

The Diocese of New Jersey

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 18, 2008

Dear Fellow Members:

Enclosed is the Nominating Committee Report for the 2008 Diocesan Convention. The nominees for each office in each category have been listed in random order and will appear in the same order on the convention ballot.

Many thanks to the following individuals who served on the Nominating Committee this year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONVOCATION</u>
The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.	Atlantic
Ms. Deborah Kirk	Atlantic
The Rev. Richard C. Wrede	Burlington
Dr. James W. Sullivan	Burlington
The Rev. Margaret Sterchi	Camden
Ms. Naomi Cressman	Camden
The Rev. Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor	Monmouth
Ms. Elizabeth Papp	Monmouth
The Rev. Salvador Ros	Northern
Mr. Arthur G. Pedersen, II	Northern
The Rev. Dirk C. Reinken	Trenton
Ms. Jane E. Miller	Trenton
The Rev. Theodore E. Moore, Dcn.	Watchung
Mrs. Louise Miller	Watchung
The Rev. Petrina M. Pyatt	Woodbury
Ms. Christine Hoehn	Woodbury

Special thanks 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. Nominations may also be submitted from the floor at convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Petrina Pyatt

The Rev. Petrina M. Pyatt
Nominating Committee, Chair

Nominating Committee Report to the 224th Diocesan Convention

**A. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)
1 Clergy Member, 4-year term**

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



Ordained deacon 1985. Alternate deputy general convention 2006. Served as member of Evangelism, Auditing and the Committee for the Disabled. Currently on Finance and Budget Committee. Former co-chair of Deacons Council and member of Election Committee for the Bishop. Has a deep interest in the on-going vision for our diocese and would bring her wide range of experiences throughout the church.

The Rev. Dr. Patrick R. Close – Grace Church, Haddonfield



Rector of Grace Church, Haddonfield, since August 1997. Served in Diocese of Newark and Virginia. Graduate of University of Maryland, Drew. Experience includes: Diocesan Council, Commission on Ministry, Episcopal Community Services, Cursillo, Happening, Oasis, Convention Planning, Hospice, Fire Department Chaplain, Dean of Camden Convocation, President of Haddonfield Council of Churches, Adjunct Professor - Drew University, Rotary, and more. Interested in serving the Diocese of New Jersey and helping to see the Vision become a reality.

The Very Rev. René John – Trinity Cathedral, Trenton



Dean René, currently sixth Dean of Trinity Cathedral, is an ordained Priest with twenty-three years experience - most of it in urban settings with diverse congregations. In previous dioceses, served on the Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Council, Department of Stewardship and Budget, and Diocesan Review Committee. Also served on secular community boards. He is looking forward to offering himself to share in the Councils of the Church in the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. Salvador Ros – St. Paul’s Church and Church of the Holy Comforter, Rahway



Priest in the Episcopal Church since 2001. Ordained priest (RC) 1983. Served in the Dominican Republic. Called as rector of the yoked parishes of St. Paul/Holy Comforter. During his tenure the churches consolidated and started a Hispanic Ministry, expanded the ESL program to 65 students and reactivated the youth program. Currently Dean of the Northern Convocation and assisting St John’s and Grace Churches in Elizabeth while instituting and expanding their Hispanic ministries.

The Rev. Mark Van Sant – St. John’s Church, Little Silver



Life-long diocesan member experienced in urban and suburban congregations, north and south; cathedral, parish and mission. Service includes Commission on Women’s Ordination, Hunger Task Force, Trial Court, Christian Education Commission, Personnel Committee, Ecumenical Commission; past member of Diocesan Council and trustee of the Albert Van Duzer Scholarship Fund; former Youth Coordinator and Interim Youth Director. Current Dean of Monmouth Convocation and member of Board of Missions and Companion Diocese Committee, involved in El Salvador.

B. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)
1 Lay Member, 4-year term

Annette Buchanan – St. Augustine’s Church, Asbury Park



NJ Diocese: Chair, Visioning Committee 2005 – present; Diocesan Council 2005 – 2008; Finance Committee 2006 – present; Anti-Racism Commission 2003 – present. St. Augustine’s, Asbury Park: Chair, Fundraising Committee 2004 – present, Junior Warden 2004 – 2006; Soup Kitchen Volunteer 2005 – present; Member search committees 1998 – 2004; Past Chair, Buildings & Grounds and Stewardship Committees, Vestry Clerk. UBE: National Secretary 2005 – 2007, Mid-Atlantic Regional Director 2001-2005, NJ Chapter President 1997 – 2001.

Christine N. Hoehn – Church of Our Merciful Saviour, Penns Grove



As a new and excited Episcopalian, currently fulfilling a vacated Vestry Seat and serving as Committee Chair for Parish Life Ministry. Also serving on Diocesan Nominating Committee for Woodbury Convocation. Recent graduate of Wilmington University with an MBA and MS in Organization Leadership. Science of Organizational Leadership. I became a replacement member of the Nominating Committee for the Woodbury Convocation after a last minute vacancy.

C. Alternate Deputies to General Convention (Vote by Orders)
4 Clergy Deputies – 3-year terms

The Rev. Mark H. Chattin – Holy Trinity, Collingswood



Lifelong member of this diocese. Served in many and varied ministries, commissions and committees. Currently a member of the Standing Committee, Acolyte Festival Committee and Dean of Camden Convocation. For over 20 years a deputy to the Province II Synod, giving him insight into the workings of the larger church. He desires to encourage a spirit of generosity, grace and hope through the work of the General Convention and the mission of the Church.

The Rev. Philip H. Kasey – Holy Trinity Church, South River



As a priest of 29 years, currently serving on Diocesan Council, Committee on Priesthood, and the Clergy Day Planning Committee; I have the background to represent our diocese well at the General Convnetnion. I feel that my collaborative leadership abilities would make me a valuable member of our delegation. And I hope my agenda for spiritual transformation and the unity of our church could actually make a difference.

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



Ordained deacon 1985. Alternate deputy general convention 2006. Voting member for four sessions of House of Deputies and Deacon Consultant to Committee on Constitution and Canons. Served as member of Evangelism, Auditing and the Committee for the Disabled. Currently on Finance and Budget committee. Former co-chair of Deacons Council. Member of Election Committee for the Bishop. Gail has deep concerns for maintaining the unity of the Church and Communion in the midst of our diversity.

Continued **C. Alternate Deputies to General Convention (Vote by Orders)**
4 Clergy Deputies – 3-year terms

The Rev. Peter A. Molnar, D.D. – Trinity Church, Vincentown



I have served the Diocese for approximately 45 years. I have vast governmental and structural expertise. I am a retired chaplain with the rank of Colonel and worked for county and state governments for 27 years.

The Rev. Terry L. Martin – Church of the Holy Spirit, Tuckerton



Current member of Diocesan Council and Right Onward Visioning Committee. In the Diocese of El Camino Real was a member of Diocesan Council and Chair of Peace and Justice Committee. Attended General Convention 2006. Runs a website providing news and commentary on matters related to the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. I desire that the Episcopal Church continues to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being.

The Rev. Andrea Rose-Marie Hayden – St. Augustine’s Church, Asbury Park



Rector of St. Augustine’s, Asbury Park, was ordained priest in 1999 in the Diocese of Chicago. I serve on the Anti-Racism Commission and Liturgical Commission. My ordination vows require me to take my share “in the councils of the Church.” I would feel privileged to serve as Deputy to General Convention to utilize my gifts. I attended the General Convention as the Province V Youth Ministries Coordinator as part of the Youth Task Force.

The Rev. Dr. Cipher Deavours, Dcn. – St. John’s Church, Elizabeth



Having followed the General Convention closely, I have successfully introduced two resolutions in the last two years to implement those of the convention in our diocese. Served on the Executive Council HIV/AIDS Committee of the Convention. Represented the Episcopal Church at gathering of the ELCA in Chicago.

