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Class of 2028 Nominee (To Fill an Unexpired 2-Year Term 2026-2028)

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- **What aspects of the community of Good Shepherd are most appealing or meaningful to you?** The ease of connecting with members of the parish, and opportunities to actively participate.
- **What ministries, service projects, or other volunteer work have you performed while at Good Shepherd?** Lector, usher, men's lunch, rally day set up and tear down, landscaping cleanup.
- **What ministries, organizations or other functions of Good Shepherd do you think our community needs to focus more attention on in the coming months or years?** outreach to bring new people into the church
- **Fun Fact: What is your favorite hymn?** All Glory Laud and Honor

Class of 2029 Nominees (3-Year Terms 2026-2029)

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- **What aspects of the community of Good Shepherd are most appealing or meaningful to you?** When I moved to the Raleigh area in 2022, I attended several Episcopal churches in search of the best fit for me. The Sunday I first attended Church of the Good Shepherd, I knew I had arrived at my church home. I found inspirational preaching and excellent clergy; a beautiful building; an outstanding music program; and a caring, welcoming and compassionate congregation with a focus on inclusion and care for all. I feel blessed to have found this loving and life-giving community and I am grateful each day for the friendships I've developed since joining Good Shepherd.

- **What ministries, service projects, or other volunteer work have you performed while at Good Shepherd?** Most of my professional life was spent working as a resource analyst at NASA-Johnson Space Center in Houston. In that capacity, I developed, analyzed and managed budgets and contracts for the International Space Station, the New Initiatives Office, and the Engineering Directorate, as well in participating in strategic planning and budgeting for five-year program development. At my home church in Houston, I served as chair of the Finance Committee and as chair of the internal audit committee. Based on my experience, Rev. Imogen asked me to join the Finance Committee in 2024; I've applied my skills in service to Good Shepherd during this period and hope to continue that service in the coming years.

  In the 1970s, I helped establish a small hunger pantry in a consortium of north Dallas, Tx churches. This pantry was eventually folded into the North Texas Food Bank and this is when I found a passion for feeding, clothing and sheltering those in need. In January 2025, Rev. Imogen asked me to serve as co-chair, with Gerard McNeill, of the re-invigorated Outreach Committee. During the year, we strengthened existing ministries and found new ways to serve our community, while expanding an amazing team.

  I have been a member of the Daughters of the King for almost 20 years. Joining the order has been one of the most enriching and faith affirming decisions in my life. In addition to other DOK activities, I recently served as study leader for a novitiate seeking to enter the order; I learned more than I taught and I'm grateful I had this opportunity to serve.

  I currently serve on the White Flag Steering Committee. The committee was established after Good Shepherd became a primary shelter site during the current White Flag season. As with most new endeavors, we've had a learning curve regarding best practices but the outpouring of God's love and care for our unsheltered neighbors has been awe inspiring.

- **What ministries, organizations or other functions of Good Shepherd do you think our community needs to focus more attention on in the coming months or years?** There are three things I believe we should focus on in the coming months and years. First, I'm excited that Good Shepherd is adding a children's minister to our clergy family. Our children are the future of the church, so the addition of this clergy member is essential to Good Shepherd's continued growth and vitality.
  Second, I applaud the finance committee members, trustees and vestry members who are attentive to keeping Good Shepherd on a firm financial footing. That foundation enables us to strengthen and expand our many ministries, both outreach and in reach, and preserve our beautiful historic buildings. In the coming years, I'd like to see our strategic plan married to strategic budgeting to enhance our opportunities for spiritual and programmatic growth. I'd also like for Good Shepherd to place an increased emphasis on encouraging legacy giving to our Trust. The Trust provides a critical financial cushion for unexpected expenses and the increasing needs of our facilities. Maintaining the financial strength of Good Shepherd is very important to me.

  Finally, during the past year, I've had the pleasure of twice meeting with Joy Schillingsburg, the diocesan Mission Strategy Coordinator to learn about the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) initiative. ABCD provides an exciting way of re-imaging how we can best use the many assets within our church community, in partnership with other churches and non-profit organizations, and with those we serve in the larger community. I look forward to exploring the opportunities ABCD presents to Good Shepherd.

- **Fun Fact: What is your favorite hymn?** Lift High the Cross

- **Anything else you'd like to share:** I have been richly blessed from the moment my parents adopted me as a baby. They both came from strong faith backgrounds and raised my sister and me to live out our faith by sharing our time, talents and treasure with others.

  My father worked for a large corporation; consequently, we moved all over the country and I attended 4 schools between the grades of 6 through 12. My highest degree is a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of Texas, Dallas. In addition to my career at NASA, I worked for three years as the Executive Director of a small non-profit environmental organization in Houston, Tx, after my retirement from NASA.

