

## **NOMINATIONS FOR THE 199<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MAINE**

Following the description is a list of those currently holding the position.

- An asterisk (\*) indicates the person is eligible for re-election.
- A plus sign (+) indicates the person is not eligible for re-election because of term limits.
- A minus sign (-) indicates the person is not eligible for re-election because of no longer being canonically resident OR a change in status (i.e. previously lay and now clergy).

### **SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE**

CANON 6, DIOCESE OF MAINE (Of the Secretary of the Diocese)

Section 1. Unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the Secretary shall give written notice of the time and place of the meeting of a Convention by mailing a copy of such notice to each Clerical Member of the Convention and to the Clerk of every Parish or Mission in union with the Convention together with the certificates for Lay Delegates. The notice of any Special Convention shall specify the purpose thereof.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to mail a copy in blank form of the Parochial Report to every incumbent of a Parish or Mission, which shall be duly filled in and returned before the first day of the month specified. The Secretary shall, with whatever assistance the Secretary deems necessary, examine all Parochial Reports and return for correction those in which errors or omissions appear. He shall compile, file, and keep on record the statistics from the Parochial Reports for presentation to the Annual Convention following the year for which such reports were made. A complete tabulation of all Parochial Reports shall be printed in the Journal.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to prepare for presentation to each Diocesan Convention a report on the actions taken on each of the resolutions adopted by the previous Diocesan Convention.

Section 4. In case of the disability of the Secretary of the Diocese, the duties shall devolve upon one of the Assistant Secretaries, if there be such, in order of their appointment; if not, upon the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

### **NEED TO ELECT: One person for a one year term.**

Responsibilities: The position of Secretary of the Diocese requires familiarity with the process of the Convention. In addition to the canonical responsibilities, the Secretary oversees the registration of delegates to convention and monitors the balloting and election process during Convention. Serves as Secretary of Diocesan Council requiring attendance at Council meetings (two Saturdays and two Friday evening/Saturday overnights) during the year. Significant support is provided by the diocesan staff to fulfill canonical requirements.

Time Commitment: 5 days per year

Expenses: Travel, room and meals at Diocesan Convention and Diocesan Council meetings, reimbursed by diocese if requested.

Current Secretary

\*Ms Leigh Spahr (2018)



**Nominee: Ms Leigh Spahr**

Congregation: St. Patrick's, Brewer

Nominated by: Mark Spahr

Biography: Leigh is a member of St. Patricks, Brewer and served as Secretary of the Diocese for the last four years. She previously served as Assistant Secretary of the Diocese for two years. Leigh has 19 years of experience as an administrative assistant and medical secretary. She lives in Winterport with her wonderful husband Mark, and her two beautiful daughters, Peyton and Hannah. She types really fast.

## **TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE**

CANON 7, DIOCESE OF MAINE (Of the Treasurer of the Diocese)

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the Convention, unless the collections and disbursements shall be otherwise specifically ordered. The Treasurer shall render a report to the Annual Convention which shall contain a certificate that his accounts have been audited by Diocesan Auditors. The Treasurer shall render a report to the Annual Convention which shall contain a certificate that these accounts have been audited in accordance with Canon 18.1.5.

Section 2. The Treasurer may be removed from office by the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, for any neglect, misconduct, or incapacity.

