

Nominating Committee Report

240th Diocesan Convention

March 2024

Dear Fellow Members:

Following is the Nominating Committee Report for the March 2024 Diocesan Convention. The nominees for each office in each category will appear in the same order for convention voting. Many thanks to the following individuals who served on the Nominating Committee this year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONVOCATION</u>
The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Graves	Atlantic
Ms. Rhonda Jackson	Atlantic
Vacant – Clergy	Burlington
Ms. Marge Lenhardt	Burlington
The Rev. Naomi M. Cressman, Dcn.	Camden
Ms. Christina Crowthers	Camden
The Rev. Eve Chamberlain	Monmouth
Ms. Joanne Montani	Monmouth
Vacant—Clergy	Northern
Mr. Arthur G. Pedersen, II	Northern
The Very Rev. Paul Jeanes, III	Trenton
Dr. Henry M. Richards	Trenton
The Rev. Susanna P. Cates	Watchung
Ms. Myrna Dyson	Watchung
The Rev. Antoinette Tackett	Woodbury
Mr. Cole Banning	Woodbury

Special thanks go to the many candidates who indicated their willingness to serve and to those who placed them in nomination.

Canon 5 provides for independently submitted nominations to be submitted to the Secretary of the Convention. Deadline for such nominations is 45 days prior to the convention. **After this time, any member of the convention can make a nomination ‘from the floor’ during the convention, but (a) the nominator must have filed a nomination form on the diocesan website no later than a week before the convention opens, (b) the nominator must attend the online convention to make the floor nomination when invited, and (c) the nominee must attend to certify willingness to serve if elected.**

Respectfully,

Jon C. “Chip” Graves

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Graves, Chair

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Names **without asterisks** were received by the Nominating Committee.
2. Names **with one asterisk** were put in nomination between January 1 and 24, 2024 to the Secretary of Convention.
3. Names **with two asterisks** have received prefiled notice for nomination from the floor.
4. Some previous nominees have withdrawn prior to this update.

Office A

Standing Committee – Clergy — Vote by Orders
Vote for up to One — 4-Year Term



The Rev. Angelo Wildgoose – St. Mark’s Church, Plainfield

1 Father Wildgoose is Rector of St. Mark’s, Plainfield and has served on Diocesan Council within the Dioceses of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Today, he serves as Dean of the Watchung Convocation, is a member of the Diocesan Disciplinary Board, and is a police chaplain for the city of Plainfield. He also served as part of the Reentering, Reopening, Reimagining Task Force (the body assembled for overseeing the reopening of church in the Diocese).



The Rev. Naomi M. Cressman, Dcn. – Holy Family, Laurel Springs

2 A "daughter of the diocese." Completed the School for Deacons and ordained in May 2015. As a layperson, was an adult member of Youth Council, Nominating Committee, Cathedral Chapter, and served on Bishop Cancell’s transition committee. As clergy, completing two terms on Diocesan Council. Was also a member of Bishop French’s search committee. Am on the ECW Board and serve as UTO co-chair. I am strongly committed to Christ and this diocese and welcome the opportunity to serve on Standing Committee.



The Rev. Dr. William K. Ndishabandi – St. Augustine's, Asbury Park

3 I am currently Priest-in-Charge of St. Augustine's Church since 2016. I bring deep love for our church polity and knowledge, tradition, and have skills and myriad of agilities in church governance. I have served as rector to many parishes in both Anglican and Episcopal Churches. I have managed businesses in hospitals, chaplain in prison, and Jackson State University. I am a teacher, a counselor, and a leader.



The Rev. Daniel Scott Russell – The Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rutgers

4 Fr. Russell is very involved in the life of the diocese. He would bring a valuable point of view to the Standing Committee.



Canon Paul Wolfgang – Holy Trinity, Collingswood

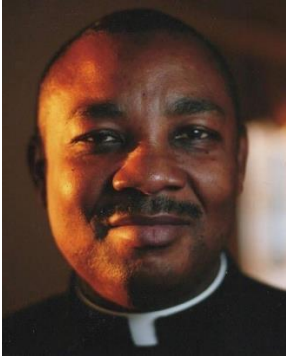
1 Canon Wolfgang is very familiar with the challenges facing our diocese. He has served on many diocesan boards and commissions. He currently serves on the Board of Missions, Finance and Budget Committee, the Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds, and the Anti-Racism Commission where he is the convener of the training team. In his home parish, Holy Trinity, Collingswood, he has served as Warden, Vestryman, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Worship Leader, and Choir member.