  I am twice widowed and the grandmother of 5 incredible grandchildren: an MD, Capt., USAF; two in grad school; one undergrad; and the youngest who's working while 'finding herself'.

  I live in Wake Forest with my best friend of 50 years, Bruce Phearse, whom some of you may recognize as the Angel Gabriel in the Christmas Pageant. Bruce has been my rock for many years, supporting me through the illnesses of both my deceased husbands. Bruce and I share a love of basketball and travel; our planned adventures for the coming year include a trip to Morocco and Portugal, and a 60th birthday celebration with family and friends in the UK.

Anne Doster

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- **What aspects of the community of Good Shepherd are most appealing or meaningful to you?** When asked about what brought me to Good Shepherd, I share the following: the inclusiveness of this church community; the outreach efforts beyond the church doors on behalf of our neighbors who need warmth and food, and the warm welcome to the newest members of Good Shepherd. And, on a personal level, Good Shepherd graciously showed such kindness during my husband's funeral in November 2023. This act of generosity is something I'll never forget. I've learned this is the Church of the Good Shepherd way.

- **What ministries, service projects, or other volunteer work have you performed while at Good Shepherd?**
  I am a member of the Flower Guild and the Altar Guild.

- **What ministries, organizations or other functions of Good Shepherd do you think our community needs to focus more attention on in the coming months or years?** As a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, I experienced the closing of a parish. My hope is that Good Shepherd grows and thrives in order to continue its mission of service to others. A focus would be on developing a long term strategy the preserves the financial well-being of Good Shepherd and a plan to grow our congregation.

- **Fun Fact: What is your favorite hymn?** Morning Has Broken

- **Anything else you'd like to share:** In my career, I worked in Organizational Development, Career Transition, Leadership Development and Executive Coaching for fortune 500 companies. I served nine years on the Board of Directors for Meals on Wheels of Wake County, and one term as president. I served on the national Board of Directors of the Association for Psychological Type, the professional organization for practitioners of the Myers Briggs Type Indicator. I'm a lifelong Episcopalian; spent my summers at Kanuga; and attended Saint Mary's College in Raleigh.

James Joslin

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- **What aspects of the community of Good Shepherd are most appealing or meaningful to you?** Outreach, serving one another, worship and music
- **What ministries, service projects, or other volunteer work have you performed while at Good Shepherd?** Creation Care, White Flag ministries
- **What ministries, organizations or other functions of Good Shepherd do you think our community needs to focus more attention on in the coming months or years?** White Flag organization, finances and parish needs
- **Fun Fact: What is your favorite hymn?** All Glory Laud and Honor
- **Anything else you'd like to share:** Hope we can all improve our parish and serve most effectively

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- **What aspects of the community of Good Shepherd are most appealing or meaningful to you?** The close knit and supportive nature of the Good Shepherd is why my family are members here. When we first walked in the door, in 2019, we were immediately greeted by another family and invited to attend an upcoming church event. We love the year round large community events, from Rally Day, to Oyster Roast, to Pancake Supper etc., as well as the weekly fellowship gathering. I appreciate how the church extends itself to the greater Raleigh community, through the monthly lunches, White Flag nights, and much more. The Good Shepherd makes it easy for members to serve and get involved, which is key to the friendly and approachable nature of this parish.

- **What ministries, service projects, or other volunteer work have you performed while at Good Shepherd?** Over the years I've volunteered teaching Sunday school and with numerous EYC events, such as the Pancake Supper and providing meals to the women's center. I attended a training on Godly Play, in order to be able to lead children's chapel as a storyteller. In 2024 I served on the Stewardship Committee.

- **What ministries, organizations or other functions of Good Shepherd do you think our community needs to focus more attention on in the coming months or years?** I'm excited about the Good Shepherd's on-going focus on children's ministries and recent securing of a grant to hire a new children's minister. I am eager to assist in this effort, and believe I have a good perspective, as a parent of elementary, middle, and high school aged children (and for whom using the nursery doesn't feel that long ago!). I admire the great number of ministries that the Good Shepherd engages in, particularly those that serve homebound members, and the needy in the community. I would love to see connections between young and older church members strengthened.

- **Fun Fact: What is your favorite hymn?** Here I Am, Lord

- **Anything else you'd like to share:** Thank you for considering me for this important position, in which I would be honored to serve. In addition to my volunteer work with the children's ministries and EYC, I have a professional background working for foundations and a masters' degree concentrated in nonprofit management, as well as currently working with youth at St. Timothy's Episcopal School, all of which I believe provide me with skills useful as a vestry member. I am looking to dedicate more of my time to the growth and sustainability of this church, which is so integral to my life and that of my family.