

183rd Convention of the Diocese of Kentucky

Elections 2011

Nominees for Diocesan Offices and General Convention

Trustees & Council Nominees

Trustees and Council manages the temporal affairs of the diocese, subject to the Canons of the Diocese of Kentucky and the Episcopal Church and the budgets and resolutions adopted by the Diocesan Convention. A nominee for the council should be a person who has at least some familiarity with the organization, structure and resources of the diocese and an interest in business affairs. Nominees should be willing to take responsibility for the work of the council in implementing decisions of the Diocesan Convention, formulating long-range plans and making immediate decisions about the life and work of the diocese. Each nominee, if elected, should be prepared to vote upon matters that will support the mission and ministry of the diocese. Each lay nominee must be an active, adult, confirmed communicant of a congregation in good standing, and should be a faithful believer in the Lord who is committed to the well-being of the diocese and the larger church. Each clerical nominee must be canonically resident in the Diocese of Kentucky, either parochial or non-parochial. Trustees and Council meets five to six times a year, including one overnight retreat at All Saints' Center. A trustee may be elected for two (2) successive terms of three (3) years each, after which at least one (1) year shall elapse before a trustee may be re-elected. Partial terms shall not be considered in determining whether a trustee has served two (2) consecutive terms.

Continuing members are the Rev. Paul Collins (2012), the Rev. Elizabeth Wade (2012), Sam Dorr (2012), Callie Hausman (2012), the Rev. Matthew Bradley (2013), the Rev. Alice S. Nichols (2013), Stephen Cherry (2013) and P'Tricia Egbert (2013). Two presbyters and two laypersons will be elected for three-year terms to replace the Rev. Amy Real Coultas, the Rev. Karl Lusk (who was chosen to complete the term of the Rev. Michael Lager), William Allbritten and Ann Miller. One deacon will be nominated by the Bishop and confirmed by the Convention to replace the Rev. Delinda S. Buie.

The following presbyters have been nominated for two three-year positions:

The Rev. Jerry Cappel, priest associate of St. Matthew's, Louisville, for one year and a part of the diocese for nine years. Prior to serving at St. Matthew's, Cappel was rector of Resurrection Church, Louisville, for four years. In the diocese, he serves as a member of the Department of Christian Formation and the Department of Justice and Jubilee. He has served on Trustees and Council, the Ecclesiastical Court and as vice-chair of the Department of Christian Formation. In the community, he serves as president of the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community, as president of Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light and as Province IV Environmental Coordinator.





The Rev. Canon Amy Real Coultas, campus minister at the University of Louisville for four and a half years and Canon Missioner for College and Young Adult Ministry, Christ Church Cathedral for two years. In the diocese, she serves as ecumenical officer, on Trustees and Council, as a member of the Department of Evangelism and Congregational Development, the Commission on Ministry and as a deputy to General Convention. She has served as a member of the All Saints board, the Department of Justice and Jubilee, the Department of Christian Formation and the transition committee. In the community, she serves as secretary of the Kentucky Council of Churches.

The Rev. Karl Lusk, rector of Church of the Ascension, Bardstown, for 17 months and a part of the diocese for 17 years. Prior to serving at the Church of the Ascension, he was vicar of St. Thomas', Campbellsville. In the diocese, he serves on Trustees and Council, as chair of the Department of Mission and Evangelism, as diocesan disaster coordinator and as a member of the diocesan architectural commission. In the community, he serves as chaplain of Flaget Memorial Hospital, as captain of the New Haven/Rolling Fork fire department, on the Nelson County chaplains' support team, as a board member of the Nelson County Free Clinic, as a member of the Bardstown/Nelson county ministerial association and as treasurer of the Kentucky Railway Museum.



The Rev. Ben Maas, rector of St. Andrew's, Louisville, for six and a half years and a part of the diocese for 11 years. In the diocese, he serves on the Commission on Ministry. He has served as chair of the Commission on Ministry and on the Ecclesiastical Court. In the community, he is a participant in Highlands Community Ministries.

