



The 42nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Tennessee

Friday, November 17, 2023
Saint John's Episcopal Church



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Order of Business

- 8:00 A.M. **REGISTRATION OPENS**
Light breakfast served and Exhibitor Hall opens:
Parish Life Center (PLC) 2nd floor.
- 9:00 A.M. **HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**
In Saint John's nave
- 10:30 A.M. **CALL TO ORDER**
In the PLC
- 10:45 A.M. **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS & VOTING**
- 11:30 A.M. **BUDGET PRESENTATION & VOTING**
- 12:00 P.M. **NOONDAY PRAYERS & LUNCH**
An Order of Service for Noonday is printed in the Convention
Book. Lunch is served on the 2nd floor of the PLC. Exhibitor
Hall open.
- 1:15 P.M. **PRACTICE ELECTRONIC VOTING**
In the PLC
- 1:30 P.M. **ELECTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF
BISHOP'S APPOINTEES**
- 2:00 P.M. **BISHOP'S CLOSING REMARKS**
- 2:20 P.M. **BREAK**
Exhibitor Hall open.
- 2:45 P.M. **SECOND ROUND OF ELECTIONS (IF ANY)**
- 3:00 P.M. **SERVICE PROJECT:
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR THE HOMELESS**
In Saint John's Parish Hall
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IN MEMORIAM



We remember those persons who offered leadership
in The Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee
and have died since the Forty-first Convention.

Robbie Walker McQuiston

L. Douglas Smith

Roger Wolcott

(Other names may be added silently or aloud.)

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer.

Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the departed,

through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MINUTES

of the
**41st Annual Meeting of the Convention
of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee
The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf,
Fourth Bishop of West Tennessee, Presiding**

**Church of the Holy Communion and St. Mary's Episcopal School
Memphis, Tennessee**

Friday, November 18, 2022

Morning Prayer

The Convention began at 9:00 a.m. with a worship service of Morning Prayer, officiated by Bishop Roaf.

Call to Order

At 9:30 a.m. Bishop Roaf called the meeting to order. The Hon. Andy Cobb was appointed Parliamentarian. Mr. Steve Smith was appointed Secretary of Meeting. Canon Alisa Kelly was appointed Secretary of Elections.

Certification of Quorum

Secretary of the Meeting, Steve Smith, reported that 30 canonically resident clergy and 88 lay delegates were in attendance. To constitute a quorum a total of 25 canonically resident clergy and 42 lay delegates must be present. The Bishop declared a quorum present.

Welcome

A video message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry was presented.

The Rev. Sandy Webb, Rector at Church of the Holy Communion, welcomed the attendees. An additional welcome was made by Albert Throckmorton, head of St. Mary's Episcopal School.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of The Episcopal Church

Proposed amendments to the Constitution of The Episcopal Church that were approved upon first reading at General Convention in 2022, and which will be presented for a second reading at General Convention in 2024, were presented by Parliamentarian Andy Cobb for information only with no action being required. The proposed amendments are shown on Page 11 of the Convention Booklet, which is attached as Exhibit A.

Adoption of Order of Business

After introductory remarks, Parliamentarian Andy Cobb moved to accept the Order of Business, no second being required. The motion was carried by voice vote. The Order of Business is shown on Page 3 of the Convention Booklet.

Adoption of Minutes

At the motion of Parliamentarian Andy Cobb, the minutes of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of West Tennessee (Nov. 19, 2021) were adopted by voice vote.

Adoption of Rules of Order

After explaining the voting process and proposed changes to the Rules of Order, the Parliamentarian, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, presented Resolution WTN 2022-1 Amendments to Rules of Order. Resolution WTN 2022-1 was moved by the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons and needs no second:

Whereas, at the 40th meeting of the Annual Convention of the Diocese in 2021 the Bishop requested that the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons review the Rules of Order and propose updates and clarifications, and

Whereas, the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons has performed the requested review and recommends that the amendments to the Rules of Order set forth on Attachment 1A to this Resolution be adopted by the Convention be adopted by the Convention; and

Whereas, an unmarked copy of the proposed Rules of Order is set forth on Attachment 1B for ease of reference by members of the Convention.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the amendments to the Rules of Order set forth on Attachment 1A to this Resolution be, and hereby are, adopted by the Convention, with such amendments to become effective immediately upon adoption by the Convention.

