



# Go Forth & Be Bold

*The 43rd Convention of the  
Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee*



November 16, 2024  
Church of the Holy Apostles  
Collierville, Tennessee



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Convention  
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## Order of Business

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- 8:00 A.M.      **Registration Opens**  
Light breakfast served and Exhibitor Hall opens.
- 9:00 A.M.      **Morning Prayer**
- 9:15 A.M.      **Welcome**
- 9:30 A.M.      **Call to Order**
- 9:45 A.M.      **Keynote Address: Kate Bond**
- 10:25 A.M.     **Presentation of Resolutions & Voting**
- 10:45 A.M.     **Budget Presentation & Voting: Josh Shipley**
- 11:10 A.M.     **Diocesan Presentations**  
St. Columba Camp & Retreat Center: **Matthew Arehart**  
Barth House: **Maggie Schaumleffel**  
Staff, Pages, Seminarians, and New Clergy Introductions  
Other Announcements
- 11:50 A.M.     **Noonday Prayers & Lunch**
- 1:00 P.M.      **Afternoon Session Begins**  
Opening Remarks & Quorum Confirmation
- Panel Discussion: Do Good & Share  
                    Outreach Projects**
- 2:00 P.M.      **Elections and Confirmation of  
                    Bishop's Appointees**
- 2:20 P.M.      **Bishop's Closing Remarks**
- 2:35 P.M.      **Adjournment & Transition to Diocesan  
                    Eucharist**
- 3:00 P.M.      **Diocesan Eucharist**  
Musical Prelude begins at 2:40 p.m.  
Presentation of the 2024 Bishop's Cross Award

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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-second Convention.

The Reverend Deacon Carol Hartsfield Gardner

James "Jim" Edmond McGehee, Jr.

Sharon Momany

Martha Morton

Darlene Rikard

George Stenis-Watson

The Reverend Robert Van Doren

Nora Witmer

(Other names may be added silently or aloud.)

# In Memoriam

*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

**42nd Annual Meeting of the Convention  
of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee  
The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf,  
Fourth Bishop of West Tennessee, Presiding**

**St. John's Episcopal Church  
Memphis, Tennessee**

**Friday, November 17, 2023**

### **Morning Prayer**

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

### **Call to Order**

At 10:30 a.m. Bishop Roaf called the meeting to order. The Hon. Andy Cobb was appointed Parliamentarian. Mr. Steve Smith was appointed Secretary of the Meeting. Canon Alisa Kelly was appointed Secretary of Elections.

### **Certification of Quorum**

To constitute a quorum a total of 34 canonically resident clergy and 72 lay delegates must be present. To constitute a quorum, a total of 25 clergy and 26 lay must be present. The Bishop declared a quorum present.

### **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**

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At the motion of Parliamentarian Andy Cobb, the minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of West Tennessee (Nov. 18, 2022) 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 2023-1 Amendments to Rules of Order. Resolution WTN 2023-1 was moved by the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, no second being required:

**Whereas**, pursuant to its canonical mandate, the Committee on Constitution and Canons has reviewed the 2022 Rules of Order and has recommended clarifying changes and other changes to bring consistency to terminology used within the Rules of Order and between the Rules of Order and Diocesan Constitution and Canons; and

**Whereas**, a copy of the recommended changes is set forth on Attachment 1A; and

**Whereas**, an unmarked copy of the proposed Constitution 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 be, and hereby are, approved by the Convention with the amendments to become effective upon approval by the Convention.

### **Amendments to the Constitution of the Diocese**

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, the Parliamentarian introduced Resolution WTN 2023-2 Amendments to Constitution of the Diocese for a second reading. The Parliamentarian gave a brief explanation of the proposed changes. Resolution WTN 2023-2 was moved by the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, no second being required:

**Whereas**, at the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Annual Convention of the Diocese in 2021 the Bishop requested that the 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 Standing Committee, Bishop and Council, Finance Committee, Commission on Ministry, and Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, and

**Whereas**, the Committee on Constitution and Canons performed the requested review and recommended to the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Annual Convention that the amendments to the Constitution of the Diocese set forth on Attachment 1A be adopted by the Convention; and

**Whereas**, the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual meeting of the Annual Convention of the Diocese unanimously approved the first reading of the proposed amendments to the Constitution set forth in Resolution WTN 2022-2, and as are currently set forth on Attachment 1A; and

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**Whereas**, an unmarked copy of the proposed Constitution 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 Constitution set forth on Attachment 1A be, and hereby are, approved by the Convention upon this second reading, with the amendments to become effective on at 12:01 am on January 1, 2024.

