

Nominating Committee Report to the 2013 Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth  
Submitted by Marsha McClean, Chairman, Nominations Committee  
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The Nominations Committee presents the following persons for Convention 2013 election.  
They have all been verified to be communicants in good standing in The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, and the clergy are licensed in The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth.  
(Nominees are presented in alphabetical order by category.)

**Lay Deputies to General Convention 2015: (10 nominees for 4 deputies and 4 alternates)**

Marti Fagley/ St. Francis of Assisi, Willow Park (Episcopal Church in Parker County)  
Floyd McKneely/St. Stephens, Hurst  
Victor Mashburn/ Trinity, Fort Worth  
Lynne Minor/ All Saints, Fort Worth  
Katie Sherrod/ St. Luke in the Meadow, Fort Worth  
Robert Hicks/ St. Christopher, Fort Worth  
Norm Snyder/ Good Shepherd, Granbury  
Brent Walker/ St. Stephens, Wichita Falls  
Kathleen Wells/ Trinity, Fort Worth;  
Maggie Withroder/ Trinity, Fort Worth

**Clergy Deputies to General Convention 2015: (6 nominees for 4 deputies & 4 alternates)**

Rev. Hope Benko/ All Saints, Fort Worth  
Rev. Amy Haynie/ St. Martin in the Field, Keller  
Rev. Carlye J. Hughes/Trinity, Fort Worth  
Rev. David Madison/ All Saints, Fort Worth  
Rev. Curt Norman/ St. Luke's, Stephenville  
Rev. Jordan Haynie Ware/ All Saints, Fort Worth

**Trustee, University of the South: (2 nominees for one lay trustee)**

Dr. Cynthia Hill/ All Saints, Fort Worth  
Susan Nanna/ Trinity, Fort Worth

**Disciplinary Board: (three nominees for 3 clergy members)**

Rev. Henry Penner/ St. Martin in the Field  
Rev. Tracie Middleton/ St. Stephen's/Hurst  
Rev. John Stanley/All Saints

**Disciplinary Board (1 nominee for one lay member)**

Judy Cariker/ Trinity, Fort Worth

**Standing Committee: (1 nominee for one clergy member)**

Rev. Carlye Hughes/ Trinity, Fort Worth

**Standing Committee (2 lay nominees for one lay member)**

Jeff Boleware/ St. Stephens, Hurst  
Mary E. Taylor/ St. Stephens, Hurst

To the convention,

The following persons served on the Nominations Committee

Marsha McClean, Chairperson

Rev. Henry Penner, Co-Chair

Rev. Hope Benko, Clergy representative

Brenda Hathaway, FW East Deanery

Richard Chowning, FW West Deanery

J.D. Todd, Northern Deanery

Dr. Jane Dennis, Southern Deanery

Joel Walker, Eastern Deanery

Cynthia Eichenberger, Western Deanery

The nominations committee was appointed by the Standing Committee, with representatives from each Deanery. We met as a group in person and by telephone conference. We communicated other times by email. We sent a report listing open positions to the Diocese by posting and brochure. We visited Deanery meetings and individual churches in each Deanery, and encouraged individuals to submit their nominations. We worked with Diocesan staff to use the new online nominations form for the first time and validated and compiled all nominations. These are being submitted to the Convention as canonically required. We will continue to work with nominees to answer questions or give further information or support, through the Diocesan Convention.

# Lay Deputies for General Convention 2015

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Marti Fagley

Congregation: St. Francis of Assisi, Willow Park (Episcopal Church in Parker County)

Position in congregation: Lay Reader, Chalice Bearer

Bio: Marti is a member of the Standing Committee, has served as Secretary and currently serves as President. She is an Education for Ministry trained mentor and diocesan coordinator. She is active in the Western Deanery, was the first lay Dean and was a representative on Executive Council. Marti is an active member of St. Francis of Assisi, Willow Park (Episcopal Church in Parker County) and has served on their Vestry. She led the reorganization of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women and is Vice President. Marti is a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) and is currently Co-President of the Diocese. She has held DOK leadership roles in multiple dioceses, Provinces, and on the National Council. Marti is active in our Cursillo community, serving on team for Cursillo #1 & #2. She is married to Walt, has 4 children, and 9 grandchildren. Marti is employed at the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission.