Chuck Knill – St. Mark's, Basking Ridge

2 A lifelong Episcopalian, I have been a member of St. Mark's since 2003. I serve as Verger and am currently a Warden. In the past, I have served on the Vestry as Stewardship Chair, co-chaired a capital campaign, was a youth leader, a Discernment Committee member to Call a Rector, and a diocesan convention deputy. I also served on the Diocesan Investment Trust Fund. I have a thirty-plus-year career in various non-profit executive leadership roles.

Office C Diocesan Council – Clergy
Vote for up to Three — 3-Year Term



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The Rev. James N. Wilson, II – St. Mary's, Pleasantville

Fr. James N. Wilson, II currently serves as Priest-in-Charge of the affiliated Episcopal Churches of St. Mary's in Pleasantville and St. Augustine's in Atlantic City. While in the Diocese of Minnesota, he served on Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Mission Committee and as General Convention Deputy. He also served as Priest-in-Charge for two African-American Churches who became Holy Trinity Church, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, and Priest-in-Charge for St. Philip's Church, all in Minnesota.



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The Rev. Henry Alan Leonard – Church of the Advent, Cape May

Fr. Alan has been Rector of Church of the Advent since 2019. He is currently serving on Diocesan Council, the Board of Missions, and as a member of the Mental and Spiritual Health (MASH) committee. In the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, Fr. Alan had served as President of the Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board and as a Deputy to General Convention. He has been ordained for over 25 years. Fr. Alan is married to Brenda Leonard and they have two grown children.



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The Rev. Kent Walley – St. Luke's, Gladstone

Kent is eager to assist with the new financial strategies that Bishop French initiated. He has served twice before on diocesan council. Kent is passionate about racial conciliation, forming a partnership with a multi-ethnic church during the pandemic, and participating as a panelist on a World Council of Churches Anti-Racism webinar in 2023. He will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination this year and has been rector of St. Luke's Gladstone for 16 years.



4

The Rev. Allison Burns-LaGreca – St. Mary's, Stone Harbor

I have a rich blend of spiritual, educational, and business training and expertise; I offer strategic insight and compassionate leadership to the Diocesan Council. My tenure as Rector of St. Mary's, coupled with my business, marketing, sales, and education experience and commitment to community service, equip me to contribute meaningfully to our diocese's growth, inclusivity, and future, as demonstrated in my roles in the Bishop Search Committee, the School for Ministry, and other roles in and outside of the diocese.

Office D Diocesan Council – Lay
Vote for up to Three — 3-Year Term



***Arthur G. Pedersen II – St. John's, Woodbridge**

1 Arthur has been involved with the Vestry of his parish for many years and is familiar with the issues parishes face. Additionally, he has past experience on Diocesan Council and is familiar with what the council is required to do. He also has experience on the Nominating Committee and the Standing Commission on Clerical compensation.



Jonathan Gloster – Christ Church, New Brunswick

2 Jonathan Gloster has served as the Diocesan Treasurer since November 2020. He has attended Christ Church since 2001 after relocating to New Jersey from the Washington DC area. He has served on the Vestry as Property and Finance Committee Chair. He served as Parish Treasurer for over 5 years and on several other parish task forces and committees during his time at Christ Church. He currently serves on the Reparations Commission and the Urban Renewal Task Force.



****Canon Barbara O. Bach – St Paul's Church, Westfield**

3 Canon Bach is a third-generation lifelong Episcopalian. In this diocese Barbie has served on Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Cathedral Chapter, Anti-Racism Commission, Reparations Commission, Environmental Committee/Creation Care Committee, and General Convention Deputation. In The Episcopal Church she has served on Deputies of Color Steering Committee, two General Convention Legislative Committees, Interim Body Task Force on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism, and the Presiding Bishop's delegation to the UN global climate conferences COP26 and COP28.



****Marcus Gales – Christ the King, Willingboro**

4 Marcus Gales is a past Junior Warden of Christ the King, Willingboro. He is retired from the United States Air Force (30 years active and reserved duty). Marcus has previously served as a member of the Diocesan Council. He has been an alternate deputy for many Diocesan Conventions and served as legislative aide for General Conventions. Marcus is a member of the Commission for Black Ministries and Treasurer for UBE, Earl B. Scott Chapter.

Office E Cathedral Chapter – Clergy
Vote for up to One — 3-Year Term



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The Rev. Anne McRae Wrede – St. John the Evangelist, Chews Landing

The people of Trinity Cathedral hold a special place in my heart. I served as interim dean and later as a member of the Chapter during a complicated transition era.

It would be a joy for me to be of some assistance in the continuing missions, ministries, and future of this vibrant community as we seek and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ in our world today.