### **Amendments to Canons of the Diocese**

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, the Parliamentarian introduced Resolution WTN 2023-3 Amendments to Canons of the Diocese. The Parliamentarian gave a brief explanation of the proposed changes. Resolution WTN 2023-3 was moved by the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, no second being required:

**Whereas**, at the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Annual Convention of the Diocese in 2021 the Bishop requested, among other things, that the Committee on Constitution and Canons review the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and propose a reduction in the size of the Standing Committee from 8 members (4 Clergy and 4 Lay) serving 4-year terms to 6 members (3 Clergy and 3 Lay) serving 3-year terms; and

**Whereas**, the Committee on Constitution and Canons performed the requested review and recommended to the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Annual Convention that the amendments to the Constitution of the Diocese set forth in Resolution WTN 2022-2 be adopted by the Convention; and

**Whereas**, the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual meeting of the Annual Convention of the Diocese unanimously approved the first reading of the proposed amendments to the Constitution set forth in Resolution WTN 2022-2, and presented at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese as Resolution WTN 2023-2; and

**Whereas**, the Committee on Constitution and Canons recommends that the amendments to Canon 7, Section 1 reducing the size of the Standing Committee to 6 members (3 Clergy and 3 Lay) serving 3-year terms as set forth on Attachment 3A, be adopted subsequent to the adoption of Resolution WTN 2023-2; and

**Whereas**, the Committee on Constitution and Canon performed additional review of the Canons and recommends the additional changes set forth on Attachment 3A for the purposes of clarification and consistency in the Canons.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the amendments to Canon 7, Section 1 and other sections of the Canons set forth on Attachment 3A be, and hereby are, approved by the Convention, with the amendments to become effective on at 12:01 am on January 1, 2024, upon the effectiveness of the amendments to the Constitution set forth in Resolution WTN 2023-2.



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### **2024 Budget Approval**

Mr. Josh Shipley, Chair of the Finance Committee, briefly explained the proposed Diocesan Budget for 2024 along with the proposed Minimum Clergy Compensation for 2024 as part of the budget. The motion to approve the proposed 2024 Diocesan Budget and Minimum Clergy Compensation was moved by Bishop and Council with no second being required.

The 2024 Diocesan Budget and Minimum Clergy Compensation were approved by voice vote. The 2024 Diocesan Budget and Minimum Clergy Compensation are attached as Exhibit E.

### **St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral Video**

A video message from St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral was presented.

### **St. Columba Episcopal Camp & Retreat Center**

A video message from St. Columba Episcopal Camp & Retreat Center was presented.

### **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 an update to Barth House's programming presented by the Rev. Dr. Noah Campbell.

### **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:** Steve Smith (Immanuel – LaGrange)
- B. Treasurer of the Diocese:** Margaret McLean (Calvary – Memphis)
- C. Bishop and Council – Clergy (4-year term):** Paul McLain (Calvary – Memphis)
- D. Bishop and Council – Lay (4-year term):** Ebet Peeples (Calvary – Memphis)
- E. Bishop and Council – Lay (3-year term):** Patty Easley (Grace – Paris)
- F. Disciplinary Board – Clergy (3-year term):** Jay Biedenharn (St. John's – Memphis)
- G. Disciplinary Board – Clergy (3-year term):** Jeff Marx (St. Andrew's – Collierville)
- H. Disciplinary Board – Lay (3-year term):** Ben Adams (Holy Communion – Memphis)
- I. Disciplinary Board – Clergy (2-year term):** Randy McCloy (Holy Communion – Memphis)
- J. Disciplinary Board – Lay (2-year term):** Nedra Wick (Grace-St. Luke's – Memphis)

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- K. Trustee – University of the South – Clergy (3-year term):** Lisa McIndoo (Holy Apostles – Collierville)
- L. West Tennessee Endowment Corporation (3):** Jim Vogel (St. George’s – Germantown)

### **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:

<b>Chancellor of the Diocese</b>	The Honorable M. Anderson Cobb
<b>Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese</b>	The Honorable Michael Marshall
<b>Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese</b>	The Honorable Scott Haight