Robert Hicks

Congregation: St. Christopher, Fort Worth

Bio: Confirmed Episcopalian in 1988; delegate to General Convention in 2012, follows the Episcopal Church finances and structure; diocesan treasurer; trustee to the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate; member Executive Council, Structures Workgroup, Finance Committee and Constitution & Canons Committee; St Christopher delegate to Convention; member of its Finance Committee and usher; served two terms on vestry, was Senior Warden, Clerk and Chair of the Planning Committee and Advance Commitment Team Leader for the recent Capital Stewardship Campaign; married to Joan, 40 yrs in 02/2014; retired civil service.



Victor Mashburn

Congregation: Trinity, Fort Worth

Position in congregation: Foundation Board of Directors

Bio: Victor Mashburn was baptized in the Episcopal Church while an undergraduate student at the University of North Texas. In 1974 he returned to Abilene where he attended Heavenly Rest Episcopal Church, volunteered with Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) and young-adult activities, while also serving as a chalice bearer, lector and usher. Later, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Iowa City, Iowa, Victor volunteered with EYC, served as a chalice bearer, lector, usher and vestry member. He also served terms as Junior and Senior Warden with this church. During his year as Senior Warden, Victor assisted with a successful capital campaign to renovate the 150-year-old church. Since joining Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Victor has served on the vestry and continued his service as chalice bearer, usher, and lector. He co-chaired the succession committee that called the Rev. Carlye J. Hughes to Trinity. Victor was instrumental in the establishment of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Fort Worth Foundation, where he currently serves on the board of directors.

Nominated by: Christopher Thomas



Floyd McKneely

Congregation: St. Stephen's, Hurst

Position in congregation: Member

Bio: I am a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church. I am chairman of the finance committee for the Diocese of Fort Worth, I have built new churches and church buildings. I have done a number of capital fund drives, and been involved in all leadership offices in the church. I have completed Education for Ministry, I am a Stephen Minister and a trainer. I would like to represent our diocese at the national convention.



Lynne Minor

Congregation: All Saints', Fort Worth

Bio: As a member of All Saints, Fort Worth since 1991, she has held positions including; Alternate Delegate to Convention, Delegate to Convention, Vice President – Women of All Saints, Adult Choir member, Assistant Director – Children's Choir. The positions held in the Diocese include; Steering Committee Member during Reorganization, Diocesan Representative to Province VII (since Reorganization), Episcopal Church Women Treasurer & Delegate to Triennial, and member of Nomination Committee (2 yrs). She has been employed at Teague Lumber Company as Bookkeeper since 1981.

Nominated by: Richard Chowning



Katie Sherrod

Congregation: St. Luke in the Meadow, Fort Worth

Position in congregation: member

Bio: I have been an Episcopalian since 1988, being received by Bishop Pope from the Roman Catholic Church. I have attended every General Convention since 1991 as well as the Lambeth Conferences of 1998 and 2008. I served as a deputy to General Convention in 2009 and 2012. I was elected to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church in 2009 and continue to serve on that body. I served on the Standing Commission on Communication and IT (2009-2012), and am currently serving on the Science, Technology, and Faith Committee. I served on the General Convention Communication Committee 2009 and chaired that body for General Convention 2012.

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Norm Snyder

Congregation: Good Shepherd, Granbury

Position in congregation: vestry, before and after the split

Bio: I am on the Vestry at Good Shepherd Granbury, and have been before and after the split. I am a member of the Standing Committee, and as the Sub-Dean of the Southern Deanery, am a member of the Executive council. I served as an alternate to the Diocesan delegation to the last General Convention. I represent churches that have been locked out of their property, as has Good Shepherd, Granbury. I was Vice-Chair of the 2012 Diocesan Convention in Stephenville.