The motion was approved by voice vote. A copy of the adopted Amendments to the Rules of Order is attached as Exhibit B-1 and a copy of the Rules of Order as amended and in effect at Convention is attached as Exhibit B-2.

Amendments to the Constitution of the Diocese

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, the Parliamentarian introduced Resolution WTN 2022-2 Amendments to Constitution of the Diocese for a first reading. The Parliamentarian gave a brief explanation of the proposed changes. Resolution WTN 2022-2 was moved by the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons and needs no second:

Whereas, at the 40th meeting of the Annual Convention of the Diocese in 2021 the Bishop requested that the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons review the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and propose updates and clarification, with a focus on reducing the size of the Standing Committee, Bishop and Council, Finance Committee, Commission on Ministry, and Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, and

Whereas, the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons has performed the requested review and recommends that the amendments to the Constitution of the Diocese set forth on Attachment 2A be adopted by the Convention; and

Whereas, an unmarked copy of the proposed Constitution is set forth on Attachment 2B for ease of reference by members of the Convention.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the amendments to the Constitution set forth on Attachment 2A be, and hereby are, approved by the Convention, with such amendments to be submitted to the 42nd meeting of the Annual convention for adoption, and if so adopted, to become effective at 10:01 a.m. on January 1, 2024.

The motion was approved by voice vote. A copy of the Amendments to the Constitution (first reading) is attached as Exhibit C. The Amendments will be presented to the 42nd Diocesan Convention in 2023 for a second reading.

Amendments to Canons of the Diocese

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, the Parliamentarian introduced Resolution WTN 2022-3 Amendments to Canons of the Diocese. The Parliamentarian gave a brief explanation of the proposed changes. Resolution WTN 2022-3 was moved by the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons and needs no second:

Whereas, at the 40th meeting of the Annual Convention of the Diocese in 2021 the Bishop requested that the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons review the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and propose updates and clarifications, with a focus on reducing the size

of the Bishop and Council, Finance Committee, Commission on Ministry, and Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, and

Whereas, the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons has performed the requested review and recommends that the amendments to the Canons of the Diocese set forth on Attachment 3A be adopted by the Convention; and

Whereas, an unmarked copy of the proposed Canons is set forth on Attachment 3B for ease of reference by members of the Convention.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the amendments to the Canons set forth on Attachment 3A to this Resolution be, and hereby are, adopted by the Convention, with amendments to Canons to become effective at 12:01 am on January 1, 2023; and

Further resolved, that the changes to the numbers of persons serving, the length of the terms of offices, and the classes of members contemplated by the amendments may be accomplished by any combination of methods the Bishop and Chancellor deem reasonable, including but not limited to requesting individuals to volunteer to shorten their terms or move to a class of members with a different term to fill a vacancy, choosing to not fill certain vacancies, electing fewer persons for classes of members at the next two or three Conventions, temporarily (for a period of not more than two years) allowing the board, council, commission or committee to have not more than two members more than permitted by the amended Canons so long as those members were already serving as member and cease to be voting members for the additional period of Time, or such other method as may be deemed reasonable by the Bishop and Chancellor.

Pre-Filed Amendment

The Rev. Sandy Webb presented a Pre-Filed Amendment to require that at least one member appointed to the Finance Committee be a member of the Clergy.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and after discussion, the Pre-Filed Amendment was approved by voice vote.

There being no further discussion, Resolution WTN 2022-3 as amended was approved by voice vote. A copy of the Amendments (including the Pre-Filed Amendment) is attach as Exhibit D-1 and a copy of the Canons that will be effective at 12:01 am on January 1, 2023 is attached as Exhibit D-2.

Presentations

- A. The Rev. Noah Campbell, Church of the Good Shepherd and Barth House Director gave a presentation on the work at Barth House.

- B. A video tribute to the late Bishop William Sanders, last Bishop of Tennessee when the state was one diocese and the First Bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee, was viewed.
- C. 1) The Rev. Scott Walters, Rector of Calvary Memphis, announced the 100th anniversary of Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series and disclosed the slate of speakers.
2) Rev. Walters also announced the new ministry at Calvary, "Welcome Inn," where a separate building on Calvary's campus has been dedicated to temporary emergency lodging and feeding for Calvary's neighbors in distress.

D. A video in honor of Bishop Alex Dickson, First Bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee, was presented.

