



# NOMINATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE 204<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

## Diocesan Council | Clergy Order (Vote for 2)

### THE REV. STEVE RICE



RESIDENCE: Winston-Salem

POSITION: Rector, St. Timothy's, Winston-Salem

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Canon David F. Sellery

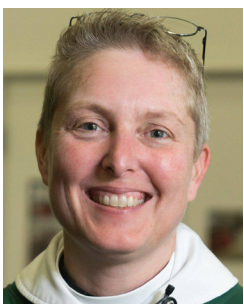
EXPERIENCE:

- Rector in the Diocese of North Carolina for 11 years.
- Served on Diocesan Council (Diocese of Georgia) and 2 terms on the Commission on Ministry (North Carolina), and the Bishop's Nominating Committee (North Carolina)
- Developed significant parish-based ministries for those on the margins of society - overflow homeless shelter (122 days each year), Abraham Project (Episcopal Service Corps), Society of St Joseph of Arimathea (infant burial ministry)
- Sponsored from the parish 5 individuals who now serve 3 dioceses as priests and deacons
- Theological minority

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

My contributions to Diocesan Council will be grounded in a perspective formed by many and diverse experiences as a rector in a healthy parish that has established ministries and practices that are both innovative and firmly rooted in the tradition of the Church. I am committed to the primacy of prayer and formation as the priorities of parishes and will advocate the same as diocesan priorities. As a theological minority, I will also provide an underrepresented voice, adding to the diversity needed for true discernment.

### THE REV. GINNY WILDER



RESIDENCE: Winston-Salem

POSITION: Rector, St. Anne's, Winston-Salem

NOMINATOR: Nancy Young

EXPERIENCE:

- I served on the diocesan council in the Diocese of Delaware from 2014-2017 in a variety of capacities focusing on ministry beyond the walls and evangelism. While on the diocesan council I was also a part of the bishop's executive council.
- From 2012-2017 I was a member of the clergy development team creating programming for clergy in the Diocese of Delaware to continue their education and building up their skills in ministry.
- In 2016 I was elected to the Alumni Association Executive Committee for Virginia Theological Seminary and served as president 2018-2019. Together we implemented a strategic plan while seeking input on programming for continuing education opportunities.
- While on the AAEC I was able to serve on the Board of Trustees at VTS and learned again that the work that goes into creating budgets and making decisions is prayerful, holy, and helps us become beloved community.
- Prior to seminary I served for 10 years as a training and development manager at Biltmore Estate on-boarding new hires, facilitating programs for leadership development at all levels, and established career paths for career growth of employees.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

When considering the holy work and prayerful mission of the Diocesan Council, the competencies and skills I offer are a blend of my education and work experiences. I believe my background in human resource management and development in a privately owned company means that I understand when hard decisions are made, they aren't made in a vacuum; and tending to our relationships is valuable in good times and in times of discontent. I believe that a budget is an itemized account of our prayer life and that as a member of the Diocesan Council we will ask often, "Where do we see God reflected in this budget?" I am excited to partner with our bishops, priests and laypeople to create and implement innovative programs that reach beyond our church walls and keeps us moving forward in the Jesus Movement as we continue to become beloved community.

**THE REV. REBECCA YARBROUGH**



**RESIDENCE:** Charlotte

**POSITION:** Deacon, The Chapel of Christ the King, Charlotte

**NOMINATOR:** Alice Freeman

**EXPERIENCE:**

- Served on Diocesan Council for four years, and chaired the Outreach and Justice Department of Council. It has been a tremendous privilege and opportunity to contribute!
- One of the team that helped found Galilee Ministries of East Charlotte, and an ending term as board chair this December.
- Active in the Costa Rica Companion Diocese relationship since 2010, and served on the Costa Rica Committee for a number of years, and currently chair it.
- Served on the Bishop's Committee on the Diaconate off and on for the past 10 years.
- Deacon for 10 years at St. Alban's, Davidson, and currently deacon in a historically African American congregation

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

I feel blessed to have served on Diocesan Council, and frankly, love the work and am excited about the direction we're headed. Coming from a 40+ years' experience in public sector facilitating community visioning and program development, I'm experienced in the very collaborative process we're using, looking holistically at issues with input from many different voices and perspectives. This approach is important not only for Council but also for our congregations and communities as we seek to bring about Beloved Community. Deacons also bring a particular practical perspective to work around outreach and justice, racial reconciliation, and vulnerable communities; as a deacon, I'm committed to building Beloved Community as truth-telling and reconciliation, AND in ways that are tangible in our very broken world. I hope to continue doing so on Council by working to support and expand our diocesan outreach and justice ministries, and helping to assist vulnerable congregations. Thank you!