The Rev. Ronald N. Pollock – St. John’s Church, Somerville



Father Pollock has served the Diocese of New Jersey as a member of the Bishop’s Search Committee and for the Cathedral Dean, member of Diocesan Council, Committee on the Priesthood, and Chair of the Recruitment Committee. He has attended two previous General Conventions and has served the larger Church in search capacities.

D. Alternate Deputies to General Convention (Vote by Orders) 4 Lay Deputies – 3-year terms

Alicia Graham – Grace-St. Paul’s Church, Mercerville



Allie Graham, a member of Grace-St. Paul’s, Mercerville, was an Alternate at General Convention 2006, served as a legislative aid to the Committee on Structure, and represented the Girls’ Friendly Society at Triennial in 2003 and 2006. She has participated in the Commission on Ministry’s Internship Program for college students considering ordained ministry, been a Deputy to Diocesan Convention and is involved in the Episcopal Ministry at Rutgers University where she is a graduate student.

Christine N. Hoehn – Church of Our Merciful Saviour, Penns Grove



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Georgeanne Dorney – Christ Church, Shrewsbury



A Junior Social Work major, Rutgers University, Georgeanne is a staff member at Trinity, Asbury Park, engaged in Youth Ministry, Acolytes & Church School. Chosen for the Diocesan Summer Internship Program she worked at St. Clement’s, Belford. She has served on Happening Staff, Youth Council, two youth trips to El Salvador, National Happening, Kanuga, and the youth trip to Mississippi. She is interested in the future of the church and helping to change it.

Paul Ambos, Esq. – Christ Church, New Brunswick



An attorney practicing over 30 years in the fields of commercial, corporate, real-estate, and canon law, Mr. Ambos has experience in dealing with operations of the church, with church legislation, and with issues facing the Episcopal Church. He has served in several parish offices and on the diocesan level on Major Chapter, the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, and various appointive bodies.

Carole Forsythe – Christ Church, New Brunswick



In her parish, Carole has served as the Treasurer, Finance Chair and Rector’s Warden. She is currently a Vestry member and Property Chair and is a member of the choir. At the Diocesan level, she has served on the Cathedral Chapter, Nominating Committee and the Finance and Budget Committee. Carole works as a consultant to the securities industry. She would represent this diocese with intelligence and faithfulness, and she would be an asset to the deputation.

E. Diocesan Council

3 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

The Rev. Arthur Pierce Powell – St. James’ Church, Yardville



Rector of St. James’ in Yardville. A Priest in the Diocese of New Jersey for 24 years. He is knowledgeable about and active in diocesan programs. He presently serves on the Diocesan Congregational Development Committee and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. He serves as the Chaplain to the Diocesan Altar Guild and he has just completed a three-year term as the Dean of the Trenton Convocation. He was a member of the Episcopal Election Committee.

The Rev. Johnine Byrer, Dcn. – Church of the Holy Spirit, Lebanon



Johnine Byrer is the Deacon at Church of the Holy Spirit in Lebanon. Her ministry in the world includes Prison Ministries at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women, Mountainview Correctional Facility for Youth, and Somerset County Jail, a Shawl Ministry in the women’s prison and the Holy Spirit community. Holy Spirit ministers at a local residential facility for indigent people. Johnine has served on the Deacon’s Council for three years.

The Rev. Derrick H. Wedderburn - Turnersville



A priest for 27 years Derrick has served on the Commission on Ministry, Board of Missions and Stewardship Commission. Presently an incumbent on the Finance and Budget Committee, he believes his experience and commitment would serve the efforts of the group and Diocese.

The Rev. P. Frank Castellon, Dcn. – St. Matthew’s Church, Pennington



Frank is the retired founder of an investment advisory firm and past president of the investment advisory arm of the American Medical Association. He has over 30 years of experience in the supervision of budget and financial affairs. Within the diocese, he has served as member of the Loan and Grant Committee, Sr. Warden of Trinity Cathedral, deputy to the diocesan convention, and was ordained a deacon on June 9, 2007.