The following deacon has been nominated by the Bishop and will be confirmed by Convention for one three-year position:

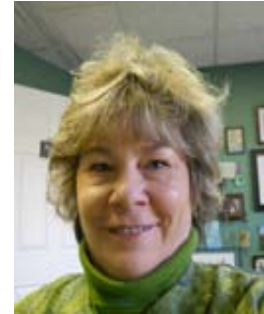
The Rev. Dr. Rose Bogal-Allbritten, deacon at St. John's, Murray, for six years and a part of the diocese for 30 years. In the diocese, Bogal-Allbritten serves as director of the School of Ministry, coordinator of the Education for Ministry program, chair of the nominating committee, All Saints board member and a member of the Commission on Ministry, and has served as chair of the transition committee. She is a retired



professor of Social Work, program director and departmental chair at Murray State University. In the community, she chairs the Gentry House homeless shelter board, is vice-chair of the Angels Attic thrift shop, board member of Need Line (food pantry), co-manager of facilities for the warming center and a member of the Murray-Calloway County ministerial association.

The following laypersons have been nominated for two three-year positions:

Nancy Gary, a communicant of St. Luke's Church, Anchorage, for seven years and a part of the diocese for 11 years. At St. Luke's, Gary serves on the vestry and as treasurer. In the diocese, she serves on the audit team. She is co-owner of First Commonwealth Capital Management, Inc. In the community, she serves on the board of directors of Hearts for Kenya.



Cyndi M. Caudill, a communicant of St. Peter's, Louisville, for 25 years and a part of the diocese for 47 years. At St. Peter's, Caudill serves as Eucharistic minister, acolyte, host family, Vacation Bible School teacher, counter and deputy to diocesan convention. She has also served as treasurer. In the diocese, she serves as lay director and treasurer for Cursillo. She is CPA and vice-president of Harding, Shymanski and Co., PSC. In the community, she serves on the NAEBO membership committee, and as a member of the Kentucky Society of CPAs leadership council, the Girl Scouts and the Louisville Rotary.

Angela Koshewa, a communicant of St. Matthew's, Louisville and a part of the diocese for 30 years. At St. Matthew's, she is a Sunday School teacher and choir member. She has served the diocese as a member of Trustees and Council, the Mission Funding Committee and as budget chair. She is general counsel for the University of Louisville.



Ann Miller, a communicant of St. Matthew's, Louisville, and a part of the diocese for 57 years. At St. Matthew's, she serves as lector, Eucharistic minister, bread ministry team member, deputy to diocesan convention and congregational representative to the Episcopal Church Home. She has served as chairperson of the kick-off event for the capital fund drive, co-chair of the oral history project, and as a member of the altar guild and the bell choir. In the diocese, she serves on Trustees and Council and has served on the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry and Trustees and Council. She is a homemaker.

Bill Nichol, a communicant of Grace Church, Hopkinsville, and a part of the diocese for 30 years. At Grace, Nichol serves as vestry member, senior warden and chair of the endowment committee. He has served as chair of the capital campaign. He is a private investor. In the community, he serves as chair of the board of the Aaron McNeil House.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice to the bishop and, when there is no bishop authorized to act, serves as the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese. The committee consists of three (3) presbyters, three (3) lay persons and (1) deacon who serve for terms of three (3) years each. The routine work of the committee consists of deciding whether or not to approve candidates for the ministry and proposed ordinations in the diocese, and whether or not to consent, on behalf of the diocese, to the ordination of bishops elected in other dioceses. Upon resignation of the bishop, the Standing Committee is responsible for the process leading to the nomination and consecration of a new bishop.

Nominees for the Standing Committee should be persons who are interested in the ordination process and the life of ordained ministry and can respond to questions relating to approvals sought by other dioceses and concerning our own diocesan structure. Nominees, if elected, must be willing to understand and work within the canons of both the diocese and the larger church. Each lay nominee must be an active, adult, confirmed communicant in good standing in his/her own congregation and should be a faithful believer who is committed to the Lord and familiar with the life and work of the diocese.

Each clerical nominee must be canonically resident in the diocese, either parochial or non-parochial; should have been in the diocese long enough to know the workings of the diocese and its individuals, conditions and situations; and should be one who has been supportive of the work of the church and who does so in his/her present position, even though the nominee may disagree with some decisions. The Standing Committee meets about 10 times a year for two to three hours each. No member of the Standing Committee who has served any part of the term for which such member was elected by the Diocesan Convention shall be eligible for re-election to the Standing Committee until an interval of one (1) year has elapsed. No person may be elected to the Standing Committee, or selected to fill a vacancy of an elected member, if the person is at the time of election, or selection, serving as a member of the Ecclesiastical Court.

