committee.Also, I am involved in the community. I am a member of the League of Women Voters, The Junior League,. I am a docent for Opera Theater of St Louis and a tutor for IHELP, a local nonprofit that teaches English to adult immigrants. Furthermore, I am a local actor and I have performed for the Tennessee Williams festival, Stray Dog, Tesseract, and Shakespeare St. Louis.Finally, because of my involvement in the church and the community, I can bring unique perspectives from various aspects of the metropolitan St Louis to the steering committee. Oh , and one more thing, I like to relax(when I get the chance) at home with a good book and drink a chilled glass of sauvignon blanc while listening to violin concertos by J. S. Bach.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- **The Rev. Tamsen Whistler, Chair**
- **The Rev. Nancy Emmel Gunn**
- **The Rev. Meg Goldstein**
- **Lisann Backsmeyer**
- **Vicki Myers**
- **Mike Fowlkes**