The Rev. Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor – Trinity Church, Cranford



Previously Vicar, St. Clement’s, Belford and St. Mary’s, Keyport, as well as HR and Organization Development consultant to Riverside Church NYC. Currently serving at Trinity Church, Cranford. Before ordination employed as Director, Human Resource Management for metropolitan hospital corporation in Miami. Over 20 years of experience and education in HR/Organization Development, member of Board of Missions, Nominating Committee, Christian Formation, Standing Committee on Clergy Compensation, and Chair, Clergy Day Planning Committee.

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E. Diocesan Council 3 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

The Rev. Pedro S. Guzman – St. Andrew’s Church, Camden



Member of our diocese 10 years, accruing an array of valuable experience as vicar of St. Andrew’s, Camden. Previously member of various diocesan committees. Currently member of Hispanic Commission and Board of Missions. He is very familiar with Economics and Finance and can provide detailed analysis when dealing with budget concerns, which has benefited our economically challenged church immensely. He is also an excellent evangelist.

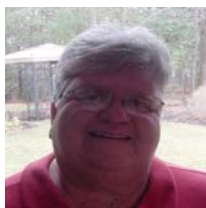
F. Diocesan Council 3 Lay Members, 3-year terms

Robert J. McGonigle – St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Lumberton



Bob has served in several positions in Pennsylvania which included 12 years on the vestry of St. James’, Bristol. He also served as convention deputy and deanery representative for 11 years. Bob served one year on the vestry of Grace in Hulmeville before moving to St. Martin’s in Lumberton, NJ.

Elsa M. Fuentes – Trinity Church, Asbury Park



Elsa Fuentes has taken an active role in the life of the parish community and diocese. Involvements and achievements: Vestry member, Acolyte master, presenter at the Equipping the Servants workshop day, deputy at convention and Monmouth Convocation, Eucharistic Minister, Lay Reader, choir member, work with hospice and parish ministry to the sick. Elsa works diligently to insure the best interests of the diocese.

James Bathurst – Christ Church, Woodbury



Jim served as Warden at St. Mark’s in Williamstown for 14 years. He was a lay leader at St. John’s, Chews Landing. At Christ Church, Woodbury, Jim has served as Vestryman, on the Rector Search Committee, and as Chair of their Sesquicentennial Steering Committee. Currently, Jim serves on Diocesan Trial Court. Jim is a recently retired Superintendent of Schools and looks forward to increasing his participation and offering of leadership at the diocesan level.

G. Cathedral Chapter 1 Clergy Member, 3-year term

The Rev. Margaret Sterchi – St. John the Evangelist Church, Chews Landing



I began my ordained ministry as Canon Pastor at the Cathedral of St. John in Wilmington Delaware. I am aware of the importance of a Cathedral in the life of the Diocese. Although our parish is unable to provide financial support to Trinity Cathedral, I would like the opportunity to support our Cathedral as part of the Cathedral Chapter.

**H. Cathedral Chapter
1 Lay Member, 3-year term**

Donna Devlin – St. Peter’s Church, Freehold



Currently serves as Chair: Commission on Ministry with the Disabled, Christian Education and Formation Commission, and finishing a term on the Diocesan Council. She is the Diocesan representative to Province II CE Network and Province II ECCE. She has served several diocesan parishes in Christian Education. Currently she is Director of CE/Formation for Children’s Ministry, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC. As such, she has keen insight into Cathedral ministry.

**I. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation
2 Clergy Members, 3-year terms**

The Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Gorman – Church of the Holy Cross, North Plainfield



Ken Gorman has been a canonically resident priest of the Diocese for thirty-eight years. Among other ways he has served the Diocese, he has served on the Diocesan Council, been a member of the Standing Committee, Dean of the Northern Convocation, and Trial Court.

The Rev. Denise B. Cavaliere, Dcn. – St. James’ Church, Yardville



I was ordained a deacon seven years ago and serve as the parish deacon at St. James’, Yardville. I currently serve on the Deacons’ Council and I am completing a term on the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation. What I am able to offer is a background in math, an awareness of clergy lifestyles, an attention to details, and a willingness to be present at the scheduled meetings.