Continuing members are the Rev. Jim Trimble (2012), Philip R. Patton (2012), the Rev. Candyce Loescher (2013), and Cheryl Stone (2013). One presbyter, one deacon and one layperson will be elected for three-year terms to replace the Rev. Lucinda Laird, the Rev. Delinda S. Buie and Nancy Northrop.



The following presbyters have been nominated for one three-year position:

The Rev. Michael Blewett, rector of Christ Church, Bowling Green and a part of the diocese for two years. In the diocese, Blewett serves on the Commission on Ministry and the nominating committee.

The Rev. Charles Hawkins, rector of St. Mark's, Louisville, for 10 years and a part of the diocese for 12 years. In the diocese, he has served as an examining chaplain, as a member of Trustees and Council, the Commission on Ministry, Standing Committee, Cathedral Chapter, Cathedral Commons Committee and as ecumenical officer. In the community, he serves as a board member and finance committee member of the United Crescent Hill Ministries.



The following deacon has been nominated for one three-year position:



The Rev. Dr. Eva Roberts Markham, deacon at Church of the Advent, Louisville, for two years and a part of the diocese for 59 years. Prior to serving at Advent, Markham was deacon at Church of the Resurrection. In the diocese, she serves on the School of Ministry curriculum committee and has served on the Commission on Ministry, Trustees and Council, Standing Committee and the search/nominating committee. She is a licensed psychologist and an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Louisville. In the community, she serves on the Sudanese Refugee Education Fund board, the Kentucky Interfaith task force on Darfur, the Original Highlands

Neighborhood Association board and as the founder, support group leader and advisory council member of the Tourette Syndrome Association.

The following laypersons have been nominated for one three-year position:



Judy Donahue, a communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, for 13 years and a part of the diocese for 50 years. At Christ Church Cathedral, Donahue serves on the Cathedral Chapter, as junior warden, Education for Ministry mentor, as a member of the adult education committee and as a deputy to diocesan convention. In the past, she served as a member of the dean's search committee, parish-based discernment committee, Christian Formation committee chair, and committee chair for the Cathedral-based walkabout and electing convention activities. She is a retired personnel manager with Louisville Gas and Electric. In the community, she serves as co-leader of the Home of the Innocents warehouse.

Ron Griffith, a communicant of Church of the Ascension, Bardstown, and a part of the diocese for six years. At Church of the Ascension, Griffith serves as junior warden, vestry member, on the building committee, as a team leader for the usher-greeter ministry and as a deputy to diocesan convention. He is a retired dean of instruction and assistant vice president. In the community, he serves as a Bernheim Forest volunteer, and as a board member of the Red Cross, Bardstown Rotary, Nelson County Board of Adjustments and Woodlawn Springs Homeowners Association.



Rob Sexton, a communicant of Trinity Church, Owensboro, for eight years and a part of the diocese for 33 years. At Trinity Church, Sexton serves on the vestry, as a Sunday School teacher, lector and lay preacher and has also served as senior warden. In the diocese, he has served on the Ecclesiastical Court. He is an attorney in private practice. In the community, he serves as master of the Owensboro lodge of the Freemasons.



Debi Wind, a communicant of St. James', Pewee Valley for almost two years and a part of the diocese for six years. At St. James', Wind serves on the vestry, as an usher and deputy to diocesan convention, and she is a member of the Daughters of the King and the altar guild. She is an artist and calligrapher with Windsome Creations. In the community, she is a member of the Kentucky Calligraphy Guild, the Louisville Visual Arts Association and the Louisville Artisan Guild and is listed in the Kentucky Artist Directory and the Artists Registry of Episcopal Church and Visual Arts, Inc.

Trustees, the Bishop Dudley Memorial

The Board of Trustees of the Bishop Dudley Memorial is a semi-independent, non-profit corporation that has charge of all money, funds and property of every kind and description, now held or which may hereafter be contributed, for the support of the episcopate in the diocese, including when entrusted to its care the Episcopal residence or residences. The board of directors of the corporation consists of nine (9) trustees who are elected for terms of three (3) years each. The trustees are responsible for the investment of endowment and other funds and for the expenditure of income thereof for the support of the episcopate according to the requirements of the canons of the diocese and the charter of the corporation as amended. Each nominee should have substantial understanding of and experience with financial and investment matters and be willing to attend quarterly meetings with the other trustees and with representatives of the Louisville-based financial institution which the trustees select to manage the funds of the trust. No member who has served for any part of an elected term shall be eligible for re-election until an interval of at least one (1) year has elapsed.