### **NEED TO ELECT: One person for a one year term.**

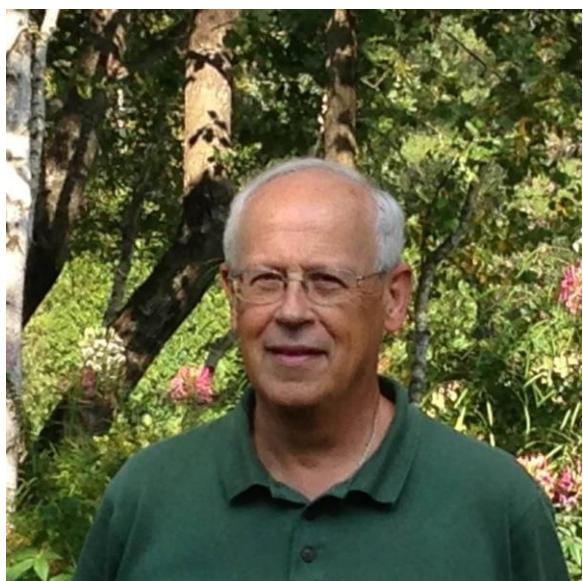
Responsibilities: The position of Treasurer of the Diocese requires familiarity with accepted accounting procedures and policies and with diocesan financial operations. The Treasurer oversees accounting procedures, cash flow, expenditures in line with current budget and anticipated income. The Treasurer provides guidance and support for the diocesan financial department.

Time Commitment: Approximately 8 days per year.

Expenses: Travel expenses reimbursed by diocese if requested.

Current Treasurer

\*Mr. Richard Rozene (2018)



### **Nominee: Mr. Richard Rozene**

Congregation: St. Ann's, Windham

Nominated by: Dale J. Brooker

Biography: Dick currently serves as diocesan treasurer and has served the diocese in the position since 2011. In this capacity, he monitors the income and expenses of the diocese. Dick is a member of the diocesan Compensation Committee, which also focuses on the impacts of the Affordable Care Act that may affect clergy and lay employees. As treasurer, he works closely with the Canon for Finance and the chair of the Finance Committee. Dick is a member of Diocesan Council, the diocesan Finance committee, and the Strategic Mission Support committee. He also works with the Bishop, the various Canons of the diocese and congregations in the diocese pertaining to budgeting

and other financial matters. Dick has been the lay representative to Provincial Synod and was the chair of Maine's deputation to the 2013 General Convention. He was a member of the 2018 deputation to General Convention.

Past diocesan and local congregation experience include terms on diocesan council; chair of a commission responsible for a former grants-in-aid program; a member of the Strategic Mission Study group convened by Bishop Lane; an Episcopal discernment committee; vestry, parish discernment committee, long-range planning, and senior warden at St. Ann's. His contributions to the St. Ann's community have been nothing short of amazing as he provides support and guidance to those in leadership roles.

## TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE (CON'T)

Dick keenly understands budgeting and financial accountability due in part to his career in private industry as a project and program manager. In those capacities, he managed multi-million dollar projects which often had demanding time lines. He has established a strong working relationship with the Bishop, diocesan Clergy Compensation and Finance Chairpersons as well as the Canon for Finance and Stewardship, key elements for serving as treasurer. Dick has been an active participant in the development of the process for congregations that receive strategic mission support from the diocese. Diocesan support is provided as part of clergy compensation to expand congregational mission instead of diocesan funds for building maintenance. Dick believes that the diocese must continue to practice good stewardship within the framework of our available financial resources it seeks to do God's work in the world around us.

## THE STANDING COMMITTEE

### CANON 13, DIOCESE OF MAINE (Of the Standing Committee)

Section 1. The Standing Committee shall at its first meeting choose a Chair and a Secretary, either Clerical or Lay. The Secretary shall record all proceedings in a book provided for the purpose, and this, with all papers relative to the business of the Diocese, shall be open to examination by the Bishop and by the Convention; and a report of the acts shall be made to the Annual Convention, except such acts as pertain to its function as a Council of Advice to the Bishop.

Section 2. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. The Standing Committee shall be a Council of Advice to the Bishop, and shall be summoned at any time that the Bishop may desire its advice.

Section 4. The Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese when a vacancy occurs in the Episcopate, except in cases otherwise provided for by the Canons of the General Convention or of the Diocese.

### **NEED TO ELECT: One clerical and one lay member for a three year term each.**

**Responsibilities:** The Standing Committee serves as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese when a vacancy occurs in the Episcopate (except in cases otherwise provided for by the Canons of the General Convention or of the Diocese). Other responsibilities include serving as Council of Advice to the Bishop, consenting for election of bishops in ECUSA, reviewing and approving building plans and loans by congregations, as well as interviewing and recommending people in the ordination process.