**J. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation
2 Lay Members, 3-year terms**

David E. Magee – Grace Church, Plainfield



Member of Grace Church, Plainfield, since 1986 and Assistant Treasurer for the past ten years. Completing a three year term as a member of the Clerical Compensation Commission. Finds it challenging yet most rewarding to be a part of the larger church working at the diocesan level. Brings considerable expertise as a former manager of hundreds of workers at PSE&G to help the Commission make compensation decisions.

Edith Rohrman – Trinity Church, Swedesboro



A life-long member of Trinity Church who has served as volunteer secretary and organist since the 1990’s. Trinity Church has had mission status since the mid 1970’s and Edith feels that she can provide a perspective of the “small church” with limited resources. She serves under a part-time priest with great hopes for the future.

**K. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons
2 Members, 3-year terms – one of whom must be Clergy**

The Rev. Terence Blackburn – St. Luke’s Church, Roselle; Grace Church, Linden



Rector of two parishes, 15 years and 6 years respectively, which have recently merged. Served on the Board of Missions, Committee on Budget and Finance, Clergy Compensation and currently on Bishop’s Advisory Commission on Liturgy, Committee on Constitutions and Canons and Committee on Resolutions. Teaches in the School for Deacons and serves as Examining Chaplain of the Diocese. Wide range of knowledge and experience of church and diocese learned as alternate deputy to General Convention.

The Rev. Petrina M. Pyatt – Church of Our Merciful Saviour, Penns Grove



I have been serving as a parish priest in southern New Jersey since 2005. In addition, I serve on the Liturgical Committee of the diocese and coincidentally as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. I have a great interest in the canons of our constitution and have found considerable appreciation for them since chairing this committee. I believe that I can bring an admirable concern and a great deal of attention to this entity.

**L. Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds
1 Lay Trustee, 5-year term**

Robert E. Diemar, Jr. – St. Luke’s Church, Gladstone

Member of St. Luke’s Church, Gladstone. Serves as an acolyte and usher. Formerly, chairman of the St. Luke’s Stewardship Campaign. Currently a member of the Friends of Trinity Cathedral. Has experience as an investment banker for over forty years and is Managing Director of Coady Diemar Partners. Has an undergraduate degree in sociology and a graduate degree in business.

David F. Hoyt – St. Peter’s Church, Spotswood

Serves as the treasurer, lector, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and co-chairs the parish’s capital campaign committee. Currently on the Diocesan Loan and Grant Committee. Mr. Hoyt retired after 38 years in the financial services industry, having worked for an insurance company and a succession of banking institutions. He has a BS degree from St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY and an MS degree from The American College in Bryn Mawr, PA.

**M. Finance and Budget Committee
3 Members, Clergy or Lay, 3-year terms**

Timothy D. Collins – St. Stephen’s Church, Whiting



Graduate of: Kent School – 1975, Rider College – 1978 (B.S. Accounting), Fairleigh Dickinson University – 2003 (Master of Administrative Science), 2005 (Certificate in Financial Planning). Served New Jersey State Police for 27 years and auditor of the division from 2000 to 2003. Currently works as a financial advisor for Smith Barney, a sub-division of Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. Possesses a Series 7 and Series 66 license with the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD).

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**M. Finance and Budget Committee
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Richard M. Engle – Church of St. John the Evangelist, New Brunswick

Has been a vestry member and church treasurer for almost 20 years and has served previously on the Diocesan Committee addressing stable diocesan funding. As an Eagle Scout, has served on various Boy Scouts of America Committees. Retired commander in Navy Civil Engineer Corps. Associate Vice President for facilities at Rutgers University.

The Rev. Frederic F. Guyott, III – Wilmington, DE

With 13 years experience dealing with stocks and currency options before ordination, Rev. Guyott served three churches with endowments over \$6 million dollars. As a vestry member of the Church of Our Savior (PA) was active in affecting a merger establishing the Philadelphia Cathedral.