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#### L. Brent Walker



Congregation: St. Stephen's, Wichita Falls

Position in congregation: Treasurer, Acolyte Master, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Bishop's Committee Clerk

Bio: An Episcopalian since 1974, Brent has served on the vestries and been an active Lay Eucharistic Minister now in 3 separate churches. A past Senior Warden of St. Stephen's, Wichita Falls, he is now the vestry clerk, Acolyte Master, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and treasurer for 18 of the past 20 years. Several times a delegate to Diocesan Conventions both in Dallas and Fort Worth, he currently serves on the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth Executive Council, the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth Finance Committee, and as an elected lay member of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth Disciplinary Board. He attended the 2012 General Convention in Indianapolis as the diocesan elected third alternate lay delegate.

A Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Texas, Brent retired from 30 years of state service with the mentally ill and then worked 10 years in family violence with Air Force families. Currently he works part-time at Midwestern State University. Married 43 years, he has 3 children, and 6 grandchildren.



Kathleen Wells

Congregation: Trinity, Fort Worth

Position in congregation: Member, former vestry

Bio:

General Convention: Deputy, 2012 (chair); Leg. Committee on Constitution (2012); Standing Commission Constitution and Canons (2009-2015)

Episcopal Chancellors Network: speaker; planning committees for conferences

Diocese: Chancellor (2009-2013); InReach

Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth: former vestry

Education: M.A. in Pastoral Ministry (Seminary of the Southwest); J.D. (Texas Tech); B.A. (UT Austin)

Licenses: law license (Texas)

Classroom teacher certificate

Employment: attorney 34 years; former classroom teacher; rape crisis center director

Confirmed: 1987



Maggie Withroder

Congregation: Trinity, Fort Worth

Position in congregation: Junior Warden

Bio: Maggie Withroder is a lifelong Episcopalian, with past experience as a Sunday School teacher, Episcopal Youth Community director, acolyte master, church camp director, choir member and Adult Youth Representative to Province VII Council. She has been actively involved with Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, for more than a decade. Maggie has served on the vestry for the past five years; four years as Junior Warden.

She is a Licensed Eucharistic Minister, lay reader and member of the funeral team. During her time at Trinity, Maggie has served on the Mardi Gras Committee (6 years), Parish Picnic team (3 years), Altar Guild and usher team. Diocesan involvement includes Chair of Diocesan Convention Services, Diocesan Convention Planning Committee and Diocesan Convention Delegate (2 years). Maggie is a member of the board of directors of North Texas Easter Seals and serves as financial adviser to the Sigma Kappa sorority at Texas Christian University.

Nominated by: Christopher Thomas

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## Clergy Deputies for General Convention 2015

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The Rev. Hope Benko  
Congregation: All Saints, Fort Worth  
Position in congregation: School Chaplain

Bio: A lifelong Episcopalian ordained in 2006, Mother Benko has served parishes in the dioceses of Missouri and Western Louisiana before coming to Fort Worth. She currently serves as the Upper and Middle School Chaplain at All Saints' School, where she also teaches 9th grade Old Testament. She has served in youth leadership, campus ministry, and the Commission on Ministry. She and her husband Andrew, also an Episcopal

priest, have a 5 year old and a 2 year old.

Nominated by: Richard Chowning

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The Rev. Amy Haynie  
Congregation: St Martin in the Fields, Keller  
Position in congregation: Associate Rector

Bio: I was first an Alternate and then a Deputy for General Convention in 2012, so I have previous experience of the amount of time and work needed to successfully perform the duties of a diocesan deputy. I really enjoyed the committee meetings and the crafting of the different legislation. It was eye-opening and exciting. I would be honored to represent the Episcopal

Diocese of Ft Worth again in that capacity. I am a priest at St. Martin, where I have served in various roles and capacities for 4.5 years now. I am also the Diocesan Inreach Coordinator which gives me insight into several different congregations in the Diocese. I am constantly intrigued by the Spirit's creativity in knitting together congregations of people.