**Time Commitment:** The Standing Committee meets monthly, usually in Portland. Special meetings may be called.

**Expenses:** Travel expenses reimbursed by diocese if requested.

#### Current Standing Committee

The Rev. Sara Gavit (2020)

\*The Rev. Maria Hoecker (2018)

The Rev. Timothy Higgins (2019)

Mr. Doug Mayer (2020)

\*Ms Brenda Hamilton (2018)

Mr. Charles Priest (2019)



### **Clerical Nominee: The Rev. Nathan Ferrell**

Congregation: Saint Mary's, Falmouth

Nominated by: The Rev. Nathan Ferrell

**Biography:** Nathan has served as the Rector of Saint Mary's in Falmouth for six years. Prior to coming to Maine, he served congregations in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Virginia. He was first ordained as a Baptist minister in 1998 and subsequently ordained as deacon and presbyter by the Bishop of Virginia in 2002. Nathan is married to a very talented artist with whom he has raised three children.

## THE STANDING COMMITTEE (CON'T)

Nathan is proud to serve our nation as a Navy Reserve Chaplain (Lieutenant, O3). When time allows, Nathan enjoys running, hiking, nordic skiing, kayaking, and splitting firewood.

Nathan has experience serving in four different dioceses and in a variety of ministry settings from urban multi-location ministries to suburban family-oriented parishes. He believes passionately in congregations as real communities which are uniquely suited to introduce people to life in the realm of God and to train people in how to live this life in a wholistic way. Nathan loves Jesus and loves the Church.



### **Clerical Nominee: The Rev. Maria Hoecker**

Congregation: St. Columba's, Boothbay Harbor

Nominated by: Patty Colhoun

**Biography:** The Rev. Maria J. Hoecker has served as Rector of St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Boothbay Harbor since 2012. A native of Kansas, Rev. Hoecker received her MDiv from the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. In 2008 she completed the innovative two year Clergy Leadership Project training program funded by Trinity-Wall Street which brought together a cohort of 30 Episcopal clergy from all over the country to study Adaptive Challenge leadership.

Rev. Hoecker is currently serving her second year as President of the Standing Committee for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, working with Bishop Stephen Lane as chair of his Council of Advice. As president, she is shepherding the various diocesan committees and diocesan staff through the two-year process of electing Maine's next bishop in 2019. She is also a founding member of the steering committee for the Maine Episcopal Network for Justice and was an alternate clergy deputy to the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Austin, TX. Most recently she represented the Diocese of Maine at the TENS stewardship conference in Rochester NY.

Rev. Hoecker was called to St. Columba's Church in November 2011 as vicar when it was still a mission congregation. Quickly thereafter, St. Columba's mission grew into a fully recognized parish of the Boothbay Region in the Diocese of Maine.

In the summer of 2017, Rev. Hoecker embarked on a four-month study sabbatical fully funded by the Lilly Foundation. Rev. Hoecker traveled to Westminster, Canterbury, Salisbury-Sarum College, Lindisfarne, Durham, Edinburgh, and the Isle of Iona for sabbatical studies in Celtic Christian Spirituality with noted Celtic theologian John Philip Newell.

Widowed since 2005, Maria+ has balanced her vocation with raising two children, Chloe, a senior at the University of Maine at Farmington and Max, a freshman at the Rochester Institute of Technology. For fun, she is an avid gardener of perennials, writer, and a photographer. Hoecker also works closely with the congregation of All Saints by-the-Sea Chapel on Southport Island on joint outreach ministries and innovative Celtic worship; volunteers as a board member and chair of the governance committee for the Boothbay Region Community Resource Council; and serves as an advocate for numerous ecumenical community initiatives.