Continuing members are David Brooks (2012), Donald F. Kohler (2012), Kellie Mysinger (2012), Bill Allbritten (2013), Nancy D. Northrop (2013) and Llewellyn P. Spears, III (2013). Three laypersons will be elected for three-year terms to replace Mary Abrams, Barbara Beard and James Hill.

The following laypersons have been nominated for three three-year positions:

William F. Beam, a communicant of St. Thomas', Louisville, for five years and a part of the diocese for 38 years. At St. Thomas', Beam serves as senior warden and has served as junior warden, as fellowship chair and with the health ministry. He is president and owner of Callahan's Catering of Louisville. In the community, he serves as the chair of the Kentucky Colon Cancer Prevention Committee, president of the board of the Colon Cancer Prevention Project and as a member of the Louisville Metro Health Department's Men's Health Advisory board.



H. Alexander Campbell, a communicant of St. Mark's, Louisville, and a part of the diocese for 28 years. At St. Mark's, Campbell serves on the endowment fund committee and as informal legal and organizational advisor and has served on the vestry and as senior warden. In the diocese, he is a member of the Committee on Canons and has served as chair of the search/nominating committee. He is an attorney with Wyatt, Tarrant Combs, LLP, Louisville.

William F. Chandler, Jr., a communicant of St. Andrew's, Louisville, and a part of the diocese for 68 years. At St. Andrew's, Chandler serves as treasurer, chair of the endowment fund and as a member of the stewardship committee. In the diocese, he has served as a trustee of the Bishop Dudley Memorial. He is a retired investment manager.



Bill Dahlquist, a communicant of Trinity Church, Owensboro, and a part of the diocese for five years. At Trinity Church, Dahlquist serves on the vestry, as a counter and as chair of the audit committee. He is retired as administrative manager of National Southwire Aluminum.

H. Gibbs Reese, a communicant of St. Matthew's, Louisville and a part of the diocese for 54 years. At St. Matthew's, Reese serves as a lector. In the diocese, he is treasurer of the Episcopal Housing Corporation and has served on Trustees and Council, and the transition committee. He is the founder and architect of Reese Design Collaborative, Inc. In the community, he serves as vice president of the Episcopal Church Home board.



Rhoden Streeter, a communicant of St. Matthew's, Louisville, for five years and a part of the diocese for 35 years. At St. Matthew's, Streeter serves on the vestry; co-chairs the green team; is a member of the stewardship, adult education, evening prayer ministry, and cooks and bottle washers committees; and has served on the Living the Spirit Campaign and Horizon Readers. In the diocese, he serves on the Division of Peace and Justice and has served as co-facilitator of the JustFaith program and as a member of the communications committee. He is the owner of Human-Kind LLC, a communications service for non-profit enterprises. In the community, he serves as vice president of the board of Interfaith Paths to Peace, mentor of PeaceCasters, a member of Louisville Religious Communicators and a member of Leadership Louisville (Focus Class of 2009).

Trustees, the University of the South

Pursuant to the Charter of the University of the South, the diocese is entitled to one (1) clerical and two (2) lay positions on the board of the university. The persons elected to this position will be part of the ultimate policy-making body of the University of the South, which includes the college, St. Luke's Seminary and St. Andrew's-Sewanee. Each person nominated as a trustee should be willing to learn about the university, to represent it faithfully to the church in Kentucky and be willing to support its programs. Trustees are expected to attend one midweek meeting at the university in the fall of the year; they are not reimbursed for travel or lodging expenses. Additionally, each trustee is expected to make an annual, personal financial contribution to the university.

Continuing members are Leslie Newman (2012) and Mac Jefferson (2013). One member of the clergy (presbyter or deacon) will be elected for a three-year term to replace the Very Rev. Mark Bourlakas.

The following clergypersons have been nominated for one three-year position:



The Very Rev. Mark A. Boulakas, dean of Christ Church Cathedral and a part of the diocese for four years. In the diocese, Boulakas serves as chair of the liturgical commission and as a trustee of the University of the South. He has served on the search/nominating committee, on the Commission on Ministry and as master of ceremonies for the bishop's consecration. In the community, he serves on the board of St. George's Community Center, the Norton Hospital church and health ministries, the Merton Institute, the Home of the Innocents, on the Council on Developmental Disabilities and as a Special Olympics coach.

