EPISCOPAL DIOCESE of INDIANAPOLIS

Nominations for Diocesan Offices

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Standing Committee

1 Clergy Member, 2-Year Term; 1 Clergy Member, Full Term; 1 Lay Member, Full Term

Clergy nominee for full term



The Rev. Joél Muñoz

St. John's, Lafayette

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: As an Episcopal priest, educator, and organizational leader, I bring extensive experience in church governance, financial stewardship, personnel management, strategic planning, and community leadership. My professional and ministerial experiences have prepared me to contribute meaningfully to the Standing Committee, Finance, Budget, Investment, Personnel, and Executive Committees of the Diocese.

I currently serve as Interim Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Lafayette, Indiana, and previously served as Interim Rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Noblesville. In these roles, I have worked closely with vestries and parish leaders to strengthen organizational structures, oversee financial and operational priorities, manage personnel transitions, develop leadership capacity, and guide congregations through periods of significant change. My responsibilities include supporting budget development, financial stewardship, staff recruitment and supervision, strategic planning, and ensuring that parish resources support the mission and ministry of the Church.

At the diocesan level, I have served as a Title IV Intake Officer, an Examining Chaplain for the Commission on Ministry, and a member of the Racial Justice and Education Team. These responsibilities have strengthened my understanding of ecclesiastical governance, clergy accountability, discernment, confidentiality, and the importance of maintaining ethical and transparent institutional practices.

Beyond ordained ministry, I bring substantial executive leadership experience from education and human resources. I have served as a school principal, assistant principal, Director of Student Services, and Director of Classified Human Resources. These

positions required experience with organizational budgets, personnel policies, employee relations, regulatory compliance, strategic decision-making, and institutional accountability. I also bring experience in higher education as a professor of management, human resources, and organizational leadership.

My academic preparation includes an MBA, a Master of Science in Strategic Management, a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership, and a Master of Divinity. I also hold professional human resources certifications, including SHRM-CP and aPHR. This combination of theological formation and organizational expertise allows me to approach diocesan leadership with both pastoral sensitivity and sound management principles.

My community service includes serving as Chair of the City of Lafayette Commission on Hispanic Affairs, along with involvement in initiatives supporting immigrant communities, racial justice, LGBTQ+ inclusion, and equitable access to opportunities.

I believe effective diocesan governance requires faithful stewardship, financial responsibility, transparency, collaboration, and a commitment to the long-term sustainability of our congregations and ministries. I would welcome the opportunity to bring my experience in executive leadership, financial oversight, human resources, and Episcopal Church governance to the work of these committees, always remembering that our institutional decisions must ultimately serve the mission of Jesus Christ and the people we are called to serve.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving: I would contribute to the work of the Diocese by bringing together my experience in ordained ministry, executive leadership, financial stewardship, human resources, and organizational governance. I believe that effective leadership requires the ability to listen carefully, ask thoughtful and sometimes difficult questions, make informed decisions, and remain focused on the mission of the Church.

My background in business administration, strategic management, and human resources would allow me to contribute meaningfully to conversations surrounding diocesan finances, investments, personnel policies, organizational sustainability, and long-term planning. As an interim rector, I have learned the importance of navigating complex situations, strengthening institutional structures, building consensus, and helping organizations prepare for the future.

I would also bring a commitment to transparency, accountability, collaboration, and responsible stewardship. I believe our diocesan resources, both financial and human, should be managed wisely while supporting congregational vitality, clergy well-being, and opportunities for growth and innovation.

As a priest and a Latino leader, I would offer perspectives shaped by my experiences in ministry, education, and community advocacy. I believe it is essential that our diocesan leadership reflects the diversity of the Church and remains attentive to the needs of congregations of different sizes, resources, and circumstances.

Above all, I would contribute a willingness to serve faithfully, engage in difficult conversations with respect and integrity, and make decisions that strengthen the Diocese for future generations. I believe good governance is not simply about maintaining institutions, but about ensuring that our structures, policies, and resources empower us to live more fully into our baptismal covenant and the mission of Jesus Christ.

Lay nominee for full term



Mr. Andy Wilkinson

St. Matthew's, Indianapolis

Biography

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: He is an active member of St. Matthew's, Indianapolis and has served multiple times as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Treasurer. He has served on multiple Rector search committees and as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention. He co-chaired St. Matthew's expansion and renovation project in the late 1990s that would not have been possible without the support of the diocese.

At the diocesan level, he served on the Waycross Board from 2009-2016 including the last two years as board president. He has also served on the Personnel, Policy, and Compensation Committee and the Stewardship Commission.