## THE STANDING COMMITTEE (CON'T)



### **Lay Nominee: Ms Brenda Hamilton**

Congregation: St. Andrew's, Newcastle

Nominated by: Ms Brenda Hamilton

**Biography:** Brenda Hamilton has served God in the Diocese of Maine and the wider Episcopal Church in a variety of roles over the past 23 years. She was on Diocesan Council for several years and helped in the original development of New Initiatives Grants as a way of funding new ministry ideas. She was a lay member of the Standing Committee for 3 years during Bishop Knudsen's tenure, including a year as Standing Committee President and a member of the Transition Committee during the search that led us to Bishop Lane. She has just finished a 3-year term as Secretary for the Standing Committee and helped to organize the early process of our quest for the 10th Bishop of Maine.

She is committed to the idea that historical knowledge and continuity are helpful to organizations like the Diocese, but that we certainly don't want to "do things the way we have always done them." Her primary goal in exercising church leadership now is to foster new leaders for a new generation of God's people. If elected, she hopes to apply those principles to support Bishop Lane to the end of his tenure and the beginning of a new ministry with Bishop 10.

As a 4-time Deputy to the General Convention, Brenda has been given the opportunity to work closely with many Bishops, other clergy and laity from across the spectrum of the Episcopal Church. Through this, she has developed a keen understanding of the role of Bishops as they serve the whole church and not just one diocese. She feels this is an important perspective that she brings to the work of the Standing Committee, as it serves both as Council of Advice for the Bishop and would serve as the Episcopal Authority in the absence of the Bishop were he/she unable to serve.

Brenda plans to attend the Missional Voices conference in New Orleans in June 2019 and is both curious and enthusiastic about discovering what fresh iterations of "being church" are emerging throughout the Episcopal Church. Though her passion for social justice and public policy are undimmed, she is enjoying a midlife transition to a quieter spiritual journey that is less focused on activism and more centered in daily prayer and a wide range of spiritual practices. Brenda is a home health and hospice social worker by profession and lives in Waldoboro with her wife of 29 years, Sherri Dietrich.

Brenda brings to the position:

- 1) Prior experience on Standing Committee and Bishop Transition
- 2) Experience and perspective that spans parochial, diocesan and church-wide ministry
- 3) Thoughtful, decisive, strong opinions but open to the ideas and perspectives of others
- 4) Good skills in taking minutes and willing to continue to serve as Secretary if elected.
- 5) Love of the Diocese of Maine and many years of service in a variety of roles.
- 6) Curiosity and openness to new ideas of what it means to be a church community.

## THE STANDING COMMITTEE (CON'T)



### **Lay Nominee: Ms Carla Kelley**

Congregation: St. Martin's, Palmyra

Nominated by: The Rev. Laura Peckham

**Biography:** Carla is a member of St. Martin's in Palmyra where she is currently serving on Vestry as the treasurer. She is a mother of three and grandmother of five, and enjoys needlework and quilting, often donating her quilts to local charities for auction/fundraising purposes. Aside from a couple of years in Arizona, Carla has called Maine home, proud of her County ancestry, delighting in researching and making connections with 'new' relatives.

Carla is a 23 year veteran of Maine based Cianbro Corporation where she is a Project Manager and business analyst for the operations teams. She holds seven project management, financial, and human resource certifications. She is a point of contact for

planning, scheduling, risk management, contract integration and project costs to accurately predict project completion. She actively promotes communication, early problem identification, efficient problem resolution, and process improvements. Through her job Carla often travels and works on projects across the country while remaining an active member in her local community serving on the school board of SAD#53 and volunteering for various charities. As a 12 year member of St. Martin's, Carla knows well the joys and struggles of small parish life. Carla has a keen mind to ask the important questions that help a committee thoughtfully delve into a matter and she brings along with this a pastoral heart and concern for everyone involved in and affected by a decision.