2023 Budget Approval

Mr. Josh Shipley, Chair of the Finance Committee, briefly explained the proposed Diocesan Budget for 2023 along with the proposed Minimum Clergy Compensation for 2023 as part of the budget. The motion to approve the proposed 2023 Diocesan Budget and Minimum Clergy Compensation was moved by Bishop and Council and needs no second.

The 2023 Diocesan Budget and Minimum Clergy Compensation were approved by voice vote. The 2023 Diocesan Budget and Minimum Clergy Compensation are attached as Exhibit E.

Noonday Prayer

Noonday prayer was offered, followed by lunch.

Convention Reconvenes

The meeting resumed with a roll call. The Bishop declared a quorum present. The meeting began with a video produced in appreciation of the ministry and tenure of Bishop James Coleman, Second Bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee.

Uncontested Elections

A motion was made to accept by acclamation the candidates for the uncontested vacancies listed below. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- A. Secretary of the Diocese – Mr. Steve Smith (Immanuel, La Grange)**

B. Treasurer of the Diocese – Ms. Margaret McLean (Calvary, Memphis)

C. Bishop and Council- Clergy

-Term ending 2026 – The Rev. Sandy Webb (Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis)

D. Trustee – University of the South – Lay

- Dr. C. Dalton Lyon (Calvary, Memphis)

E. General Convention Deputies and Alternates

Deputies – Clergy

The Rev. Canon Sharon Alexander (Diocese)

The Rev. Noah Campbell (Barth House/Good Shepherd, Memphis)

The Rev. Gerri Endicott (Holy Apostles, Collierville)

The Rev. Gary Meade (St. Mary’s, Dyersburg)

Deputies – Lay

Ms. Terecille Basa-Ong (Grace-St. Luke’s, Memphis)

Ms. Lavonnie Perry Claybon (St. Paul, Mason)

Mr. Zach Ferguson (Calvary, Memphis)

The Hon. Scott Haight (St. Mary’s, Dyersburg)

CONTESTED ELECTION

There were two candidates for the office of Standing Committee (Lay): Louella Benton (Emmanuel, Memphis) and Jeane Chapman (Holy Trinity, Memphis). Jeane Chapman was elected by majority vote.

BISHOP’S NOMINATIONS

Certain nominations were confirmed by the Convention, having been presented as a group for voting. The nominations for individual offices receiving confirmation were:

Chancellor of the Diocese The Honorable M. Anderson
Cobb

Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese The Honorable Michael
Marshall

Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese The Honorable Scott Haight

Registrar The Venerable Margaret
Jones

Archivist

Ms. Frances Washburn

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BISHOP

Appointments by the Bishop that do not require confirmation by the Convention were presented.

BISHOP'S SECOND ADDRESS

Bishop Roaf offered thanks to the diocesan staff, both current and new. She also thanked the Treasurer and Finance Committee for their hard work.

The Bishop presented Christine Todd, Director of Outreach at Calvary Church, Memphis with the Bishop's Cross. Rev. Scott Walters accepted on her behalf.

Clergy Transitions

1. The Rev. Miranda Cully from St. John's in Memphis to St. Mary's Episcopal School to serve as Head Chaplain
2. The Rev. Sarah Cowan from St. Mary's Cathedral and Barth House to Church of the Holy Communion in Memphis to serve as Associate Rector
3. The Rev. Hester Mathes from Church of the Holy Communion to Holy Trinity in Memphis as Priest-in-Charge and St. George's Independent School as Chaplain of the Memphis Campus
4. The Rev. Jeffrey Samuel, from Priest-in Charge of St. Luke's (Jackson) to serve as Priest-in-Charge at Church of the Holy Trinity in Hicksville, New York
5. The Rev. Jean Vargo, from Interim Dean at St. Mary's Cathedral to do interim work in Ohio
6. The Rev. Lisa McIndoo, from Rector at St. Timothy's (Mountain View, California) to serve as Rector at Holy Apostles in Collierville
7. The Rev. Drew Woodruff retired as Deacon at St. Mary's Cathedral
8. The Rev. Clay Calhoun, from Associate Rector at Holy Apostles (Collierville) to serve as Priest-in-Charge at St. Timothy's (Southaven, Mississippi) and Holy Cross (Olive Branch, Mississippi)
9. The Rev. Tim True to serve as Interim Priest-in-Charge at St. Luke's Jackson

Necrology

A necrology was read naming departed souls in 2022.

St. Columba Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center

Brad Thompson presented an annual report for St. Columba Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center.