Office F Cathedral Chapter – Lay
Vote for up to Two — 3-Year Term



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Joseph Walker – St. Paul's, Westfield

Joe has been a member of St. Paul's Westfield since 2001, where he currently is a lector and is on the Altar Guild. He has been a deputy to Diocesan Convention since 2020 and served as a transition committee member for the 13th bishop. He is currently an alternate to the 81st General Convention.



2

***Beth Binde – Christ Church, New Brunswick**

I previously served on Cathedral Chapter from 2017 to 2020, as my term of office was extended due to the COVID epidemic. From 2014 to 2017 I served on the vestry at Christ Church New Brunswick and served again in 2022. I look forward to the opportunity to serve again.



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***Tracy John – St. Alban's, New Brunswick**

I am a second-generation member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in New Brunswick. I am chemical engineer within the food industry. I am eager to contribute my skills, experience, and passion to the growth and future of the Diocese of New Jersey.

Office G

Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation – Clergy
Vote for up to Two — 3-Year Term



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The Rev. Shelton Radix – St. Stephen's, Beverly

I have been a lifelong Episcopalian and have served as acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and vestry member in several churches totaling 40 years of service to God in his church before my ordination to the priesthood. I love serving God and his people and have continued to do so faithfully as a bi-vocational priest. I see my participation on this committee as a continuation of that service to God.



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The Rev. Dr. William K. Ndishabandi – St. Augustine's, Asbury Park

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Office H

Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation – Lay
Vote for up to Two — 3-Year Term



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Paul Smith – Christ Church, Bordentown

I'm a communicant at Christ Church Bordentown, working as an acolyte, lay preacher, and educational class organizer. Aside from my parish work, for the past 25 years I have devoted my career to the Human Resources field, and am familiar with all aspects of HR. I'm currently the Director, Human Resources at a regional planning agency. I'm responsible for highly detailed and comprehensive compensation and benefit analysis that strives to improve the workplace culture.



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Canon Talbot B. Kramer Jr. Esq. – St. Thomas' Church, Glassboro

Tal Kramer has served on the Vestry of St. Thomas' Church; currently is involved in the choir, teaches Sunday school, leads Family Promise Ministry to the homeless, and serves on the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation. An attorney for 36 years, he and his wife Donna Freidel have a practice in Turnersville handling many subject areas including civil and family court litigation, corporate issues, and real estate.

Office H

Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation – Lay — Continued

Dr. Karen Bemis – Christ Church, New Brunswick



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Karen Bemis worships joyfully at Christ Church, New Brunswick. She is a current alternate to General Convention, heads the committee guiding the campus ministry at Rutgers, and is a member of the Audit Committee. Major concerns are environmental action, anti-racism, and struggling congregations. Professionally, she studies volcanoes on land and under the sea.

Office I

Standing Committee on Constitutions & Canons – Clergy or Lay
Vote for up to One — 3-Year Term

Meg Holland – Trinity Church, Princeton



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Meg, an attorney, has worked closely with clergy and lay leaders from across our diocese. She has developed strong familiarity with the breadth and complexities of our constitution and canons. Meg is gifted with clarity of thought and with the ability to envision how structures might be adjusted or re-aligned to support the building of God’s kingdom. She has served on Diocesan Council and on the committees on Resolutions, Budget & Finance, and the Priesthood.

Office J

Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds – Lay

Vote for up to One — 5-Year Term

Fred Ellis – St. Mark’s Church, Plainfield



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Fred is General Partner & Owner of a privately owned business consulting company, providing professional expertise in operations, operational audit, compliance, M&A, and strategic planning. During a 40-year career, he held numerous senior management positions in the financial services sector. In commitment to his Christian life, he has devoted himself to the following ministries: Trustee of Diocesan Trust Funds, and at St. Mark’s Plainfield - Vestry, Stewardship, Finance, Scholarship Committees.

Leslie Quaynor – St. Elizabeth’s Church, Elizabeth



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Leslie has more than 20 years of hospitality, marketing, operations, finance, and general management experience. He has owned and operated a multi-million-dollar commercial and residential real-estate portfolio. Leslie also served as a IT Executive of Operations for Verizon Enterprise Solutions and led the company’s Global Solutions group. Leslie was an executive at AT&T for five years, after working at JP Morgan Chase for six years. Leslie has been attending St. Elizabeth for over 20 years.

Office K Finance and Budget – Clergy or Lay
Vote for up to Three — 3-Year Term



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Leslie Quaynor – St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabeth

As President and CEO, Leslie is responsible for overseeing all aspects of his global company Fantasy Entertainment Group. He has owned and operated a multi-million-dollar commercial and residential real-estate portfolio. Leslie also served as a IT Executive of Operations for Verizon Enterprise Solutions. Leslie was an executive at AT&T for five years, after working at JP Morgan Chase for six years. Leslie has been attending St. Elizabeth for over 20 years.