**N. Diocesan Investment Trust
1 Member, Clergy or Lay, 4-year term**

George J. Mullen, Jr. – St. John-on-the-Mountain, Bernardsville

A Member of St. John's, Bernardsville, for 46 years. Served as Senior Warden and Vestryman. A member of the Friends of the Cathedral and successfully raised funds for the Cathedral. Trustee of St. Philip's Academy in Newark, served as chair, Investment and Audit Committees. Sr. Vice President of Fiduciary Trust International and served as a member of the Trust Investment Committee of the Fiduciary Trust Company of California, a subsidiary with \$1 billion under management.

**O. Audit Committee
2 Members, Clergy or Lay, 3-year terms**

Richard S. Ellwood – Christ Church, Middletown

Active in the Diocese for 25 years. Currently, trustee of the DIT, chairman of the Diocesan Audit Committee, a member of the Finance and Budget Committee and the Evergreens Investment Committee. Served two terms on Diocesan Council and retired from it in 2005 as its president pro tem. Served on the vestries of his own parish (6 years) and the Parish of Trinity Church, New York (14 Years). He is a retired investment banker.

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O. Audit Committee
2 Members, Clergy or Lay, 3-year terms

Charles H. Perfater – Trinity Cathedral, Trenton

Active in Diocesan affairs. Currently serves on Standing Committee, Finance and Budget Committee, and Convention Arrangements Committee. Served on Board of Missions and Right Onward Visioning Committee. Three time Deputy to General Convention. Elected Deputy for 2009. Lifelong member and leader of Trinity Cathedral, including Sr. Warden for eleven years, Cathedral Treasurer since 2004 and a Vestry member. Executive Coordinator of Province II of the Episcopal Church.

P. Diocesan Review Committee

Vote for 5

1 Clergy Member – 3 year term

2 Clergy Members – 2 year terms

2 Clergy Members – 1 year term

The Rev. Denise B. Cavaliere, Dcn. – St. James' Church, Yardville

Ordained deacon seven years ago, I serve at St. James', Yardville. I currently serve on the Deacons' Council and am completing a term on the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation. In the event this committee would be called to serve, I would review the information as presented with a prayerful presence, realizing all choices have a consequence. I would also listen to the voices of those I serve with seeking to discern our common mind.

The Rev. Polly McWilliams Kasey – South River

With seven years of adjudicating government claims in New Orleans and 26 years of ordained ministry, I have learned value established order and due process in oversight of contractual authority and privileges. Consulted with Diocesan authorities on difficult parochial/pastoral issues. I believe I can best serve by contributing to develop a process that notes clear standard pastoral responses for addressing multifaceted issues of clergy discipline.

The Rev. Debra Brewin-Wilson – All Saints' Church, Lakewood

The Rev. Debbie Brewin-Wilson was ordained to the priesthood in December 2006 and serves as Priest-in-Charge of All Saints', Lakewood. Her former careers as a pediatric nurse practitioner and Celtic musician have helped to shape her views on healing and reconciliation within the Church. Debbie seeks to serve the Diocese, hoping to use her gifts to benefit the Church during the change it is now experiencing - and the changes that are to come.

The Rev. Peter A. Molnar, D.D. – Trinity Church, Vincentown

In addition to my many years in the priesthood and as a social worker and mental health administrator, I feel I can add a dimension of largeness to this process.

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P. Diocesan Review Committee
Vote for 5
1 Clergy Member – 3 year term
2 Clergy Members – 2 year terms
2 Clergy Members – 1 year term

The Rev. Denise P. Mantell – Trinity Church, Matawan

Rev. Mantell has served in this Diocese since 1988. She has served on the Commission on Ministry for 14 years and the Committee on the Diaconate for ten years. Denise has been told that one of her gifts is her ability to see the whole in the parts - the forest amidst the trees. Currently, she convenes the Clericus in the Monmouth Convocation and is Rector of Trinity Church, Matawan.