### **APPOINTMENTS BY THE BISHOP**

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

#### **Clergy Transitions**

1. Rev. Donna Gerald is now the Associate Rector at St. John’s in Memphis, TN.
2. Rev. C. B. Baker has retired after serving in Arkansas and is now serving as supply clergy at Ravenscroft Chapel in Brighton, TN.
3. Rev. Chandler Whitman was present for Convention and continues serving as a Chaplain in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.
4. Rev. Deacon Woodruff is now serving St. Thomas in Somerville, TN and Christ Church in Brownsville, TN.
5. Rev. Deacon Richard Fletcher is back at Immanuel in Ripley, TN.
6. Rev. Gary Meade is interim Dean at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Memphis, TN.
7. Rev. Mimsy Jones has retired from her position as Archdeacon and the Rev. Hester Mathes is the new Archdeacon.

#### **Necrology**

A necrology was read naming departed souls in 2023.

### **BISHOP’S CROSS AWARD**

The Bishop presented St. Columba Episcopal Camp & Retreat Center with the Bishop’s Cross Award.

### **CLOSING REMARKS BY BISHOP ROAF AND ADJOURNMENT**

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The Bishop offered closing remarks. Gratitude was offered to all who worked to make the Convention happen, with special thanks to St. John's for hosting. Excitement was expressed for Holy Apostles to host Diocesan Convention in 2024.

The meeting of the 42nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie Lemons, Senior Administrative Assistant, Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee

*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 2024 Convention Booklet:*

- A 2023 Convention Booklet
- B-1 Amendments to 2022 Rules of Order
- B-2 2023 Rules of Order as Amended
- C-1 Amendments to 2017 Constitution
- C-2 2024 Constitution as Amended
- D-1 Amendments to 2023 Canons
- D-2 2024 Canons as Amended
- E-1 2024 Budget
- E-2 2024 Clergy Minimum Compensation
- F 2023 Secretary of Elections Certificate

# Elected and Appointed Officials

## ELECTED BY 2024 CONVENTION

Secretary to the Convention: The Honorable Steven Anderson

Treasurer of the Diocese: Mrs. Margaret McLean

### Standing Committee (Elected for a 3-year term, not eligible for re-election for one year)

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2027:

Clergy: \_\_\_\_\_

Lay: \_\_\_\_\_

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: Ms. Patti Gildea

### 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 2028:

Clergy: \_\_\_\_\_

Lay: \_\_\_\_\_

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2027:

Clergy: The Rev. Paul McLain

Lay: Ms. Ebet Peeples

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2026:

Clergy: \_\_\_\_\_

Lay: Dr. Patricia Easley

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2025:

Clergy: \_\_\_\_\_

Lay: Ms. Susan Kenny

# Elected and Appointed Officials

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

For term expiring on  
June 30, 2028:

Lay: \_\_\_\_\_

For term expiring on  
June 30, 2027:

Clergy: The Rev. Lisa McIndoo

For term expiring on  
June 30, 2026:

Lay: Dr. C. Dalton Lyon

For term expiring on  
June 30, 2025:

Lay: Mr. George Clark

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

For term expiring on  
December 31, 2027:

Clergy: \_\_\_\_\_

Lay: \_\_\_\_\_

For term expiring on  
December 31, 2026:

Clergy: The Rev. Jeff Marx

Clergy: The Rev. Jay Biedenharn

Lay: The Honorable Ban C. Adams

For term expiring on  
December 31, 2025:

Clergy: The Rev. Randy McCloy

Lay: The Honorable Nedra Wick

# Elected and Appointed Officials

## 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 2027:

The Rev. Paul McLain  
Mr. Joshua Shipley

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For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2026:

Ms. Anna McQuiston  
Ms. Gina Miles  
Mr. Jim Vogel

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2025:

The Honorable Steve King  
Mr. Andy Mathes  
Mr. Alex McLean

## 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 2028:

Clergy: The Rev. Deacon Debbie McCanless  
Lay: \_\_\_\_\_

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2027:

Clergy: The Rev. Laura Gettys  
Lay: Ms. Jane Slatery

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: The Rev. Lisa McIndoo  
Lay: Dr. Bruce Watson

# Elected and Appointed Officials

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

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2027:

Clergy: The Rev. Jessica Abell  
Lay: Ms. Nancy Jehl Boatwright

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

**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 2027:

Mr. Joshua Shipley  
Mr. Michael Synk

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2026:

