

The background of the poster is a collage of images. On the left, there is a stained glass window with a central panel depicting a white lamb with a red halo, holding a golden staff. To the right of the lamb is a panel with a green tree and white flowers. The right side of the poster shows the interior of a church with a high, vaulted ceiling and classical architectural details like columns and arches. A dark blue banner with a white border is overlaid on the center, containing the main text.

Seeking the Next Leaders of St. Philip's Church

2020 Vestry Nominee
Discernment Questionnaires

Vestry elections to take place at the
Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, March 1
12 noon in the Parish Hall



ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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February 16th, 2020

Dear fellow St. Philipians,

The Vestry Nominating Committee was blessed to receive over 20 nominations for the four openings we will have at the parish annual meeting on March 1st. The nominations were a diverse mix of women and men, representing a wide variety of ages and including members from many of our different lay ministries at St. Philip's. The nominees were exceptionally qualified and all are beloved members of our church family.

This year we have continued to refine the nomination process in order to address concerns and to better address the particular needs of the Vestry based on the vacancies that will be created by those who have completed their three-year term of service. The committee did not take lightly our charge to select the next slate of members for the Vestry from this impressive list. The process was constructed to prayerfully and thoughtfully determine who are the right four people to serve at this time.

First, all suggestions were vetted based on the qualifications listed in our by-laws. Then, through prayer and review of their current and past leadership roles as well as their God-given gifts and talents, we narrowed the list down to a handful of candidates, who then filled out a questionnaire and met with the committee for a question-and-answer session. Finally, our team spent more time in prayer and unanimously recommended four nominees to the Vestry for approval, who in turn unanimously confirmed the committee's recommendation. Those four nominees are presented on the following pages.

These changes in the nomination and vetting process have come about after several years of annual meetings that ran well over two hours due to multiple rounds of voting trying to get a majority. Many people could not stay through all the rounds of voting, so the early rounds had many more participating which created an unfair situation for all involved.

We appreciate all who took the time to submit a name and all who joined with us in prayer over this process. In the future, we encourage any and all parishioners who feel led to nominate someone to do so. We value the input of every member of this community, and we want this to continue to be a process that involves the entire congregation.

Faithfully,

Harry Gregorie Martha Freshley Dorothy Lancaster Penn Hagood (advisory, non-voting)
Jimmy Bailey Guv Gottshalk Connie Rink Clarke Wallace

The Vestry Nominating Committee Members



Joanna Ghegan

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When did you start attending St. Philip's? 2004

Are you: Baptized? Yes Confirmed? Yes A member of St. Philip's? Yes

Do you regularly attend a Bible Study at St. Philip's? Yes

If yes, Study and Leader's/Teacher's name: Nancy Egleston and Kristin Miller

Will you commit to pledge if elected to the Vestry? Yes

Are you able to support the St. Philip's Statement of Faith if elected? Yes

MINISTRY DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS

1. What has been your involvement in ministries at St. Philip's?

Currently, I am serving as President of ECW. This position has truly been a rewarding opportunity to serve Christ, while encouraging fellowship amongst the women of our church. Together we have brought meals to the sick, new mothers, and others in need. We have also organized speaker program dinners and luncheons to inspire the women of our church to strengthen their relationship with the Lord. I have also enjoyed volunteering as a Sunday school teacher and enjoy attending a weekly Bible study led by Kristin Miller. Lastly, I helped serve as a liaison between our church and the community of Conway in the wake of Hurricane Irene. Through this relationship, we helped donate food, money, manpower and shelter to the hurricane victims left homeless by the devastating floods.

2. If applicable, what has been your involvement in ministries at other churches?

At other churches, I have helped co-chair and organize parish retreats to Kanuga and Camp St. Christopher. I have also enjoyed serving as a Sunday school teacher. As a medical student in Augusta, Georgia, I taught 7th-grade Sunday school and also served as a youth leader to the middle school and high school youth groups.

3. What would be your reason/desire for serving on the Vestry?

My desire to serve on the Vestry stems from an internal desire to draw closer to Christ. I have often found that through working with other Christians towards a common goal, it often unites us as a group. Through this fellowship, I find my relationship with Christ is strengthened as well. I hope to add any talents or skills I may have to the Vestry to help guide our church.

4. What gifts, interests, and concerns would you bring to your service on the Vestry?

As a Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine physician, I have always been interested in helping our youth grow in Christ. I would hope to help find ways to strengthen our youth programs. Also, through giving aid to the flood victims in Conway, I have developed a passion for serving victims of natural disasters. In many instances, these victims are one step away from homelessness. Fortunately, with help from parishes like ours, we can prevent tragedies like this from happening.