The Rev. Jerry Cappel, priest associate of St. Matthew's, Louisville, for one year and a part of the diocese for nine years. Prior to serving at St. Matthew's, Cappel was rector of Resurrection Church, Louisville, for four years. In the diocese, he serves as a member of the Department of Christian Formation and the Department of Justice and Jubilee. He has served on Trustees and Council, the Ecclesiastical Court and as vice-chair of the Department of Christian Formation. In the community, he serves as president of the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community, as president of Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light and as Province IV Environmental Coordinator.



Ecclesiastical Court/Disciplinary Board

2011 is a transition year for ecclesiastical discipline. Prior to July 1, 2011, the diocese will have an Ecclesiastical Court of nine members. Assuming the adoption of the amended Canon 29 at this convention in the form presented, effective on that date the diocese needs a Disciplinary Board of seven members. A transition provision attached to the end of the new Canon 29 describes the election at this convention of one (1) member of the clergy (presbyter or deacon) who is canonically resident in this diocese for a three-year term to succeed one member of the clergy who was elected at the 180th annual convention. The other two members of the Ecclesiastical Court elected at the 180th annual convention will continue in office, if needed, until June 30, 2011, when the amended Canon 29 takes effect.

The process and procedure for ecclesiastical discipline is prescribed in Title IV of the Canons of the General Convention and Canon 29. Prior to July 1, 2011, the task of those elected to the Ecclesiastical Court is to try charges brought against members of the clergy for alleged offenses that are prescribed in the Canons of the General Convention. As a result of the revision of Title IV by General Convention 2009, on July 1, 2011 the Ecclesiastical Court will become a Disciplinary Board that will function through panels to mediate, and if necessary, try alleged violations of clerical standards of conduct, which are prescribed in the Canons of the General Convention. Both before and after the transition all members elected to serve should be emotionally mature, intelligent individuals, capable of understanding and evaluating evidence and able to be fair-

mindful and objective when presented with allegations of violations or misconduct and considerate of defenses presented by respondent clergy. At this convention no person may be elected to the Ecclesiastical Court if the person is at the time of election or selection a current member of the Standing Committee or a past member of the Standing Committee that considered a charge, offense or impairment (as such terms are defined in the General Canons) that has not been fully resolved.

*Continuing members are the Rev. Matthew Bradley (2012), the Rev. Anne Vouga (2012), Dan Songer (2012), the Rev. Mitch Bojarski (2013), Barbara Mather Cobb (2013) and Mike D. Risley (2013). One member of the clergy (presbyter or deacon) will be elected for a three-year term to replace the Rev. Mark Feather, the Rev. E. Benjamin Sanders and W. Bronson Howell. **Please note that the size of the Ecclesiastical Court is being reduced to seven positions (four clergy and three laypersons) from nine.***

The following clergypersons have been nominated for one three-year position:

The Rev. G. Patterson Connell, rector of Trinity Church, Owensboro, and a part of the diocese for 12 years. In the diocese, Connell serves as chair of the Commission on Ministry and has served as a deputy to General Convention and as a member of the Department of Evangelism and Congregational Development. In the community, he serves on the board of the St. Benedict's homeless shelter and the Review Board for Sexual Misconduct of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro.



The Rev. Jonathan M. Erdman, rector of Calvary Church, Louisville, and a part of the diocese for five months. Prior to serving at Calvary Church, he served as curate and youth minister at St. Thomas' Church.

The Rev. Ellen Jones Morrell, rector of St. Peter's, Louisville, and a part of the diocese for one and a half years. In the diocese, Morrell serves as chaplain for the Daughters of the King. In the community, she serves on the board of Southwest Community Ministries and is a docent at the Louisville Zoo.





The Rev. Richard Paxton, deacon at Grace Church, Paducah, for eight months and a part of the diocese for eight years. In the diocese, Paxton serves as a member of the Department of Mission and Evangelism and has served on the transition committee and as a trustee of the Bishop Dudley Memorial. He is the chief financial officer of Paxton Media Group. In the community, he is the coordinator of the Community Kitchen and serves on the Paducah Family Foundation board.