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The Rev. Gail L. Bennett, Dcn. – Trinity Church, Asbury Park

Gail is a life-long member of the diocese and was ordained to the diaconate in 1985. She has served the diocese on many different committees and as a deputy to General Convention. She brings her knowledge of the budgeting process of TEC, her experience as a bank manager, 8 years as a parish treasurer before ordination, and her past experience on the committee. Gail hopes to continue to serve the diocese on this committee.



3

Willie Coleman – Trinity Cathedral, Trenton

The Trinity Cathedral vestry nominates Willie Coleman to serve on the Diocesan Finance and Budget Committee. Willie is a longtime member of Trinity Cathedral and possesses the qualifications and judgment to serve in this capacity. He is currently the Ushers Coordinator at the Cathedral, serves on the Food Pantry, and is a member of the Endowment Fund Board. In 2023, Willie served as a Delegate to the Diocesan Convention and the Trenton Convocation.

Office L Diocesan Investment Trust – Clergy or Lay
Vote for up to One — 4-Year Term



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Kirk Bonamici – St. Bernard's Church, Bernardsville

A retired CPA, I have served as a trustee of the Diocesan Investment Trust for the prior four years after attending meetings of the Board as Treasurer of the Diocese for several years before that. I follow the markets closely and enjoy being part of the team that oversees investments not only for the Diocese but also for the congregations that maintain DIT investments.

Office M Audit Committee – Clergy or Lay
Vote for up to One — 3-Year Term



***The Rev. Dr. William K. Ndishabandi – St. Augustine's, Asbury Park**

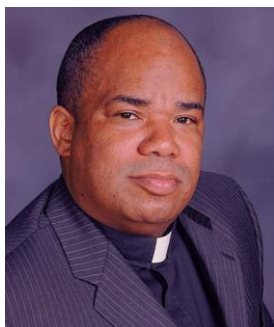
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Office N Disciplinary Board – Clergy
Vote for up to Four — 1-Year Term as Member + 2 as Alternate



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The Very Rev. René Rory John – Trinity Cathedral, Trenton

2 The Very Rev. René Rory John is the seventh Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey, elected October 2006. He has been a priest for thirty-eight years and was originally ordained in the Diocese of Trinidad & Tobago at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Port of Spain, Trinidad. Dean René John served on various Diocesan Committees – Diocesan Council, Standing Committee (President 1 year), Department of Stewardship, Department of Budget, Programs and Services and the Commission on Ministry.



***The Rev. Dirk C. Reinken – St. Peter's Church, Freehold**

3 I have 24 years of ordained experience, 21 in this diocese at St. Luke's, Ewing, and St. Peter's, Freehold. I have served on the Committee on Priesthood, Resolutions, Diocesan Council, and Clerical Compensation. Prior to ordination, I worked on the staff for the Bishop of New York. I believe this experience, paired with pastoral sensitivity, gives me the experience to serve faithfully and effectively on the Disciplinary Board.

Office O Disciplinary Board – Lay
Vote for up to Three — 1-Year Term as Member + 2 as Alternate



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Lisa Browne – St. Alban's Church, New Brunswick

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Lisa Browne is a trained Attorney at Law, business development professional and consultant, and a life-long member of the Anglican/Episcopalian faith. Before making New Jersey her home, she was the Chairperson and only permanent member of the Anguilla Labor Tribunal, which adjudicated labor disputes within the public and private sector in Anguilla, a British Overseas Territory in the Caribbean. She is presently the Senior Warden at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in New Brunswick.



John S. Sturges – Trinity Church, Rocky Hill

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I volunteer to continue on the Disciplinary Committee, based on my experience including over 20 years in directing Human Resources, over 30 years consulting on management strategy, pastoral experience as a Stephen Minister, and advanced degrees in management and counseling.

Office P Intake Officer – Clergy or Lay
Vote for up to One — 1-Year Term



The Rev. Canon Karin R. Mitchell – Retired

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I have served as Title IV Intake Officer for the past five years and would like to continue in this position. I am a Canon of our Cathedral and currently serve on the Committee on the Priesthood and the Committee on Vulnerable Congregations. I retired four years ago as rector of St. David's in Cranbury.

Office Q Church Attorney – Lay
Vote for up to One — 1-Year Term



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Office R Treasurer – Clergy or Lay
Vote for up to One — 1-Year Term



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