The Rev. Margaret Sterchi – Church of St. John the Evangelist, Chews Landing

I served as a trained advocate for both sides while in the Diocese of Delaware as well as a certified trainee for Safe Guarding God's Children. As the resident Chaplain for the Diocesan camp, I trained the staff in safe church. I pray this committee never has to meet but if it does, I would be honored to listen carefully to all sides.

Q. Diocesan Review Committee
Vote for 4
2 Lay Members, 3 year terms
1 Lay Member, 2-year term
1 Lay Member, 1 year term

Elizabeth H. Papp – Christ Church, Toms River

Elizabeth has been a parishioner at Christ Church in Toms River since 2003. She offers her gifts in various areas which include singing in choir, IHN, and parish representative at Monmouth Convocation. For the Diocese, she is the secretary for the Ministry to Disabled and Nominating Committees. Previously, while a parishioner of Trinity, Cranford, she was the parish representative at the Northern Convocation.

Christine N. Hoehn – Church of Our Merciful Saviour, Penns Grove

I am a new and excited Episcopalian. I am a parishioner at Our Merciful Saviour, Penns Grove. Currently I am fulfilling a vacated vestry seat, and am committee chair for our Parish Life Ministry. I recently graduated with two graduate degrees from Wilmington University, MBA and Master of Science of Organizational Leadership. I became a replacement member of the Nominating Committee for the Woodbury Convocation after a last minute vacancy.

Stephen P. Sroka – Church of St. Uriel the Archangel, Sea Girt

Been an active member of the Church of Saint Uriel the Archangel, Sea Girt, for over forty years having served as Vestryman, Warden, Clerk of the Vestry, Delegate to convention. Currently, a Eucharistic Lay Minister and member of the Diocesan Finance and Budget Committee.

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Q. Diocesan Review Committee
Vote for 4
2 Lay Members, 3 year terms
1 Lay Member, 2-year term
1 Lay Member, 1 year term

Andrea M. Nowack – St. Barnabas-by-the-Bay, Villas

With the recent troubles faced by many clerics in several religious denominations, it is not surprising that both congregations and the general public are hyper-vigilant about perceived wrong doings. We need people who can remain calm and objective in examining alleged misdoings, a group willing to prayerfully consider all the evidence available. I am a reasonable, independent, fair individual and I love my Church and want it to be the best it can be.

Donna Devlin – St. Peter’s Church, Freehold

Currently serves as Chair: Commission on Ministry with the Disabled, Christian Education and Formation Commission, and finishing a term on the Diocesan Council. She is the Diocesan representative to Province II CE Network and Province II ECCE. She has served several diocesan parishes in Christian Education. Currently she is Director of CE/Formation for Children’s Ministry, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC, and is a certified mentor in EFM.

R. Trial Court
4 Clergy Members, 3-year terms
1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate

The Rev. Walter F. Hartt – Retired

Walter Hartt has had a long and multifaceted ministry in the Episcopal Church – as a parish priest for many years in this diocese, and as an academic at both the college and seminary levels. He is a well-educated and thoughtful person who is fair-minded and compassionate. As a retired priest, he would have time to devote to the work of the trial court should it become necessary.

The Rev. Canon John A. Van Sant – St. Stephen’s Church, Whiting

Having some time ago served a previous term as a member of the Trial Court, its function, duties and responsibilities are very familiar. As such, it is a privilege to be nominated at this time to serve another term in that position.

The Rev. Stephen Wisner – St. Michael’s Church, Wall

I have been a priest in this diocese over 36 years. I have served on many committees in that time. I feel that I can be fair and impartial if elected to serve on the Trial Court.

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R. Trial Court
4 Clergy Members, 3-year terms
1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate

The Rev. J. Connor Haynes – St. Mary’s Church, Burlington

Rector of St. Mary’s, Burlington, since 1996, Fr. Haynes served previously in the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois. In the Diocese of New Jersey, he has served on the Standing Commission of Clerical Compensation, the Nominating Committee, and as an elected member of the Trial Court.