Mr. Scott Trammell  
The Rev. Sandy Webb

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For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2025:

Ms. Elizabeth Smith  
The Rev. Gerri Endicott  
Ms. Anne Rhodes

# Elected and Appointed Officials

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

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2027:

The Rev. Deacon Gerri Endicott  
Ms. Allison Pace

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For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2026:

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Mr. Cliff Sulcer  
Ms. Kenyetta Thompson  
Ms. Brie Wallace

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2025:

Mr. Peter Abell  
Mr. Ben Avant  
Mr. Wilson Barton III  
Ms. Amy Beatty  
Mr. Eric Epperson \*1 yr extension for board officer

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

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2027:

The Rev. Christian Senyoni  
Ms. Candace McRae Walsh

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2026:

The Honorable Blair Evans

For term expiring upon adjournment  
of Convention 2025:

The Rev. Christian Senyoni  
The Honorable Ruth McLain

Parliamentarian

The Honorable Scott Haight

Church Attorney

The Honorable Albert Harvey



# Nominations

## NOMINATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEE CLERGY MEMBER - 2027

The Rev. Donna Gerold (St. John's, Memphis)

Nominated by:  
The Rev. Rob Courtney  
Canon to the Ordinary

The Rev. Donna Gerold currently serves as the Associate Rector at St. John's. Her areas of responsibility include Adult Formation, Special Events, Stewardship, and Welcome Ministry. Previously, she has served on numerous diocesan committees in the Diocese of Alabama, including the Commission on Spirituality, Rector Search Consultant, Vestry Retreat Leader and Consultant, Diocesan Council, and the Ad Hoc Committee for Mutual Ministry Review process. She is a big picture thinker and visionary enjoying the view of the wider church.

## NOMINATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEE LAY MEMBER – 2027

Mr. Christian Man (St. John's, Memphis)

Nominated by:  
The Rev. Rob Courtney  
Canon to the Ordinary

Christian grew up in Memphis as a pastor's kid. Since college, he has worked on food security and sustainable agriculture, both domestically and internationally. He met his wife, Brooke, in Washington, D.C. He has two children- Hollis (3) and Gardner (1) and lives in East Memphis. He currently serves as a member of the planning committee for the Small Church Conference.

## NOMINATION FOR BISHOP AND COUNCIL CLERGY MEMBER - 2028

The Rev. Dr. Noah Campbell (St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis)

Nominated by:  
The Rev. Rob Courtney  
Canon to the Ordinary

The Rev. Noah Campbell began his ministry as Vicar of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral on November 1, 2024. Prior to this role, he served as the College Missioner at the Barth House Episcopal Center, where he provided Episcopal ministry to students at the University of Memphis and other local colleges since 2019. He also served as Vicar of the Church of the Good Shepherd from 2020 to 2024. Noah was ordained as an American Baptist minister in 2002 and as an Episcopal priest in 2016. His ministry has included serving as Executive Director of the Memphis Center for Food and Faith from 2012 to 2018, and he currently teaches as an adjunct professor at Memphis Theological Seminary. Known for his passion for faith, food justice, and education, Noah brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to pastoral care in his new role at St. Mary's.

# Nominations

## NOMINATION FOR BISHOP AND COUNCIL CLERGY MEMBER – 2026

The Rev. Christian Senyoni (St. Andrew's Collierville)

Nominated by:  
The Rev. Rob Courtney  
Canon to the Ordinary

The Rev. Christian Senyoni grew up in Rwanda (East Africa), but was born in Congo (DRC), where his parents served as diplomats. His faith was formed and nurtured in the Roman Catholic Church. His family's lives were forever dramatically changed by the tragedies of the Rwandan Genocide of 1994. He, his four siblings and their mother traveled through several countries seeking asylum. The losses of this genocide brought great difficulty in reconciling reality with the faith that had been nurtured in them. Still, as God brought them to safety numerous times through their long trek as refugees, Christian discovered Evangelicalism which emphasizes one's personal relationship with God. His evangelical training was balanced with a Catholic tradition of sacramental life. He became a priest in the Episcopal Church in 2013. Christian has served as a Canon Missioner in the Diocese of North Dakota and Priest in Charge of Grace Episcopal Church in Jamestown, ND, concurrently serving as supply clergy to four other congregations. Prior to coming to St Andrew's Episcopal Church in Collierville, he served Grace Episcopal Church in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. He just finished a term on the Standing Committee, where he was President from 2022-2024.