CLOSING REMARKS BY BISHOP ROAF AND ADJOURNMENT

The Bishop offered closing remarks. Gratitude was offered to all who worked to make the Convention happen.

The Bishop thanked the members of the 40th Anniversary Committee.

A final video was shown of remarks made by Bishop Don Johnson, Third Bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee.

The meeting of the 41st Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Smith, Secretary of the Meeting

The following Exhibits are included with the official set of minutes kept by the Diocese, including inclusion in the Diocesan Journal, but are not included in the 2023 Convention Booklet:

- A 2022 Convention Booklet
- B-1 Amendments to 2021 Rules of Order
- B-2 2022 Rules of Order as Amended
- C Amendments to 2017 Constitution, First Reading
- D-1 Amendments to 2017 Canons
- D-2 2023 Canons as Amended
- E 2023 Budget and Clergy Minimum Compensation

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS ELECTED BY 2023 CONVENTION

Secretary to the Convention Mr. Steve Smith

Treasurer of the Diocese Mrs. Margaret McLean

Standing Committee (Elected for a 4-year term, not eligible for re-election for one year)

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2026:

Clergy: The Rev. Sarah Cowan
Lay: Ms. Jeane Chapman

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2025:

Clergy: The Rev. Hester Mathes
Lay: The Honorable Ruth McLain

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2024:

Clergy: The Rev. Christian Senyoni
Lay: Mr. Swazoo Claybon

Bishop and Council (Elected for a 4-year term, not eligible for re-election after serving a term of two years or more)

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2027:

Clergy: _____
Lay: _____

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2026:

Clergy: The Rev. Sandy Webb
Lay: _____

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2025:

Clergy: The Rev. Jesse Abell

Lay: Ms. Susan Kenny

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2024:

Clergy: The Rev. Miranda Cully
Lay: Mr. Steve Smith

Trustees, University of the South (Trustee terms begin on July 1 the year following the election and end on June 30, 2027 three years later)

For term expiring on
June 30, 2027:

Clergy: _____

For term expiring on
June 30, 2026:

Lay: Dr. C. Dalton Lyon

For term expiring on
June 30, 2025:

Lay: Mr. George Clark

For term expiring on
June 30, 2024:

Clergy: The Rev. Miranda Cully

Disciplinary Board (Elected for a 3-year term. No canonical term limits)

For term expiring on
December 31, 2026:

Clergy: _____

Clergy: _____

Lay: _____

For term expiring on
December 31, 2025:

Clergy: _____

Lay: _____

For term expiring on
December 31, 2024:

Clergy: The Rev. Tom Momberg

Lay: The Honorable John McQuiston

NOMINATED BY THE COUNCIL AND ELECTED BY CONVENTION

West Tennessee Endowment Corporation (Elected for 3-year term, not eligible for re-election for one year after serving for two terms)

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2026:

Mr. Jim Vogel

For term expiring upon adjournment

of Convention 2025: The Honorable Steve King
Mr. Andy Mathes
Mr. Alex McLean

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2024: Ms. Julia McDonald
Mr. John Owen
Mr. Josh Shipley

NOMINATED BY THE BISHOP AND CONFIRMED BY CONVENTION

Commission on Ministry (A 4-year term, may not be re-appointed for one year after serving one term)

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2027: Clergy: The Rev. Laura Gettys
Lay: _____

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2026: Clergy: The Rev. Jonathan Chesney
Lay: Ms. Terra Nwobilor

For term expiring upon adjournment
Of Convention 2025: Clergy: _____
Lay: Dr. Jim Bailey

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2024: Clergy: The Rev. Gerri Endicott
Lay: Mrs. Ann Burruss Prascher

Church Home Board (Appointed to a 3-year term, ineligible for re-appointment after serving 2 terms)

For term expiring upon adjournment
Of Convention 2026: Clergy: The Rev. Paul McLain
Lay: Mr. Robert Clark

For term expiring upon adjournment
Of Convention 2025: Clergy: The Rev. John Edgar Freeman
Lay: Ms. Julia McDonald

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2024: Clergy: The Rev. Jessica Abell
Lay: Ms. Nancy Jehl Boatwright

Chancellor of the Diocese

The Honorable M. Anderson Cobb

Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese

The Honorable Michael Marshall

Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese

The Honorable Scott Haight

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BISHOP

(not subject to the actions of the Convention)

Finance Committee (No member may serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms)

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2026:

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2025:

Ms. Elizabeth Smith
The Rev. Gerri Endicott

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2024:

Mr. Battle Beasley
Mr. Michael Synk
Mr. Josh Shipley

St. Columba Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center (3-year terms)

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2026:

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2025:

Mr. Peter Abell
Mr. Ben Avant

Mr. Wilson Barton III
Mr. Cliff Sulcer

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2024:

Mr. Eric Epperson
Ms. Corinne Gardino
Ms. Allison Pace
Ms. Nicole Seltzer

Standing Committee on Constitutions and Canons (3-year terms)

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2026: The Honorable Blair Evans

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2025: The Rev. Jesse Abell
The Honorable Ruth McLain

For term expiring upon adjournment
of Convention 2024: The Honorable Roan Waring

Parliamentarian The Honorable M. Anderson Cobb

Church Attorney The Honorable Albert Harvey

NOMINATIONS

NOMINATION FOR BISHOP AND COUNCIL CLERGY MEMBER ~ 2027

The Rev. Paul McLain

Nominated by:
The Rev. Canon Sharon Alexander
Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee

The Reverend Paul McLain has served as associate rector of Calvary, Memphis since September 2015. At the diocesan level, he is a member of the Church Home Board and West Tennessee Endowment Corporation Board. Paul was diocesan delegate to the Province IV racial healing pilgrimage in 2019. He is chaplain for the diocesan Daughters of the King and JOY chapter of Daughters of the King at Calvary. Paul is past president of the Downtown Churches Association and member of the Memphis Christian Pastors Network. He is a tutor for Literacy Mid-South. Paul served on the Commission on Ministry in the Diocese of Kansas and Board of Trustees in the Diocese of Arkansas. Prior to ordination, his previous careers were in construction management and community development. Paul is married to Ruthie McLain, an attorney, who serves on the Standing Committee and Committee on Constitution & Canons and started Baseball with the Bishop!

NOMINATION FOR BISHOP AND COUNCIL LAY MEMBER ~ 2027

Ms. Ebet Peeples

Nominated by:
The Rev. Scott Walters
Calvary Episcopal

Ebet Peeples has served Calvary Church for 24 years as the Assistant to the Rector for Welcome and Community, where she greets visitors and welcomes newcomers into the life of the parish. Ebet also coordinates parish sacraments and services, including baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Ebet has served as a faculty member for Church Pension Group Wellness (CREDO) conferences since 2010 and has presented on the topic of evangelism and new member incorporation at Episcopal Parish Network (formerly CEEP) conferences, at an Evangelism Matters conference, and at Mary Parmer's Invite – Welcome – Connect Summit. In the diocese, Ebet has served on the St. Columba board and on the Commission on Ministry. Outside of church, she serves as Assistant-Cubmaster of GSL's Cub Scout Pack 34. Ebet has a BA in Justice from The American University in Washington, DC. She and her husband Clayton are the parents of Ella and Jack.

**NOMINATION FOR
BISHOP AND COUNCIL
LAY MEMBER ~ 2026**

Dr. Patricia Easley

Nominated by:
Dr. Pamela Evans
Grace Episcopal Church

Dr. Patricia (Patty) Easley has been a professor of Physical Therapy at Jackson State Community College in the Physical Therapist Assistant program for 21 years. She currently serves on the Tennessee Council of Academic Physical Therapy as the PTA Representative. She also currently serves on the Tennessee Consortium of International Education's Advisory Board. In addition to her full-time teaching load for JSCC, she will be teaching a medical terminology course to Tennessee community college students in The Alps in the summer of 2024. A resident of Huntingdon, she is a communicant of Grace Church in Paris where she is an occasional soprano soloist and flautist. For relaxation, she enjoys hiking, kayaking, and spending time on the farm with her family and animals.

**NOMINATION FOR
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH
CLERGY TRUSTEE ~ 2027**

The Rev. Lisa McIndoo

Nominated by:
The Rev. Miranda Cully
Saint Mary's School

The Rev. Lisa McIndoo graduated from The School of Theology at the University of the South in 2016 earning a Masters in Divinity. She and her family stayed in Sewanee until 2017 as Lisa served a small parish (St. John the Baptist) at the bottom of the mountain in Battle Creek, Tennessee. Her husband, Bill, worked at the University in Marketing and Communications and her son, Noah, graduated from Sewanee in 2019. The McIndoos visit the Holy Mountain frequently and were recently present at All Saints for Noah's wedding to his college sweetheart. "Driving through the gates of the Domain never fails to put a lump in my throat. It is holy ground for us and for so many people that visit. I am excited about the future of the University and I am proud to call Sewanee my alma mater."

