

2016 Vestry Nominees



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**November 26–27 and December 3–4
after all services.** The term is January 2017
through December 2019. Please vote for no more
than 5 nominees. We'll be electing 4 people for
regular 3-year terms and 1 person for a 1-year term.

Years at Holy Comforter:
8 years.

Relevant Experience:

In my family's 8 years with Holy Comforter, I have actively participated in many ways in the church, including ECW, the PR Committee, Ministry Fair, ViVa Vienna, Greeters, Hypothermia Shelter, producing the Annual Report, Student Ministries Team—especially organizing the annual Christmas Greens fundraiser, ECW Spring Tea, creating and managing Holy Comforter's Spirit Wear collection and participating in racial reconciliation efforts. My daughter also was with the Chorister's program.

Occupation:

President, TailWinds Communications—specializing in Public Relations, Communications, Event Planning, Crisis Management and Education for the aviation industry and others.

Why do you feel prepared to serve on the Vestry at this time?

As an active church participant over the past 8 years, I feel it is time for me to more deeply invest my time and talents on the Vestry as we continue in our efforts to grow our community and find our new spiritual leader, and to help our new Rector transition and grow within our Holy Comforter family.

What do you hope to accomplish on the Vestry?

I hope to assist with the transition as our church prayerfully considers who will lead us into the future. I look forward to growth in our parish and our outreach efforts in the community at large.

What goal or vision do you have for Holy Comforter?

The reason my family joined Holy Comforter was because we felt it was an inclusive and spiritual community that cared for each other. It became our church home. As we usher in a new Rector, I hope that we will continue to be that community, while also opening our doors to new families and members. There is also much we can do within our Vienna community regarding outreach, racial reconciliation and forming a sustaining bond of spirituality for the families of Vienna and the greater Tysons area.



Kip Brailey

Years at Holy Comforter:

18 years

Relevant Experience:

- Seven years on the Finance Committee (including two as chair)
- Three years on the Vestry at CHC (also served on the Vestry at our previous church)
- Discipleship Group Leader (at least 10 years)
- Confirmation Leader (since 2007)

Occupation:

Associate Director for Intelligence, US Treasury, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

Why do you feel prepared to serve on the Vestry at this time?

I doubt I will ever feel better prepared to serve on the Vestry. My three years of previous Vestry experience and seven years on the Finance Committee mean that I know exactly what the position entails and that I am totally “up to speed” on church affairs. My governmental work leading a unit of over 100 personnel with a multi-million dollar budget has also prepared me for the position. The timing is personally and professionally right—as an empty nester and a senior manager, my time is far more flexible than it was earlier in my life/career.

What do you hope to accomplish on the Vestry?

While on the Vestry I hope to see Holy Comforter call a wonderful new Rector, complete the Ministry Center, balance the budget, and attract new parishioners. For too long our revenue has been flat and our membership has been flat or declining. Hiring a new Rector and completing the Ministry Center are integral to reversing both trends. The Ministry Center is not only practical but symbolic that we are an outwardly looking church, stepping up to take our place in the community (as we have so ably with Pennywise, the Hypothermia Shelter, the Preschool, and our nearly countless other outreach efforts). We are so close to completing this long-term goal of the church and I am determined that we finish the job—in a fiscally responsible way.

What goal or vision do you have for Holy Comforter?

My vision is to leave Holy Comforter better than we have found it. We stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us and Holy Comforter has been a gift to me and my family. Leaving our church with its master plan complete and its financial security assured for our children and their children will do that so that Holy Comforter can continue to be that special place for all generations.