## **DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

### **CANON 27 DIOCESE OF MAINE (Of Misconduct by a Priest or Deacon)**

Section 1. Disciplinary Structure. The Disciplinary Board provided for in an Agreement shall be a court for the Diocese for the discipline of Priests and Deacons of the Diocese. Members of that Board from the Diocese shall meet the eligibility requirements and be selected as provided in Part B, Sections 2(2)-2(4) below, except that the number of members shall be as provided in the Agreement and their terms shall be staggered so that as nearly as is practicable one-third of the members shall be elected each year. In the fall of 2010 the dioceses of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont each approved an Multi-Diocese Agreement to form a joint disciplinary board of six priests or deacons and five lay people to address matters of clergy discipline. Canon 27 and the Multi-Diocese Agreement may be found on the diocesan website at [www.tinyurl.com/mainecc](http://www.tinyurl.com/mainecc).

### **NEED TO ELECT: One clerical member for a three (3) year term.**

**Responsibilities:** In the event of a charge of clergy misconduct, members of Disciplinary Board must meet to review the matter in accordance with the Multi-Diocese Agreement and the requirements of Canon 27. If the Disciplinary Board is called upon to consider a disciplinary matter, extended meetings are a possibility.

**Time Commitment:** As needed until the matter is resolved.

**Expenses:** Travel expenses reimbursed by the diocese if requested.

Current Disciplinary Board

\*The Rev. Judson Pealer (2018)

The Rev. Cn. Larry Weeks (2020)

Dr Elise Magnuson (2019)

## DISCIPLINARY BOARD (CON'T)

### **Nominee: The Rev. Judson P. Pealer**

Congregation: St. Michael's, Auburn

Nominated by: The Rev. Judson P. Pealer

Biography: Saint Michael's Episcopal Church of Auburn announces that it has selected the Rev. Judson Pealer to be their Priest in Charge beginning June 1, 2018. Father Pealer was ordained in Vermont and has served several parishes in Vermont, New York, West Virginia and most recently in Rangeley, Maine. He is married to artist Sandra Pealer and they have 3 grown children. Father Pealer looks forward to working with area churches to develop neighborhood ministries and to strengthen the ministries of the people of Saint Michael's. His interests in ministry are developing relationships, scripture, the cultural influences on faith, and spirituality. He is active with the Wolf/ Loring Fund Board (diocesan support for education), the Clergy Spirituality Committee, Clergy Disciplinary Board and as a consultant for congregations in transition. Fr. Pealer believes that listening, smiling, humor and friendship are excellent ways to serve Christ. He brings to the position 30 years of ordained ministry, has served on this board 2 terms, and he is thrilled to nominate himself.

## **PROVINCIAL SYNOD**

### **CANON 12, DIOCESE OF MAINE (Of Deputies to the Provincial Synod)**

Section 1. Every two years, one clerical deputy and one lay alternate deputy to the Provincial Synod, may be elected by the Annual Convention for a term of two years; and in the intervening years, one lay deputy and one clerical alternate deputy to the Provincial Synod may be elected for a term of two years.

Section 2. If the Annual Convention does not elect either or both of the deputies or alternate deputies in any year as provided in Section 1, or if any deputy office becomes vacant during the term thereof, the persons serving from time to time as First Clerical Deputy, Second Clerical Deputy, First Lay Deputy and Second Lay Deputy to the House of Deputies of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church from the Diocese of Maine shall serve ex officio in the vacant office as the Clerical Deputy, Alternate Clerical Deputy, Lay Deputy and Alternate Lay Deputy, respectively, to the Provincial Synod from the Diocese of Maine.

### **NEED TO ELECT: One clerical deputy for a two year term and one lay alternate for a two year term**

Responsibilities: Deputies to Provincial Synod serve as representatives of the Diocese of Maine to the Province of New England (Province 1). Responsibilities include review of various provincial programs and policies and approval of the provincial budget.

Time Commitment: Attendance at one or two provincial meetings per year.

Expenses: Travel expenses reimbursed by diocese if requested.