5. Write about your life's spiritual journey (or spiritual autobiography), including when and how you came to know Jesus Christ personally as your Savior and Lord.

My spiritual journey did not begin with one singular epiphany as did the conversion of Paul the Apostle. To describe it as such would be disingenuous. Rather my relationship with Christ has been like many of us; a series of passages through life, where my spirituality has strengthened and changed with each step.

This journey began as a young girl attending church and Sunday School with my family in Atlanta. Although this laid a meaningful foundation for my relationship with Christ, I eventually began to realize that building that relationship was more than sitting in a pew each Sunday. During a trip to Windy Gap with Young Life as a teen, I made a willful decision to invite Christ into my life. I began to study His word more in Bible studies and to understand the power of prayer in my life. This considerable step certainly did not mean that I suddenly became perfect and knew all the answers. Rather it humbled and centered me in letting Him lead the way through life.

Later in medical school, my spirituality continued to deepen as I took care of sick patients in the hospital. Working so closely with life and death situations gave me a new appreciation for the power of faith and prayer in healing when combined with modern medicine. My faith also provided hope and comfort when despite our best efforts, the story did not turn out as we had wanted.

As I entered into marriage and had my own children, my relationship with Christ deepened as my husband and I have shared our faith with them. Although still in progress, we would like to demonstrate how a relationship with Christ provides the firm foundation upon which we build our lives. Without this solid support, our lives would crumble with the slightest stress. With this relationship, our family can endure and continue our spiritual journey as life unfolds before us.



Bob Kunes

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When did you start attending St. Philip's? Spring 2017

Are you: Baptized? Yes Confirmed? Yes A member of St. Philip's? Yes

Do you regularly attend a Bible Study at St. Philip's? Yes

If yes, Study and Leader's/Teacher's name: Wednesday mornings/John Kerrison

Will you commit to pledge if elected to the Vestry? Yes

Are you able to support the St. Philip's Statement of Faith if elected? Yes

MINISTRY DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS

1. What has been your involvement in ministries at St. Philip's?

I have served (and am serving) as lector and chalice bearer for both 8:15 and 10:30 services. Beginning in 2019, I started coordinating the lector ministry. I serve on the Generations Committee and was a leader in the first Grandparenting Matters series in the fall of 2019. My wife, Noel, and I have participated in three Foyer groups. I serve as a prayer minister. I participate in John Kerrison's Wednesday morning Bible Study group and Brian McGreevy's studies on C.S. Lewis. My wife and I have attended the last two Kanuga weekends with St. Philip's Church.

I have attended the February Men's Conference at Camp St. Christopher for a number of years. I have served as a Diocesan Trustee and continue to serve on that group at the Bishop's request. I currently serve as the Bishop's appointed representative on the Camp St. Christopher Board, and as Chancellor of the Diocese.

2. If applicable, what has been your involvement in ministries at other churches?

While at St. Michael's, I served on the Vestry twice and was both Junior Warden and Senior Warden. I have served as a delegate to several Diocesan Conventions. I was a lay reader and led a Monday Bible study and served as Chair of the Capital Campaign. I attended Cursillo #126 and served on team for Cursillo #146.

3. What would be your reason/desire for serving on the Vestry?

My wife and I have been blessed by the Lord in so many ways. We live in response to those blessings and I believe the opportunity to serve on St. Philip's Vestry would allow me to participate more deeply in the Lord's development of the ministries of St Philip's Church.

4. What gifts, interests, and concerns would you bring to your service on the Vestry?

I enjoy teaching and would like to see us develop more ministries to allow men to deepen their faith and their knowledge of Scripture, leading them to be more Godly husbands and fathers.

5. Write about your life's spiritual journey (or spiritual autobiography), including when and how you came to know Jesus Christ personally as your Savior and Lord.

I grew up in the Methodist Church and was active as a youth leader. While in college, I coordinated some summer youth programs at that church. I read Bonhoeffer's Cost of Discipleship and I knew Jesus was my savior, but I did not know the Holy Spirit--nor had He been released into my life. When Noel and I married, we attended the Methodist Church for the first 13 years of our marriage, but then we moved to Charleston and began attending St. Michael's, where Rick Belser had just been called as the Rector. Rick Belser introduced us to a more disciplined study of Scripture and, in the early 1990s, we began to meet with other couples for Bible Study. In addition, I began to meet with a group of men (and continue to meet with that group until today) to study the Bible more deeply. However, it was not until we attended Cursillo that I really met the Holy Spirit and had Him released into my life. Of course, that has been another wonderful blessing from the Lord.



