

## 2017 VESTRY CANDIDATES

CANDIDATES ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY BY LAST NAME. CHOOSE FOUR (4).



**RON GRUZESKY** is an engineer; he has been a communicant at Ascension since 2015, and usually attends the 10:30 service.

Ron served for three years on the Vestry at St. Raphael in Lexington. He serves as a chalice bearer and lector. In the community, he is a routine volunteer with “Un-Shackled by Love Ministries,” an organization that cares for women leaving the sex industry.



**ROSE GAYLE HARDY** is the Director of Office Services at Investors Heritage Life Insurance Company. She has been a communicant at Ascension since 1981, and usually attends the 8:00 service.

Rose Gayle previously served on Ascension’s vestry for one term, and she currently serves on the Building and Grounds Committee, the Altar Guild, and the Preservation Trust Board. In the community, she serves on the Board of Directors for the Teresa Hatton Foundation, is a former member of the Historic Properties Commission and the Kentucky Executive Mansions Foundation Board, and

maintains membership in the Democratic Women’s Club, the Frankfort Chapter of the DAR, and the Colonial Dames of Kentucky.



**JAMES KING** is retired; he has been a communicant at Ascension since 2000, and usually attends the 10:30 service.

Jim has served two prior terms on Ascension’s vestry, both as Junior Warden. He is currently the Chair of the Finance Committee and the Building and Grounds Committee. Previously, he served on the rector nomination committee and the audit committee. His church-related activities include the working in the Men’s Club, serving as a mentor for Education for Ministry (EfM), and acting as a lay deputy to the annual Diocesan Convention. In the community, he currently services on the Board of Directors for Simon House.

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**LEAH MacSWORDS** retired in 2016 after 30 years with Kentucky state government in various positions in natural resources and environmental protection; her last position was Director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry. She has been a communicant at Ascension since 2003, and usually attends the 10:30 service.

Leah previously served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden at Church of the Resurrection in Nicholasville, Ky. At Ascension, she served on the Parish Discernment Commitment Committee in 2015, and is currently on the Finance Committee. She serves as a verger, chalice bearer, lay reader, and thurifer. As the verger, she reminds lay ministers when they are scheduled to serve, ensures they are present for services, and finds substitutes when necessary. She ensures that all is ready for the 10:30 service as well as special services, and cleans up after services. She steps in as a lay reader, chalice bearer, or thurifer when needed. She organizes lay ministers for Holy Week services. In 2016, she organized the purchase and distribution of new vestments for the choir and senior acolytes.

Leah says: "I was confirmed as an Episcopalian in 1982 at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Stockton, California, and when I moved back to Kentucky in 1985, I became a member of Christ Church, Richmond, and then Church of the Resurrection before becoming a member of Ascension in late 2003. I strongly believe in supporting my church with my time, talent, and treasures. My husband, William Legg, and I are active members of the parish. We are here for Sunday services and other church events."



**PAULINE VAN HORN** works as a staffing supervisor. She has been a communicant at Ascension since 2002, and attends both the 8:00 and 10:30 services, as well as the 5:00pm service on Saturdays.

Pauline previously served on Ascension's vestry for a full term, and last year she was appointed to fill out the remaining term of a vestry member who resigned. She is a former choir member, and completed three years of EFM study; she served as a lay deputy to the Diocesan Convention for several years, and has served as Clerk of the Vestry. She currently serves on Breakfast Team #1, is on the Building and Grounds Committee, serves as a Chalice Bearer and Lector, and is involved with the Saturday morning prayer and Saturday evening Taizé Eucharist.

Pauline says, "It would be my honor to serve on the Vestry, and I am fully committed to work and carry out Ascension's mission to our community."

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From **The Constitution & Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington, Revised & Updated February 2011:** Qualified Vestry candidates shall be those who are confirmed communicants in good standing of the age of sixteen years or older. (17.03a) Qualified voters at a parish meeting shall be (a) all those who are confirmed communicants in good standing of the age of sixteen years or older, and (b) any other baptized persons of such age who are regular worshipers in the parish and who for six months immediately preceding the meeting have been regular contributors to the support of the parish. (17.04)

From **The Constitution & Canons of the Episcopal Church, 2012:** Communicants in good standing: All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing. (I.17.3)