He is active in the community, previously serving Scouting America as a Scoutmaster and executive board member of the Crossroads of America Council and currently serving as a foundation board member. He currently serves on the alumni board of Wabash College (National Association of Wabash Men). He served as school board member and treasurer of the Irvington Community Schools in 2024 and 2025.

Professionally, he is an actuary and retired after a successful 40-year career with OneAmerica Financial in Indianapolis with a focus on employee benefits and retirement.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving: His deep experience in the church - both at the small parish level and the diocesan level - will be beneficial to the Standing Committee as they steward the resources of the diocese to help congregations grow stronger. He is a strategic thinker who will bring strong financial and analytical skills to the committee. He will also bring the perspective of a husband, father (5), and grandfather (5) along with a desire to help every young person grow into lives filled with meaning, purpose and love.

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

At this time there are no Clergy nominees

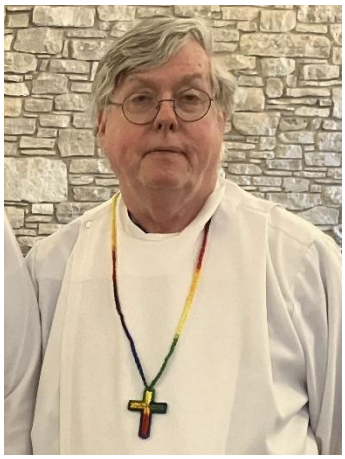
Lay nominees



Mr. Zachary Anderson
St. Stephen's, Terre Haute
Biography

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: I currently serve as Clerk of the Vestry, as a General Convention Deputy Alternate and as a delegate to multiple Diocesan Conventions. I also serve as one of the Vergers of the parish helping schedule lay ministers.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving: I can use my background navigating governance structures through my work at the Vigo County Public Defender's Office while also using my experiences I'm learning in grad school for Mental Health Counseling to be objective for all sides while also trying to bring restoration if the situation calls for it. Serving allows me to live out our Baptismal Covenant of "striving for justice and peace among all people."



Mr. Sean Sullivan
St. Thomas, Franklin

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 the course of my life in the Episcopal Church, I have reported directly to three bishops in two different dioceses. In the Diocese of Indianapolis, I have been an active member of five different households and currently I'm at St. Thomas, Franklin.

From 2016 until my retirement in 2024, I was the Secretary of the Diocese and was elected as Secretary to each Convention, including the one that elected our current Bishop.

Through deanery/neighborhood elections and Bishop appointments, I served more than a decade on Executive Council and functioned as its clerk as needed.

My most important and cherished ministry is being a clergy spouse for more than two decades.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving:
While I am retired from most of my ministries, I still have a passion to serve this Diocese. I believe my depth and breadth of experience would be beneficial to the Board.

Also, having now retired from my secular career, I have the availability and flexibility to serve as needed.

Commission on Ministry
1 Clergy Member, Full Term;
1 Lay Member, Full Term

Clergy Nominees



The Rev. Dr. Beth Macke
Retired
Biography

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: I have served in ordained ministry for over 25 years. I take seriously the fifth mission point of the Diocese of Indianapolis, " Develop clergy and laity to lead the church of today and tomorrow" and have previously served on the Commission on Ministry.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving: I have a passion for listening to the call of God's people and companioning them through the discernment process. As a priest who has served in smaller parishes on the outskirts most of her ministerial life, I believe I bring a needed perspective on ministry, present and future.



The Rev. Allan Wallace
St. Paul's, New Albany & Jeffersonville
Biography

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: Allan has previously served on the COM, and he would bring a measured, thoughtful presence to the current COM. He has also been a lovely support for my husband as he has navigated getting back into the discernment process. I think Allan is an excellent candidate for the COM. Allan has a passion for working with both the LGBTQIA+ community and the Spanish speaking/immigrant community.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving: Allan has a strong sense of empathy and understanding and is a very sensible person. He can speak to both the religious and business knowledge needed to navigate the church's unique work. Allan is gentle and comforting, which I think is a boon for someone who is helping guide and make decisions with those who are discerning.

Lay nominee



Canon Mariann Scott

St. Timothy's, Indianapolis

Biography

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: I have been an Education for Ministry mentor for 15 years. I have served on the Executive Council, the Racial Justice and Education team, and facilitated several Sacred Ground groups. I am currently the Education for Ministry Coordinator for the EfM program. I have been a sounding board and reference for three people of the Education for Ministry group discerning membership in a monastic order.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving: In my role as an Education for Ministry mentor, I help to facilitate people on their journey to discerning their ministries. I feel that I can bring those facilitator skills to my work on the Commission for Ministry. I am also a trained mediator and helping people work through issues and concerns is something that I am trained in.