**NOMINATION FOR
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
CLERGY MEMBER ~ 2026**

The Rev. Jeff Marx

Nominated by:
The Rev. Canon Sharon Alexander
Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee

Father Marx has served as a priest in this diocese since 1999, twenty-two of those years as rector of St. Andrew's. He is an MSSW and worked ten years at Youth Villages as a counselor and Director of Training and Performance Improvement. He seeks to serve with honesty, fairness and in the spirit of Christ, if elected.

**NOMINATION FOR
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
CLERGY MEMBER ~ 2026**

The Rev. Jay Biedenharn

Nominated by:
The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf
Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee

Father Jay has served as rector of Saint John's Episcopal Church since 2019. When growing up in Vicksburg, Mississippi, Jay would never have dreamt that one day he'd be an Episcopal priest living in Memphis. When he's not doing the life-giving and sacred work of a parish priest, you'll find him learning how to swing a tennis racquet or fishing rod. Father Jay believes words matter, so you'll usually find him reading something. Jay, his wife, Louise, and their two daughters live in Central Gardens.

**NOMINATION FOR
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
LAY MEMBER ~ 2026**

The Honorable Ben C. Adams

Nominated by:
The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf
Diocese of West Tennessee

Ben Adams is a long-time member, former Senior Warden and Capital Campaign Chairman for Church of the Holy Communion. In the Diocese, he has served as a trustee of St. Mary's Episcopal School and as a member of the Search and Nominating Committee for our fourth Bishop. Professionally, Ben is a practicing attorney with special focus on matters of estate and corporate law. He was Chairman of his firm, Baker Donelson, for a combined total of 21 years and currently serves as its Chairman Emeritus. He is a past director of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce and a past Chairman of Memphis Tomorrow, an association of the CEOs of Memphis' largest enterprises who collaborate for the betterment of the city.

**NOMINATION FOR
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
CLERGY MEMBER ~ 2025**

The Rev. Randy McCloy

Nominated by:
The Rev. Canon Sharon Alexander
Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee

The Rev. Randy McCloy was born and raised in Memphis, educated in Memphis public schools, and then attended Yale University, Rhodes College, and medical training at UTCHS, with fellowship training at the Mayo Clinic. He served two years in the US Army (1967-69), including one year in Viet Nam. He had a medical practice in gastroenterology until 2013. Randy has been a member Church of Holy Communion since 1980, serving on two vestries, and as Senior Warden 2006. He attended Memphis Theological Seminary (2007-2010) and was ordained as Deacon November 2009. He served at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in 2010 and has been at Holy Communion since. With the Bishop's permission, he has served at Immanuel/LaGrange since 2011.

**NOMINATION FOR
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
LAY MEMBER ~ 2025**

The Honorable Nedra Wick

Nominated by:
The Rev. Canon Sharon Alexander
Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee

Nedra has been an attorney/mediator/arbitrator/guardian ad litem for over 40 years and since 2000 has owned and operated her own law firm. She has been an active Episcopalian since 1996. At All Saint's - Atlanta, she served as a lector, Eucharistic minister, and verger. From 2004 - 2006, she chaired the Mark Emory Graham Chapter of the Verger's Guild and assisted the Diocese of Atlanta to expand the ministry through greater exposure and in-person training in the parishes. After her term of office ended, Nedra continued to serve as a verger with the Diocese and the Bishop of Atlanta. As a member of the Diocesan Disciplinary Committee, Nedra used her skills as an attorney, mediator and verger to assist with challenging cases. She became an associate with the Sisters of St. Mary - Sewanee in 2000 on the Feast Day of St. Francis. In 2019, she and her spouse of over 30 years, Rebecca, moved to Memphis where they found a home with Grace-St. Luke's. When they are not sitting in the pew together, look for Nedra to be serving as a verger and Rebecca as a lector.

NOONDAY PRAYER

Friday, November 17

From Psalm 113

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the Name of the Lord. Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down let the Name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

A Reading

O God, you will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are fixed on you; for in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be our strength. *Isaiah 26:3; 30:15*

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your mercies' sake. Amen.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the food which you have provided for our nourishment and for those who made it possible for us to partake of the earth's bounty. Feed our souls on the bread of life and help us to do our part by kind words and loving deeds. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.