## NOMINATION FOR BISHOP AND COUNCIL CLERGY MEMBER - 2025

The Rev. Amanda McGriff (St. George's, Germantown)

Nominated by:  
The Rev. Rob Courtney  
Canon to the Ordinary

The Rev. Amanda McGriff currently serves as chaplain at Methodist University Hospital, primarily working with the palliative care team and patients. Since her graduation from Bexley Seabury Seminary in May 2021, she has served as curate and then assisting priest at St. George's, Germantown. Prior to entering seminary, she served as pastoral care coordinator at Grace-St. Luke's, Memphis. She was an alternate diocesan delegate to the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and she is the author of Will You? A Lenten Study of Baptismal Promises and the accompanying group leader guide. Amanda, her husband Wil, their son Darwin, and their greyhound Goose live in Memphis.

# Nominations

## NOMINATION FOR BISHOP AND COUNCIL LAY MEMBER - 2028

Mrs. Martha Webb (Immanuel, Ripley)

Nominated by:  
Dana Poisal  
Immanuel, Ripley

Martha Webb, a life-long Episcopalian, has been an active member of Immanuel Church, Ripley, since 1973. In those 51 years, she has served as the clerk of the Mission Council for two decades, its senior warden for seven and a Christian education leader for every age. For many years, she has served on Immanuel's altar guild and as the secretary of the ECW. A 2011 graduate of EfM, her work within the diocese includes a term on the Standing Committee and a diocesan effort to grow small churches. Recently, she worked on the search committee to select our newest Canon to the Ordinary and a diocesan task force to review parish commitments. Martha is called to serve the church inside and outside its walls.

## NOMINATION FOR DISCIPLINARY BOARD CLERGY MEMBER - 2027

The Rev. Laura Gettys (Grace-St. Luke's, Memphis)

Nominated by:  
The Rev. Rob Courtney  
Canon to the Ordinary

The Rev. Laura Gettys has served as clergy in the Dioceses of Virginia and Mississippi and has served as Canon and Interim Dean at St. Mary's Cathedral before serving in west Tennessee as Associate Clergy at Grace-St. Luke's, where she serves currently as Associate Clergy for Community Engagement.

## NOMINATION FOR DISCIPLINARY BOARD LAY MEMBER - 2027

Mr. Brooks Terry (Calvary, Memphis)

Nominated by:  
Susan Kenny  
Church of the Holy Apostles, Collierville

Brooks has been a member of the Memphis community for most of his life. He is a business owner and happy to call Memphis home. His family and in-laws are all based in Memphis. He has been loosely associated with Calvary Episcopal Church for over 30 years. He became a member of Calvary a little over two years ago and was confirmed shortly after that time. Brooks feels that it has been a privilege to be around Calvary and a part of the diocese. His husband is an active member of Calvary and does service work for the church. They enjoy being affiliated with a wonderful group of people. They traveled with the choir to England and will do so again in the summer of 2025. They have many friends that they spend time with, love and cherish that are from our Calvary circle. There is also a group that Brooks hikes with. He feels that he has been blessed by being around Calvary and the diocese and that this is a small way he can give back.

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NOMINATION FOR  
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH  
LAY TRUSTEE - 2027

Mr. George Clarke, Jr. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis)

Nominated by:  
Mission Council  
St. Mary's Cathedral

George Clarke, Jr. is a life-long Episcopalian and member of St. Mary's Cathedral, where he has served in various leadership roles, including on the Chapter Vestry and as Chapter Warden. He has chaired the Stewardship and Finance Committees and is currently Treasurer and Usher Committee Chair. In the Diocese, he served on Bishop and Council and advises the Property and Casualty Insurance Committee. George is also a longtime volunteer leader for Boy Scout Troop 34 and an Eagle Scout, awarded the Silver Beaver for service. He retired in 2021 after 42 years in the property and casualty insurance industry. A 1979 graduate of The University of the South (B.A. Economics), George serves on its Board of Trustees and various committees. His current term ends June 30, 2025, and he seeks re-election. He is committed to supporting Sewanee's strategic vision under Vice-Chancellor Robert Pearigen for the next three years and thanks you for your consideration.