Robby Marion

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When did you start attending St. Philip's? 1976, left 2001, returned 2016

Are you: Baptized? Yes **Confirmed?** Yes **A member of St. Philip's?** Yes

Do you regularly attend a Bible Study at St. Philip's? Yes

If yes, Study and Leader's/Teacher's name: Wednesday mornings/John Kerrison

Will you commit to pledge if elected to the Vestry? Yes

Are you able to support the St. Philip's Statement of Faith if elected? Yes

MINISTRY DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS

1. What has been your involvement in ministries at St. Philip's?

Past: Usher, YAMS (Young Adults Married and Single) with Doug Peterson, lay-led Sunday school for married couples (Brian McGreevy was a leader), ALPHA, Financial Peace course, young married small group with Jay Fowler, Cursillo attendee and on team.

Current: Prayer Ministry, Wednesday morning Bible study. Swain and I have chosen a slow start due to the level of our involvement with our previous church. She also worked for our previous church which was significant to the depth of our involvement.

Other: I currently serve as the committee chair for the Diocese of SC Benefit and Investment Committee - Committee member for @ four years and committee chair for the past two.

2. If applicable, what has been your involvement in ministries at other churches?

St. Michael's: Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Reader, Vestry member, Prayer Minister, Acolyte Master, Men's Group, Burundi Mission trip with youth, Discernment committee for Newman Lawrence, assisted Peter Moore with Bible Study based ski trips for about 10 years, traveled with St. Michael's to the Holy Land, provided other support to the Rector and staff.

3. What would be your reason/desire for serving on the Vestry?

To follow God's calling and if He wants me on Vestry, it would be to follow His will for my life. As the lyrics to Dan Schutte's song say, "Here I am, Lord..." Easy to say, harder to live into.

4. What gifts, interests, and concerns would you bring to your service on the Vestry?

I offer a heart that knows that the only source of my salvation is through Jesus Christ.

I would bring 33 years of business, HR and leadership experience including practical experience from leadership responsibilities with our former church.

My concern is getting too deeply involved in St. Philip's and it leading to burn out. I do believe that St. Philip's is very unique and a deeper involvement could actually be uplifting for me.

5. Write about your life's spiritual journey (or spiritual autobiography), including when and how you came to know Jesus Christ personally as your Savior and Lord.

I grew up going to church so it was a routine. However, I really didn't let God into my life until my wife and I started to attend a St. Philip's Cell Group, around age 25, led by Jay Fowler. It was the first time I began to feel the Holy Spirit and actually knew that He existed. I began to feel His desire for my life on a daily basis. I don't remember a single moment or an event—it happened over time. I just noticed that the words in the Bible now made sense and I started looking at life very differently. Through the challenges I faced in my 30s, I developed a much stronger dependency on and relationship with Jesus. It was only by the Grace of God that I made it through that time. Looking back now, I know that God was walking with me through it all then, and He is now. As the poem Footprints says, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." My life has continued to have trials as it always will, but I know that Jesus died for me and this has made and continues to make all the difference.



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When did you start attending St. Philip's? 56 years ago

Are you: Baptized? Yes Confirmed? Yes A member of St. Philip's? Yes

Do you regularly attend a Bible Study at St. Philip's? Yes

Study and Leader's/Teacher's name: Rector's Bible Study/the Rev. Jeff Miller

Will you commit to pledge if elected to the Vestry? Yes

Are you able to support the St. Philip's Statement of Faith if elected? Yes

MINISTRY DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS

1. What has been your involvement in ministries at St. Philip's?

Current: ECW, Tea Room, Rector's Bible Study, Youth Confirmation Class

Past: Young Mother's Bible study, Vacation Bible School, Second Grade Sunday school teacher

2. If applicable, what has been your involvement in ministries at other churches?

N/A

3. What would be your reason/desire for serving on the Vestry?

I am honored to be considered for a Vestry member position because I think it is our duty and calling to serve the church whenever possible. I have always been involved in Bible studies, the ECW, and Confirmation class, and I hope that this can be an opportunity for me to understand another aspect of our beloved St. Philip's, as well as facilitate communication between our church family and its leaders.

4. What gifts, interests, and concerns would you bring to your service on the Vestry?

My gifts include being a team player, collaborator, and a good listener. I would also bring my organizational skills to the tasks at hand. Having been a member of St. Philip's Church for over 55 years, our family is deeply involved in the continued growth and education of the parish, particularly of the young members. It is wonderful to see the amount of families grow who have joined our church, and it gives me a deep sense of peace to see St. Philip's thriving again. As a Vestry member, I would pray for and work towards a continued growth, using any or all of my gifts to support future generations of St. Philipians!

5. Write about your life's spiritual journey (or spiritual autobiography), including when and how you came to know Jesus Christ personally as your Savior and Lord.