The Rev. Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor – Trinity Church, Cranford



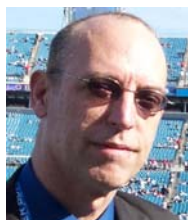
Previously Vicar, St. Clement’s, Belford and St. Mary’s, Keyport, as well as HR and Organization Development consultant to Riverside Church NYC. Currently serving in Trinity Church, Cranford. Before ordination employed as Director, Human Resource Management for metropolitan hospital corporation in Miami. Over 20 years of experience and education in HR/Organization Development, member of Board of Missions, Nominating Committee, Christian Formation, Standing Committee on Clergy Compensation, and Chair, Clergy Day Planning Committee.

S. Trial Court
3 Lay Members, 3-year terms
1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate

Dawn Donahue – St. Barnabas-by-the-Bay, Villas

Dawn Donahue is an active and respected leader in the life of St. Barnabas-by-the-Bay Church since 1988. She is currently the Senior Warden and a licensed Lay Eucharistic Minister and Lay Reader. In the past she has served as Treasurer. Dawn is well versed in the constitution and canons of the Diocese of New Jersey and of the Episcopal Church and will make an excellent lay member of the Trial Court.

John A. Hoehn – Church of Our Merciful Saviour, Penns Grove



John is a member of Our Merciful Saviour Church in Penns Grove. He is the Stewardship Chair for his parish. He has an MS and an MBA and is pursuing his doctoral degree. He has been the senior consultant with IBM for eight years.

Martin F. Nelson – St. Matthew’s Church, Pennington



Marty Nelson has served his parish as a chorister, warden, and vestry member. At the diocesan level, he is the Chair of the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation. Professionally, he is a computer consultant and programmer. He has been a member of the diocesan Trial Court in the past. His maturity, dedication, sensitivity and fairness would make him a good member of the court.

Elizabeth H. Papp – Christ Church, Toms River



Elizabeth has been a parishioner at Christ Church in Toms River since 2003. She offers her gifts in various areas which include singing in choir, IHN, and parish representative at Monmouth Convocation. For the Diocese, she is the secretary for the Ministry to Disabled and Nominating Committees. Previously, while a parishioner of Trinity, Cranford, she was the parish representative at the Northern Convocation.

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S. Trial Court
3 Lay Members, 3-year terms
1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate

Christine N. Hoehn – Church of Our Merciful Saviour, Penns Grove

I am a new and excited Episcopalian. I am a parishioner at Our Merciful Saviour, Penns Grove. Currently I am fulfilling a vacated vestry seat, and am committee chair for our Parish Life Ministry. I recently graduated with two graduate degrees from Wilmington University, MBA and Master of Science of Organizational Leadership. I became a replacement member of the Nominating Committee for the Woodbury Convocation after a last minute vacancy.

T. Church Attorney
1-year term

Steven J. Lewis, Esq. – Christ Church, Woodbury

Qualifications include being a member of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania bars since 1995. Ten years experience in insurance defense litigation throughout New Jersey. Has served one year as Church Attorney in this diocese.

U. Treasurer
1-year term

Reginald Whitman – St. George's-by-the-River, Rumson

A lifelong member of our church, has served both on the parochial and diocesan level in many capacities, including but not limited to: the Diocesan Council, the most recent Episcopal Search Committee, and is presently senior warden of his parish. Reg and his wife, Janet, have raised their children in the church and their grandchildren are presently faithful members. Reg continues to work to see that New Jersey is renewed with vision, Right Onward.

V. Secretary of Convention
1 Clergy or Lay – 3 year term

Emma A. Warren – St. Mark's Church, Plainfield

Member of St. Mark's, Plainfield, vestry person, chorister, clerk of vestry, and Secretary of Convention. Formerly member of Diocesan Council and chair of Nominating Committee. Retired Director - Kilmer Library, Rutgers University served on Planning & Policy, and Faculty Search Committees. Graduate of Douglass College and Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Rutgers University. Community activities include Visiting Nurse Association, Girls Scouts, AAUW and NACW University.