#### **Current Provincial Synod Members**

Clerical Deputy The Ven. Aaron Perkins (2019)

\*Clerical Alternate The Rev. Sheila Seekins (2018)

Lay Deputy Ms Elizabeth Hall (ex officio)

Lay Alternate Ms Elizabeth Ring (ex officio)

### **Clerical Alternate Nominee: No nomination submitted**

### **Lay Deputy Nominee: No nomination submitted**

## DIOCESAN COUNCIL

### NEED TO ELECT: Lay representatives in each of eight diocesan areas (two-year term)

#### **Area 1** (Aroostook County)

**Ms Nancy Mooers**, Church of the Good Shepherd, Houlton

Having served 1 term on this Council I have an understanding of its work. I am a cradle Episcopalian who has been active on The Church of the Good Shepherd altar guild and Vestry as well as serving as a lay leader and server.

#### **Area 2** (Washington and Hancock Counties)

**(No nominations submitted)**

#### **Area 3** (Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties)

**(No nominations submitted)**

#### **Area 4** (Oxford, Franklin, and Androscoggin Counties)

**Mr. Peter Bickford**, Christ Church, Norway

Peter brings many years experience in the Diocese of Maine and the wider church, but remains open to a new way of being church. In the coming time of episcopal transition, he will bring a knowledge of how things have been done here in the past while remaining open to new ideas and new approaches for the church of tomorrow.

#### **Area 5** (Kennebec and Somerset Counties)

**Mr. Thomas Ward**, St. Andrew's, Winthrop

I have served one term on Diocesan Council as the Lay Representative for Area 5 and have some sense that I have gradually been getting up to speed on the business of the Diocese. There is so much to learn, about canons, customs, diocesan history, personalities and positions. I also now serve on the Diocesan Finance Committee. My serving another term might be useful during the coming season of transition and change from the blessed episcopacy of Bishop Lane to the fresh start of his successor. But while I am willing to continue serving on Council, I would also be happy to step aside should another lay person feel moved by the Holy Spirit to serve as Area 5 Representative. Gabe Kapler - onetime Red Sox outfielder, current Phillies manager, and all all-around mensch - taught me the old Yiddish saying, "Mann tracht, und Gott lacht" (Man plans, and God laughs). That's the story of my walking with God: Plans change, and often for the better.

#### **Area 6** (Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo Counties)

**Mr. Steve Ward**, St. Andrew's, Newcastle

As a resident of the Mid-Coast since 1972, I am very familiar with the slow evolution of this area from chicken farming and woods work to a retirement destination for former professionals. I have been active at St. Andrew's in outreach work for many years (Food Pantry, homelessness counseling, warming center) and also serve as the volunteer co-chair of the energy efficiency task force of the Maine Climate Table - a role that puts me in contact with Mainers of all ages. I am on the Living Local Joining God Team at St. Andrew's and served on the last Search Committee for a new Rector. I love to sing and currently sing with a Hospice Choir at bedsides of hospice patients, upon request. I retired from a State government in 2007 where I served as Public Advocate for twenty-one years.

My primary interests are in connecting local resources to local needs in our neighborhoods and in finding ways of addressing climate change for the benefit of grand-children (of whom I have four) and all of Creation. Perseverance is everything!

**Area 7 (Cumberland County)****Ms Kimberley Wallace**, St. Ann's, Windham

As a current member of Diocesan Council, I have been the advocate for several New Initiative Grants, served on committees, and actively participated in Diocesan Council meetings. At St. Ann's I am currently the youth group coordinator and a member of the Evangelism Team. We are currently exploring new ways we can be Jesus out in our community through several new initiatives. I have many years of experience working with youth and young adults at St. Ann's and throughout the Diocese. I have been involved with Christian Formation in a variety of ways and with several congregations. I hope to continue to be a part of Diocesan Council and continue the work of the Diocese in the many communities through the State of Maine.

**Area 8 (York)****(No nominations submitted)**