Jonathan Dort

Years at Holy Comforter:

5 years

Relevant Experience:

At Holy Comforter, I have served as a Sunday School teacher, and annually as Professor Snape in our Vacation Bible School. I have also volunteered on behalf of Holy Comforter at Viva Vienna. In my professional life, I currently serve as the Vice Chairman for Education and the Surgical Residency Program Director for the Department of Surgery at Inova Fairfax Hospital. This position requires management of budget and personnel for that division, as well as vision and leadership. I also serve on the Board of Directors for the national Association of Program Directors in Surgery. I have served in similar capacity and on similar Boards in the past, both at the Virginia Tech-Carilion School of Medicine in Roanoke and the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita, Kansas. I am the Co-Chairman of the Quality, Patient Safety, and Clinical Outcomes Committee of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, as well as a member of their Continuing Medical Education, Resident and Fellow Training, and Membership Committees. I am also the President-elect of the DC Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Occupation:

Surgeon

Why do you feel prepared to serve on the Vestry at this time?

When Juliana, Sophia, and I moved to Vienna in the summer of 2011 for my work, we knew no one. Grandparents live in other parts of the country, and we have no family here. We found Holy Comforter through the VBS (Sophia is a big Harry Potter fan), and it has been our Vienna family ever since. I wish to serve this church in the same way it has served us, with commitment and energy.

What do you hope to accomplish on the Vestry?

We have watched Holy Comforter go through a significant number of transitions in the five years we have been here, but perhaps none greater than the one we are now in. At the end of three years, I would like to say that I was part of a Vestry team that responded to this challenge with purposeful ministry to all of our members and our community, faithful adherence to our teachings and our core beliefs, and prudent, thoughtful, and prayerful decisions that solidify our robust viability now and into the future.

Jonathan Dort, Cont.

What goal or vision do you have for Holy Comforter?

As Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." This needs to remain the vision of Holy Comforter. Just as it embraced my family upon our arrival in this community, it needs to continue to embrace this entire community with "spiritual fervor". My vision for Holy Comforter is just that. We need to embrace this transition as a way to solidify our current membership, reach out to our community and to our youth for expanded membership, and wrap our arms around the people we serve with grace, faith, and love.



Leo Fox

Years at Holy Comforter:

My family and I have been actively attending Church of the Holy Comforter for the past several years, but each of our now adult children attended pre-school here, so it feels like we have been associated with the Church of the Holy Comforter for the past twenty plus years.

Relevant Experience:

I most recently served as Interim Executive Director of Helping Children Worldwide (HCW). HCW is a Christian based 501(c)3 organization that runs a Child Rescue Centre and Mercy Hospital in Bo, Sierra Leone. The Child Rescue Centre takes care of over 400 children on a day-to-day basis. Mercy Hospital is a private 26-bed hospital that serves those that cannot afford to pay. In that capacity I oversaw all aspects of the organization, including actively working on an operating theater addition to Mercy Hospital and a new Education Resource Center. Prior to HCW, I was Chief Executive Officer, and Treasurer of the Board of Tenacity Solutions. Tenacity Solutions grew from a small information technology startup in 2003 to a premiere cyber security and mission focused engineering firm that was purchased by CSC in July 2014. I was awarded a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics from the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, in 1984 and graduated from the Owner/President Management Program at Harvard Business School in 2010.

Occupation:

Retired

Leo Fox, Cont.

Why do you feel prepared to serve on the Vestry at this time?

I have supported the finance committee for the past year and believe that we at the Church of the Holy Comforter are on the cusp of two major events that will greatly affect our congregation (1) finding Father Rick's replacement and (2) building the new mission center. I believe my expertise as a former business owner and also as head of a non-profit organization have prepared me to help the Church of the Holy Comforter accomplish these two tasks, while at the same time grow and thrive as a church community.

What do you hope to accomplish on the Vestry?

I hope to support the Vestry, Clergy and congregation of the Church of the Holy Comforter to the best of my God-given talents. During my tenure on the Vestry I hope to see the replacement of Father Rick and look forward to the completion of the new mission center. These two objectives accomplished will add to the growth of our community and parish.

What goal or vision do you have for Holy Comforter?

My vision runs parallel to that of the Church of the Holy Comforter in that we are called to reflect a vision of God's Kingdom in the way that we live, for we know that our community can and should be an outward and visible sign of God's grace and love that binds us together as human beings. To that end my vision includes seeing the Vestry and Clergy not only continue to build deeper relationships with our present congregation, but to reach out to the rapidly growing Tysons Corner and northern VA areas.



