



NOMINATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE 204TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Diocesan Council | Lay Order (Vote for 3)

SUE GUPTILL



RESIDENCE: Durham

CHURCH: St. Philip's, Durham

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Stephanie Yancy

EXPERIENCE:

- Current member of Diocesan Council
- Past member and chair of Bishop's Committee for Racial Justice and Reconciliation
- Facilitator for "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other" (now re-named Dismantling Racism: Reclaiming Our Baptismal Covenant)
- Senior Warden (3 times) at St. Philip's, Durham
- Stewardship Chair (2 times) at St. Philip's, Durham

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I have been deeply involved in the ministries of my parish for the past 36 years. I believe that lay ministry and engagement by lay members of each parish brings vitality to our life in Christ. I have also been involved with diocesan activities for about 10 years, and that has given me the opportunity to understand the strengths and challenges of large and small, urban and rural, parishes.

On Diocesan Council, I have been a member and Chair of the Congregational Support and Development Department, and I am committed to helping develop diocesan resources that will support the growth, engagement, and life of all parishes in the Diocese.

SHERRY OWENS



RESIDENCE: Oxford

CHURCH: St. Stephen's, Oxford

NOMINATOR: The Rev. James L. Pahl, Jr.

EXPERIENCE:

- Global Missions Committee Chairperson (Diocese)
- Parish Administrator
- Treasurer
- Vestry Member
- Search Committee Chairperson

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Sherry Owens would bring a wealth of local parish and diocesan experience to the council, and especially in regards to finance and administration. She has a great record of accomplishments at St. Stephen's, Oxford, and on the Global Missions Committee of the diocese. In addition, she is a great thinker and problem-solver who would delve into the many issues and opportunities that sit before the council.

JERRY PRICE



RESIDENCE: Charlotte
CHURCH: Christ Church, Charlotte
NOMINATOR: Reid Joyner
EXPERIENCE:

- Thompson Board member, Treasurer, Executive Committee, Chairman of Finance Committee
- Former Board member & current Treasurer of Galilee Ministries of East Charlotte
- Member of Outreach committee - Christ Church
- Finance member of Seeds of Hope
- Volunteered at Chapel of Christ the King

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I have been a CPA for over forty years and have worked both professionally and personally with various organizations in structure, organization and financial responsibilities. I believe that along with my past volunteer work I could be helpful to the church and the Diocesan Council especially in the area of finance and administration. In addition, I have interest in the other areas in which the Council is responsible and would like to do additional volunteer work in these areas. I recently retired, having sold my accounting practice, and would like to serve in whatever area the Council could best use my skills.

AL RAGLAND



RESIDENCE: Cary
CHURCH: St. Ambrose, Raleigh
NOMINATOR: The Rev. Jemonde Taylor
EXPERIENCE:

- Served as Senior Warden on multiple occasions and rectors
- Served as Junior Warden
- Served as Chair, Buildings and Grounds
- Co-led two searches for the rector position, including the current Rev. Taylor
- Served on the Vestry for over 20 years in total (in 3-year terms)

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

My background has been in human resources (HR) for over 25 years with progressive leadership roles in the private and public sectors. Have been an HR executive at the Senior Vice President/Chief HR Officer level globally, nationally and on the local level. Have volunteered for organizations, such as Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC for over 20 years and served as Chair during part of that time. Some other committees/organizations that I have served on: the Wake County Education Partnership, Blue Ribbon Commission on the growth of Wake County to name a few. Appointed by a former governor to chair the State Human Resources Commission, board member of Towne Bank (formerly Paragon Bank) have served on the Audit, Compensation and Loan Committees.

My competencies/skills include: leadership, team player, collaboration, results orientation, employee relations, compensation, talent acquisition and management, negotiations, inclusion and a good listener/communicator.

RONALD SIGRIST



RESIDENCE: Winston-Salem

CHURCH: St. Anne's, Winston-Salem

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Ginny Wilder

EXPERIENCE:

- I served as a Vestry member for a number of years and church treasurer for two years.
- I served on the Diocesan Stewardship Committee in the past.
- I have been an Education for Ministry mentor for over 20 years and have a great deal of experience in worship, study and theological reflection.
- I have been learning to be a better speaker and presenter via membership in Toastmasters and earned the Distinguished Toastmaster award (DTM).
- I have been a Diocesan Convention Delegate for several terms.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

During the 35 years that I have been a member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church I have served four terms on the Vestry – two times during the interim between rectors. I am familiar with how to monitor financial information and understand how to administer a church. I dealt with the many day-to-day issues and problems that arise during church administration. Those were real learning experiences as I had great responsibilities during those times. I would like to use the skills and experiences that I gained during my church service to serve the Diocese on the Diocesan Council. I really enjoy such service and am retired, so I can devote the time needed for service.

BYNAM WALTER



RESIDENCE: Durham

CHURCH: St. Philip's, Durham

NOMINATOR: Sue Guptill

EXPERIENCE:

- Serving on the St. Philip's Vestry as Senior Warden (2019) and Clerk (2017-18)
- Chairing St. Philip's Campus Study Committee (2018-19) and serving on the Facilities and Grounds Utilization Taskforce (2017)
- Partnering with families that have experience homelessness through Circle of Support (2013-18)
- Representing St. Philip's as a Diocesan Delegate 2015 – 2017
- Cradle Episcopalian baptized, confirmed, and married at Christ Church, Raleigh

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Working for local government as a city planner makes me interested in and observant of organizational process and structure; representing St. Philip's as a diocesan convention delegate for four years – including the election of Bishop Rodman – has been a way to put those skills to use. Similarly, serving St. Philip's as a member of the Vestry and other committees has used different facets of my professional expertise related to physical planning. From an outreach perspective, Circle of Support has been an opportunity to connect with families transitioning out of homelessness, while also building relationships with fellow parishioners. This program provided me with the opportunity to be in relationship with four different families during their first 12 months out of the shelter as they acclimated to a new home and new jobs. Lessons learned from these varied experiences combined with my skills would be useful gifts to the Diocese.