The Rev. Carlye J. Hughes  
Congregation: Trinity, Fort Worth  
Position in congregation: Rector

Bio: The Rev. Carlye J. Hughes is the 18th Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, having accepted the call in June 2012. She is a 2005 graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree, and was ordained to the priesthood that same year. Mother Carlye was a Lilly Fellow at St. James Episcopal Church, New York, N.Y., until 2007. She was rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Peekskill, N.Y., prior to her call to Fort Worth. She served in multiple positions in the Episcopal Diocese of New York including the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry, and co-chair for the Committee to Elect a Bishop. She is excited about the many ministries of our diocese and welcomes the opportunity to serve on a diocesan level. The Rev. Hughes is married to Mr. David Smedley.

Nominated by: Christopher Thomas



The Rev. Curt Norman  
Congregation: St. Luke's, Stephenville  
Position in congregation: Rector

Bio: Ordained deacon in 2001, priest in 2002. Rector of St. Luke's since March 2011. Elected to the Standing Committee in 2012. Member of diocesan church planting committee. Mission Developer for Common Grace Lutheran, a joint ministry endeavor between the Episcopal Church and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at St. Luke's.

Nominated by: Kathleen Wells



The Rev'd David A. Madison  
Congregation: All Saints', Fort Worth  
Position in congregation: Priest

Bio:

Fr. Madison has represented the Diocese of Fort Worth during the past two General Conventions. During the last triennium, he served as member of the Program, Budget, and Finance Committee (PB&F). He coordinated the website for PB&F which allowed for feedback on the budget process.

Fr. Madison is a past president of the Standing Committee, past Chair of the Convention Planning Committee, the current Intake Office for Title IV matters, and a "Safeguarding God's Children" trainer.





The Rev. Jordan Haynie Ware  
Congregation: All Saints', Fort Worth  
Position in congregation: Associate for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Bio: Jordan is an energetic new addition to the clergy of our diocese. In her seminary career at Yale Divinity School, she studied relational evangelism, progressive orthodox liturgy, and global strategies for social justice. As the Associate for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at All Saints', she is building strong programs to encourage young Episcopalians to grow in the knowledge and love of God through prayer, fellowship, study, and service.

She attended General Convention in 2012 as a member of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship Young Adult Initiative. She would welcome the opportunity to represent the Diocese of Fort Worth among the wider church as it continues the work of restructuring and electing a new Presiding Bishop. She would be honored to serve the diocese as a deputy to General Convention.

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## University of the South (Sewanee) Trustee

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Dr. Cynthia Hill  
Congregation: All Saints', Fort Worth  
Position in congregation: See bio.

Bio: Cynthia Hill, Ph.D. is a member of All Saints', Fort Worth. At All Saints', she serves as a delegate to the diocesan convention, a Godly Play teacher, and a member of the Kenya Mission Team. For the diocese she serves as Sub-Dean of the Fort Worth West Deanery, is a member of the Commission on Ministry, and serves on the Outreach and Mission Committee. She has recently completed the training to become a member

of the Godly Play College of Trainers and is looking forward to serving as a Godly Play Trainer within and without the diocese. She is married and has a daughter at New York University and a daughter at the University of the South.

Nominated by: Richard Chowning



Susan Nanna

Congregation: Trinity, Fort Worth

Position in congregation: Member, Co-Leader of Christian Education

Bio: Raised in Bartlesville, OK, Susan is a lifelong Episcopalian. She moved to Dallas after college and enjoyed a 13 year management career with Neiman Marcus. Following their marriage, she and husband, Jerry, lived in St. Louis and Evanston, IL. Susan's service ministries have included the following: Director of Lay Ministry, St. Michael & St. George, St. Louis; Stephen Ministry leadership training; board of directors, Samaritan Care and Counseling; Committee on Aging, Diocese of Missouri; Seabury Western Seminary, Evanston, IL., Development; Vestry, Church of the Holy Comforter; Licensed Eucharistic Visitor, Altar & Flower Guild; and contemplative prayer group leader. Six years ago, Susan and Jerry moved to Fort Worth from the Chicago area to be closer to family and begin their retirement. They joined Trinity and continue to be inspired by the courage and faith of this community. Susan serves on Diocesan Commission on Ministry and Trinity's Christian Formation Commission. Jerry currently serves as Senior Warden.