Waycross Board
2 Positions –Clergy/Lay Member, Full Term

Clergy/Lay nominees



Ms. Shelbi Fortner
St. John's, Crawfordsville
Biography

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: My connection to the Episcopal Church includes experience in parish leadership, Christian formation, worship, and community engagement. I currently attend St. John's Episcopal Church in Crawfordsville and maintain an active connection with St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lebanon, where I serve monthly as a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

At St. Peter's, I served for one year as Senior Warden and participated in the Engaging Young Adults Initiative Grant, through which we worked to increase the church's visibility and share God's wildly inclusive love with the Lebanon community. I also served approximately five years in youth formation, regularly teaching Sunday School and collaborating with the Priest in Charge at St. Peter's to expand opportunities for children and youth to participate more fully in worship and the life of the church.

Professionally, I serve as Assessment Coordinator for the Division of Education at Indiana University Kokomo. My work includes program accreditation and continuous improvement, teaching preservice educators, supervising student teachers, and collaborating with P–12 partners throughout our service region to provide professional learning opportunities. Across these church and professional roles, I have developed experience in collaborative leadership, education and formation, program improvement, community partnership, and keeping mission at the center of organizational decision-making.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving: I would bring to the Waycross Board a combination of experience in education and formation, organizational assessment and continuous improvement, collaborative leadership, and a deep appreciation for Waycross's ministry.

My professional work has taught me how to look thoughtfully at an organization's goals, gather and interpret evidence, identify strengths and opportunities for growth, and work collaboratively to turn that information into meaningful improvement. I would bring that

same perspective to the Board while remaining attentive to Waycross's mission and the people it serves. My experiences in youth formation and teacher education also give me a particular interest in how environments and programs can foster belonging, growth, reflection, and learning.

Most importantly, I believe deeply in what Waycross offers. I have attended the Beloved & Empowered Campaign kickoff and experienced a retreat weekend there with my daughter. Both of my children have attended Waycross summer camp, and my daughter hopes to become a CIT next summer.

I have seen firsthand the incredible growth that can happen at Waycross—both as individuals and as children of God. I would be excited to help Waycross thoughtfully strengthen its programs, tell the story of its impact, and expand opportunities for more people to experience the Christian hospitality, belonging, reflection, and growth that my family has found there.



The Rev. Jim Said

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: Currently am the vicar of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church and have been serving on the Executive Council and the Waycross Board. I would like to continue the work we have started.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving: I have over twenty-five years in the business sector and believe my experience might be of assistance in all three capital campaigns, the Diocese of Indianapolis, Waycross, and Good Sam's. In addition I believe that my experience in ministry might also be of assistance.



Mr. Dennis Teague

St. Matthews, Indianapolis

Biography

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: Long time camper at Waycross in the 1970-80s as well as in the 2010-2020s. Cradle Episcopalian. Was a member of the Waycross Council of Advisors for 3 years previous.

How can you or the person nominated contribute by serving: Waycross holds a special place in my heart, and I consider it my favorite place in the world and where I feel the closest to God. I wish everyone could have the memories I have of the place.

Executive Council

1 Clergy Member for Edge, Riverbend, Wabash, Full Term; 1 Lay Member (Lay Nominees Must be Confirmed) for Crossroads, Full Term)

These leaders were elected at fall neighborhood meetings, to be ratified by diocesan convention

Riverbend Clergy – 3 Year Term

Wabash Clergy – 3 Year Term
The Rev. Jim Said | Good Samaritan, Brownsburg

Edge Clergy – 3 Year Term
The Rev. Spencer Ruark | St. Christophers Carmel

Crossroads Lay –3 Year Term

Neighborhood Conveners

1 Clergy Member & 1 Lay Member per Neighborhood
1-year Term

These leaders were elected at fall neighborhood meetings

Confluence
Clergy: **The Rev. Holly Rankin Zaher |** St. Paul's, Evansville
Lay: **Mr. Rich Widup |** St. Paul's, Evansville

Crossroads
Clergy: **The Rev. Benjamin Sternke |** The Table, Indianapolis
Lay: **Mr. Mizraim Lorenzo-Aguilar |** St. Timothy's, Indianapolis

The Edge
Clergy: **The Rev. Dawn Roginski |** Grace, Muncie
Lay: **Ms. Mary Mordue |** Grace, Muncie

River Bend
Clergy: **The Rev. Jason Haddox |** Trinity, Lawrenceburg
Lay:

Wabash
Clergy: **The Rev. Andrew Downs |** St. Stephen's, Terre Haute
Lay: **Mrs. Dorothy (Dot) Hitchens |** St. Francis, Zionsville

Waycross
Clergy: **The Rev. Kelsey Hutto-Ford |** St. John's, Bedford
Lay: **Mrs. Christina (Tina) Goodlander |** St. David's, Bean Blossom