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**Pre-Filed Floor
Nominations for
Diocesan Offices**

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Standing Committee
Disciplinary Board

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1 Clergy Member, Full Term; 1 Lay Member, Full Term

Lay nominee for full term



Lara Dryer

Good Samaritan, Brownsburg

Describe the church work or community service activities you or the person nominated have participated in that prepared you for the work of the committee:

While I have served my local church on the bishop's committee and as treasurer, I believe my experience at the diocesan and church-wide level have best prepared me for the work of the Standing Commission. I have served on our Diocesan Executive Council, Budget Committee, and Investment and Finance Committee over the last 8 years. In church-wide service, I was

a lay deputy to General Convention and member of the House Rules committee in 2024, and served as a lay alternate to GC in 2022 and 2018. Throughout this ministry I have learned a great deal about the canons, bodies, roles, and responsibilities that make up the framework supporting our church and ministries. I have been a part of the work of adapting our institutions for the 21st century and of formative experiences like Sacred Ground and Growing Courageous Neighbors.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving: My service on the Standing Committee will be informed by knowledge, relationships, and skills gained through my previous service - especially at the diocesan and wider church contexts. I will commit the time needed to do the work well. I will listen carefully, ask thoughtful questions, and study our constitution and canons. Lastly, I will share with others about the work of the Standing Committee and encourage them to be part of the work of the wider church.

Disciplinary Board

**1 Clergy Board Member, Full Term;
1 Lay Board Member, Full Term;
1 Lay Board Member, 2 Year Term**

Lay nominees for full term



Matthew Stephenson

Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis

Describe the church work or community service activities you or the person nominated have participated in that prepared you for the work of the committee:

Matthew has been on the Vestry at CCC; he serves regularly as an acolyte and encourages others to serve; he is a Convention delegate this year; and he has been instrumental in involving his family and children in CCC activities.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving: Matthew is thoughtful, careful, and has good judgment. He has a deep religious faith and a strong ethical sense that would be invaluable in addressing any difficult issues that might arise.

Waycross Board

1 Clergy Board Member, Full Term; 1 Lay Board Member, Full Term;

Clergy nominees for full term



The Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Fisher
St. Paul's, Richmond

Describe the church work or community service activities you or the person nominated have participated in that prepared you for the work of the committee:

In my first career, I was a middle school science teacher and also served as the Science Department Head at both a performing arts magnet and a high-performing academic magnet. As the department head, I was responsible for overseeing the teachers, curriculum development, and budgetary needs. In order to help finance the creative projects that we sponsored, I also wrote a variety of educational grants. Since arriving in the Diocese of Indianapolis four years ago, I not only have

participated in workshops and retreats sponsored by Waycross, but I have also been involved with program development and presentations.

Having served as a Missioner for the Diocese of Easton, providing self-developed workshops and programs for the Diocesan Conventions also required the ability to create budgets to make them self-sustaining as an integral part of my responsibilities. I feel that these experiences also have allowed me to develop leadership skills which will undergird my work with the Waycross Board.

With my background in developing and providing workshops, retreats, and creative dramatic events for a variety of ages and settings - including adult clergy – I also believe I have the insight and skills to provide support and encouragement to the various aspects of programming that occurs at Waycross.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving: I am well-aware of the financial and developmental needs of Waycross to ensure its future growth and stability, and recognize time will be needed to facilitate the envisioning of future goals and funding for such to occur. As I am preparing to retire from my full-time Rector's position in mid-December, I feel that I will have the time to match the commitment and skills I can bring to this position.