Nominated by: Christopher Thomas

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## Lay Standing Committee

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Jeff Boleware

Congregation: St Stephens, Hurst

Position in congregation: Vestry Member, Choir, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Acolyte, Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BOSA)

Bio: Raised in the Midwest and attended Mississippi State University, graduating in 1979. Moved to Houston and working for several companies in the Building Materials industry. Transitioned to the Fort Worth/Dallas Metroplex in 1997 and, after long-term visits with 5 churches, joined St. Stephens in 2003.

Work for a publishing company, Triumph Learning, as a Sales Executive selling books to schools. Proud father of 2 boys, Richard (26, married with 5 yr old son, College Station) and Jon (22, single, Austin).

I served on the Vestry from 2007 – 2009, with 2 years as Senior Warden. Re-elected to the Vestry in 2012, serving as Senior Warden again and currently in charge of Pastoral Care. Member of BOSA, Choir, Foyer, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Acolyte and Setup Crew.

What qualifies someone for the Standing Committee? I have strong legs, a faithful heart and a willingness to work hard for the betterment of the Diocese.



Mary E. Taylor

Congregation: St. Stephens, Hurst

Position in congregation: Lay person

Bio: I have been a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Hurst, since 1998, having transferred my membership from St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. I was brought up in the Methodist Church, but converted to the Episcopal faith in 1968, while attending the University of Chattanooga. I've been a happy Episcopalian ever since!

After 22 years, I retired from the Tarrant County Community Supervision (adult probation) Department in 2006. Since then, I have been following my passion of helping disadvantaged children build self confidence, learn respect and self discipline through an after school martial arts program in area elementary and middle schools.

While at St. Stephen's I have served as a member of the vestry, where I was the liaison for Christian Education. I also serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and am currently beginning my third year of study in the Education for Ministry program.

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## Clergy Standing Committee

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Nominated by: Christopher Thomas

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## Lay Disciplinary Board

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Judy Cariker  
Congregation: Trinity Episcopal, Fort Worth  
Position in congregation: Parishioner

**Bio:**

Judy, a lifelong Episcopalian, and has been involved with parishes throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth. She has been a member of Trinity Episcopal Church since 1982. She taught at All Saints' Episcopal School for four years and later taught at Trinity Episcopal School for nine years. She has served on the vestry, taught Sunday School and served on the Garden Guild. She was also a cell group leader for 10 years. Judy has been a member of the Trinity choir since her arrival. She is currently the co-leader of Trinity's Communications Ministry Group and Building & Grounds Ministry Group.  
Nominated by: Christopher Thomas

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## Clergy Disciplinary Board

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The Rev. Henry A. Penner  
Congregation: St. Martin in the Fields, Keller  
Position in congregation: Deacon

**Bio:** I have been an Episcopalian for 65 years and at St. Martin's for 20 years. I have 30 plus hours of study at the Anglican School in Dallas plus an MTS degree from TCU/Brite. I have served on Compensation committee, Committee on Diocesan Structure, and various other committees. I have been a Sr. Warden and on vestries for 6 years prior to ordination. I am a full time risk manager with insurance and Human

Resources backgrounds in business. I look forward to serving in this capacity if elected.

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The Rev. Tracie Middleton  
Congregation: St. Stephen, Hurst  
Position in congregation: Deacon

**Bio:**

I serve as the Deacon at St. Stephen's in Hurst. I have also served on the Commission on Ministry for the past two years and assisted in clarifying and streamlining the process of discernment toward ordination, which involved in-depth examination of canons related to ordination.

Nominated by: Henry Penner

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The Rev. John Stanley  
Congregation: All Saints', Fort Worth  
Position in congregation: Retired Priest

Bio: The Rev. John Stanley, Retired, was ordained in 1963. He came to Fort Worth in 1975 and served as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church until 1998. He is currently a member of the Diocesan Policy Committee, the Diocesan Constitution and Canons Committee and is a Trustee of the Corporation of the Diocese.