**Nominees for Senior Warden, Vestry and Representatives to Diocesan Convention.**

**Nominee for Senior Warden**

**-John Hennessey-** Peter and I walked into the Cathedral for Christmas Eve service twenty years ago, and our lives changed forever. I am standing for election for senior warden to bring my organizational and advocacy skills to help manage St. Luke’s challenges as we prepare to call a new Dean. I am energized by the opportunity to revisit and update our mission, assess our financial status, renew our hospitality practices, and firmly establish our identity as the chief mission church of the diocese. Any of those issues is a significant undertaking, but I believe successfully integrating all that work will lay a strong foundation for St. Luke’s to thrive well into the future.

**Vestry Nominees (three will be elected)**

**Peter Carleton**- "I’m a “preacher’s kid” and have been associated with Congregational, Methodist, Disciples of Christ and Episcopal churches. Before coming to St. Luke’s in 2016, I was a chemist and schoolteacher. I have six grown children, nine grandchildren and am a great grandfather! My core values are (1) respect and justice for all, (2) seeking truth and (3) listening. These values have shown themselves in operating a refugee welcome house in Connecticut, membership on a medical team in Guatemala for 5 years and most recently through the food pantry here at St. Luke’s. I am also on the healing team. My strengths are meeting people and speaking out on issues.

**Joe DeKay**- Growing up in the Episcopal Church, I find St. Luke’s a place to grow and adjust to life together better. From 1981 until 2022 rural medical practice was in the front seat next to my family. My wife Joanne and I were married at St. Luke’s. We have four adult children and six

grandchildren. I have served on several hospital boards, the state licensing board and learned responsible group decision making. I believe I was useful. While still a local school district physician, I have time to be on the vestry if you all want my help.

**Catherine Hyde**-I have found it very rewarding serving on the vestry this past year. It would be an honor and would mean a lot to continue to serve on the vestry during this time of transition.

I moved to Portland in 2016 which is when I joined St. Luke’s. I quickly became involved with

the food pantry and helping Chuck Sawyer when he was in charge of it. I then Co-chaired it

with Nancy Brain and saw it flourish into what it is today. It brings me great joy in helping

others and seeing the smile on their face.

Before moving back to Texas in 2009, I lived in Germany for 15 years. I studied at Texas

Christian University and received my MBA from the University of Hartford. Shortly, after

moving to Portland I started a small online business importing cashmere and wool clothing

from Germany and Austria. I have previously served on the board at Cheverus High School and

The Museum of the Southwest in Midland, Texas. Currently, I am on the board and heavily

involved with the new nonprofit Making It Home Maine. It is an organization that help

individuals moving into housing with basic housewares to get them started.

**Laura Lyons-** As I began attending St. Luke’s shortly before the pandemic interrupted our traditional congregational life, I found strength through many months in the weekly epistle. These messages continue to inspire reverence, reflection, and resolve, qualities I hope to bring to Vestry service. In person, I’ve helped with the Flower Guild and the Responsiveness Committee and participated in Foyers and several book and discussion groups. Portland is home, but I’ve spent significant time “away”, most notably in Japan, where I lived for 11 years. I have just retired from a career in international education and exchange. With degrees in child development and management, I am fiercely committed to mission and to stewardship. St. Luke’s has been to me a great spiritual home and a lively, supportive community. It would be a privilege to contribute as we work together to chart the path for our future.

**Parker Roberts** I am Parker Roberts.  Lifelong (mostly) Episcopalian, member of the St. Luke's Cathedral church and choir since 2006.  I was a vestry member in our prior Episcopal church when we lived in Texas.  My day job is a semi-retired surgeon at Maine Health.  In full disclosure, I am the spouse of former St. Luke's part time priest, Suzanne Roberts and father of current vestry member Eleanor Roberts.  Having said that, I have my own opinions about the church and its function and would be honored to serve as a member of the vestry to further the church's mission.

**Will Solomon**

**Representatives to Diocesan Convention (Five to be elected)**

**Sam Allen**-I retired in 2013 after a career of teaching, research, and administration at MIT as a

professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. My wife, the Rev.’d Anne Fowler, grew up in Portland and we both felt a strong pull to relocate here after retiring. We moved to Deering Highlands in 2013 and began to attend St. Luke’s early in 2014.

At St. Luke’s I served as Junior Warden from 2015–2019, and then as Senior Warden 2019–2021 and again 2023–24. I am also a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Finance Committee, the Endowment Committee, the Public Policy and Environmental Action Committee, co-leader of Noon Zoom, I assist with live steaming our services, and have served as a delegate to Diocesan Convention for several years.

**Sarah Braik** has served as delegate to Diocesan Convention four times over the last 25 years. She was a General Convention deputy in 2022. She is an active member of St. Luke’s Public Policy and Environmental Action Team, and serves as Earth Keeper for The Cathedral, scribe and acting facilitator of the Diocese of Maine Creation Care Team and co-leader of the Portland chapter of Citizens’ Climate Lobby. She loves working with others as part of a team and is a thoughtful listener. She is retired from a varied career in education, mental health and cooking in restaurants.

**Fred Fowler-** My wife Pat and I have been part of the cathedral for seventeen years. After finding a church home through the 12:10 Tuesday Service, I have served diverse leadership roles in the church and diocese including, Junior Warden and Senior Warden, as a representative to Diocesan Council and Finance Committee. I am currently an active member for Cathedral Finance, Endowment and Buildings and Grounds Committees. I also enjoy serving the wider church by focusing on supporting area Episcopal Churches (and the Diocese) with physical projects and management. I also volunteer and coordinate a weekly ecumenical morning prayer service on Tuesdays.

**Philip Hamilton**

**Susan McCuller-** I have been a member of the Cathedral for fifty years, serving in various capacities - Sunday School teacher, chairman of the Fair Committee, member of liturgical drama group, foyer groups, vestry member, lector, usher, and lector coordinator, delegate to the Diocesan Convention. I am a retired schoolteacher who is now back working as a substitute teacher.  I am busy with my two daughters and their husbands, and my grandson.  I am committed to seeing the Cathedral enter into its next phase with new leadership and adding to its illustrious history.

**Curtis Murrand**-  I have been a parishioner here at the cathedral for 25 years. I have been in the choir for 24 years. I’m 67 years old originally from Massachusetts. My particular areas of interest are in liturgy and music as well as reconciliation with Native Americans and Native American spirituality. Lately I have had a particular interest in those who have been abused in church settings both spiritually and sexually and how to help those who have been abused and how to hold the abusers to account for their actions. I have several years of experience of several boards of directors/trustees.