Bill Lloyd

Years at Holy Comforter:

Joined Holy Comforter in July of 1994, one month before Father Rick arrived.

Relevant Experience:

I served on the Holy Comforter Endowment Committee for three years, including as its Chairman. Presently I serve as a Eucharistic Visitor, and shortly I will begin serving as a Eucharistic Minister. For over ten years I served on the Ronald McDonald House Pro-Am Committee; am presently on the Colgate University Planned Giving Committee where I have been a member since 2004. I also led the creation and fundraising efforts for the Madison Men's Lacrosse Game Program the last four years.

Bill Lloyd, Cont.

Occupation:

For the past 28 years I have worked in the financial services industry. My focus has been financial planning and asset management with an emphasis on retirement planning, qualified plans (401K's) and advanced tax strategies. I carry the Certified Financial Planning (CFP®), Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC), Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF®), and Certified Plan Fiduciary Advisor (CPFA) certifications as well as six FINRA licenses. These are utilized in my role as the Managing Partner & Officer of Supervisory Jurisdiction for Parkway Financial Strategies, a boutique financial advisory practice based in Reston. I have served in this capacity for the last 5 ½ years.

Why do you feel prepared to serve on the Vestry at this time?

For the past two years I have been praying about finding a new role to serve our parish. Like many parishioners, a broken marriage, tough child issues, challenges of aging parents, and critical health issues all touched my life during this time. Throughout my journey, the prayers, people, and priests of Holy Comforter helped carry me. With my youngest off to college, health restored, and relationships healing; I believe the Lord is leading me in wonderful new directions to serve. If the parish would bless me with the appointment, I would welcome the opportunity to give back to you all in whatever time, treasure and talents I can offer.

What do you hope to accomplish on the Vestry?

This Vestry will be charged with calling our next priest, spiritual leader, and visionary for the future of our parish. This is the singular most important calling to our Vestry over the next year. Concurrently, the necessity to begin to expand our physical plant is upon us and requires our focus as well. It would be my hope to lend vision, experience, sweat, creativity and fiscal responsibility to achieving these goals. To assist in the latter, I would hope to initiate a matching gift campaign, seeking to take advantage of a benefit many parishioners may not be utilizing, to increase our operational revenues. Next, I would also hope to help attract significant capital gifts by initiating a development effort aimed at educating potential contributors as to a variety of methods, and benefits, which make large gifts a 'win-win' proposition. On a different note, it would be my goal to expand the team of Eucharistic Visitors such that our ill, aged, and shut in parishioners may receive Holy Communion weekly, (as I did when recovering), as opposed to monthly as it is now. Finally, our wonderful preschool must be expanded, as our building expands, as it is a tremendous entre to our church for new families seeking a place of worship.

What goal or vision do you have for Holy Comforter?

Holy Comforter is, and has been a very special church for a very long time. The reputation of our parish is known throughout the Dioceses for its wonderful ministries and many good works. The loving touch of HC reaches from our church community in Vienna, to places all around the US and abroad. Locally, Holy Comforter is a home to all; young and old, old school and new school, evangelist and liberal, and those of every background and orientation; we are all the better for it. My vision is that of a growing Holy Comforter exhibited in a vibrant blend of our excellent priests lead by a wonderful new pastor; a faith community serving all facets of our own church body, while striving to bring God's gifts to those in need wherever they may be; all housed within a beautiful and expanded edifice. It is my goal to see these become reality over the next three years.

**Canon 11, Section 5
Election and Organization
of Vestries**

All adult communicants in good standing, registered in the particular Church in which they offer to vote, shall be entitled to vote at the election of Vestry members. The voting shall be by ballot in person and, unless otherwise provided by the meeting, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. There shall be no voting by proxy. But no election shall be valid unless the participating qualified votes number at least ten per cent of the number of active communicants qualified to vote reported for the previous year.