As I have said, I have been a member of St. Philip's for my entire life. I do not have any memories of not being in this church family. I never had a "lightning strike" moment when my belief in Christ occurred. It was more of the "drip, drip, drip" belief that happened over many years. My marriage and the birth of my children only solidified my belief that we are children of God blessed beyond any measure. I continue to study and read the Bible as I do think there is always more we can learn about our Savior. But I do believe Jesus' message is simple and clear: we are His and we are to disciple others!



WHAT WE BELIEVE

St. Philip's is an evangelical parish in the Diocese of South Carolina. Our worship, which is steeped in The Book of Common Prayer, is intended first and foremost to glorify God in Jesus Christ, and we stand in that theological tradition which owes a debt of gratitude to the great reformers of the English Reformation. With them, we ascribe to the following:

STATEMENT OF FAITH

A belief in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; three distinct Persons co-equal in Glory and co-eternal in majesty and of one substantial Godhead, such that there are not three gods but one God.

A belief in the Holy Scriptures as divine revelation, inerrantly inspired (theopneustos) by God, carrying the full measure of His authority, containing all things necessary to salvation, and to be submitted to in all matters of faith and practice of life.

A belief in the One Savior of mankind, Jesus Christ, who in His person is both fully God and fully man; of one substance with the Father as regards His Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards His manhood.

A belief in the perfect obedience of Christ, His true and actual suffering, His substitutionary and atoning death on the cross, and His bodily resurrection and ascension as the only means given for our salvation and reconciliation with God. A belief in faith alone as the only grounds for the merits of Christ being imputed to us for our justification before God (justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone).

A belief in the consummate return of Jesus Christ in glory to judge the living and the dead, and a belief in the bodily resurrection of the dead and their entrance into either eternal damnation or everlasting blessedness.

A belief in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church as those souls that have been redeemed entirely by the work of Christ and called out of bondage into freedom, out of darkness into light, out of error into truth, out of death into eternal life.

A belief that the visible Church is best organized under the historic and biblical offices of Bishop, Presbyter, and Deacon; and that the Church exists to worship the Triune God and to lift up the Savior Jesus Christ before all people through the faithful preaching and teaching of the Gospel, through prayer, and through the faithful administration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion or the Eucharist).

A belief in the historic Nicene and Apostles' creeds of the Church as accurate representations of the essence of the Christian faith, and in the Thirty-Nine Articles of the Anglican Church as a coherent and concise expression of Anglican doctrine.

Further:

We believe Christians are called beyond mere church membership to the lifelong journey of discipleship, learning to faithfully live what God has revealed about us (Matthew 7:24-29, Mark 8:34-36, Galatians 5:22);

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of St. Philip's Church.

We believe all people are created in the image of God, who wonderfully and immutably creates each person as genetically male or female. These two distinct complementary genders reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is in conflict with this created-ness and is inconsistent with our beliefs;

In the Church, we believe marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in Holy Matrimony, a single, exclusive, lifelong union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25; Mark 10:1-9). This covenanted relationship signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, reconciling and re-uniting two complements.

God's good intention for us is that sexual intimacy is to occur only between a man and a woman who have entered into this marriage covenant. (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4.) For the blessing and protection of the bond of marriage, our families, and particularly our children, God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage (as previously defined as being between a man and a woman);

Because God is the one who has ordained and ordered marriage according to His good purposes, the Parish will only recognize and solemnize a marriage that is between a man and a woman. Further, the clergy and staff of this Parish shall only serve in weddings and solemnize marriages between one man and one woman. The facilities and property of the Parish shall only host weddings between one man and one woman;

Finally:

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible is the trustworthy Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of humankind. For purposes of the Parish, in faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the Bishop is the final interpretive authority on matters of doctrine and their application;

In order to preserve the function and integrity of the Parish as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to both parishioners and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the Parish in any capacity, or who serve as leaders, agree to abide by this Statement of Faith. (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22.);

We celebrate and stand for the unchanging truth of the gospel as centered in the grace of Jesus Christ, in the gift of biblical revelation, and the moral vision expressed in historic, Anglican Christianity.

The foregoing Statement of Faith was adopted by unanimous Resolution of the Vestry of St. Philip's Church at a duly called meeting of the Vestry held on April 3, 2018.

The Current Vestry of St. Philip's Church

Outgoing Class of 2020

Harry Gregorie, III, *Senior Warden*

Jimmy Bailey, Jr.

Dorothy Lancaster

Clarke Wallace, Jr.

Class of 2021

Reid Davis

Martha Freshley

Guv Gottshalk, III

Samuel Robinson, Jr.

Class of 2022

Todd Brown

Elizabeth Hagood

Connie Rink

Bill Warlick

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