Cathedral Chapter Representative

The articles of incorporation of Christ Church Cathedral authorize the Convention of the Diocese of Kentucky to elect three (3) diocesan representatives to serve as voting members of the Cathedral's Chapter (vestry) for terms of three (3) years of each. Nominees must be either a presbyter or deacon canonically resident in the diocese, or an adult, confirmed communicant in good standing of a congregation other than the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, in union with the Convention of the Diocese. Nominees who are elected are expected to attend meetings and functions of the chapter and offer perspectives of the diocese at large during the chapter's deliberations. Elected representatives are not eligible to serve as senior warden, junior warden, treasurer or secretary of the chapter.

Continuing members are Bill Gaunt (2012) and Emily Fritz (2013). One person (lay or clergy) will be elected for a three-year term to replace Robert Nesmith.

The following persons have been nominated for one three-year position:

Dr. Alan Johnson, communicant of Messiah-Trinity Church, Louisville, for 13 years and a part of the diocese for 35 years. He has served as organist and choir director. He is a self-employed scientific consultant. In the community, he serves at the St. John's Center for the Homeless.

Laurie Joyce, a communicant of Christ Church, Bowling Green, and a part of the diocese for 15 years. At Christ Church, she serves as a Sunday School teacher, Education for Ministry mentor, lector, usher, oblationist and as a member of the altar guild, and earth ministry and has served as a vestry member, Eucharistic visitor, Eucharistic minister, church office volunteer, deputy to diocesan convention and Living Our Faith Together facilitator. In the diocese, she has served on the transition committee. She is an ESL paraprofessional and after-school tutor at Cumberland Trace elementary school and a Housing Authority of Bowling Green tutor. In the community, she serves as a M.E.A.L.S., Inc., board member.



Debi Wind, a communicant of St. James', Pewee Valley for almost two years and a part of the diocese for six years. At St. James', Wind serves on the vestry, as a usher and deputy to diocesan convention and is a member of the Daughters of the King and the altar guild. She is an artist and calligrapher with Windsome Creations. In the community, she is a member of the Kentucky Calligraphy Guild, the Louisville Visual Arts Association and the Louisville Artisan Guild and is listed in the Kentucky Artist Directory and the Artists Registry of Episcopal Church and Visual Arts, Inc.

Secretary of the Diocese

A Secretary of the Diocese is elected immediately upon the opening of a convention for a term that begins at the end of that meeting and ends with the next "stated meeting of Convention." Canon 9 describes numerous responsibilities for the secretary, starting with attending the convention and all meetings of Trustees and Council and its Executive Committee and verifying the minutes of these meetings. The secretary is expected to verify official documents, publish the annual Journal of the Diocese, perform a number of additional duties throughout the year of service, and gather advance reports from congregations in preparation for the next Diocesan Convention. The Canon authorizes the Secretary to request the appointment of an assistant.

The current secretary is Kay Shields Wilkinson.

The following person has been nominated for one one-year position:

Kay Shields Wilkinson, a communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, and a part of the diocese for 45 years. At Christ Church Cathedral, Wilkinson serves as treasurer and as a member of the endowment corporation. In the diocese, she serves as secretary of the diocese, registrar of the diocese, and member of the executive committee, Trustees and Council and the finance committee of the Episcopal Church Home. She is a CPA with Blue and Co., LLC. In the community, she serves as historian of the Louisville chapter of the American Guild of Organists and member of the AICPA and the Kentucky Society of CPAs.



Deputies to General Convention and the Provincial Synod

Four members of the clergy (presbyter or deacon), canonically resident in the diocese, and four resident lay adult, confirmed members in good standing of the diocese shall be elected as Deputies of the Church in the Diocese of Kentucky to the next General Convention, which will meet July 5–12, 2012, in Indianapolis, Indiana. All deputies will

be expected to attend the General Convention as well as two Provincial Synods (June 2011 and June 2012). The deputies will each serve a term of three years and until the election of their successors. In the same manner, two members of the clergy and two laypersons (if proposed canonical change passes), having the qualifications for deputies, shall be elected as alternates. All deputy and alternate positions are to be filled.

The following clergypersons have been nominated for four three-year positions:



The Rev. Dr. Mary Abrams, deacon of Resurrection Church, Louisville, for nine months and a part of the diocese for 55 years. In the diocese, Abrams serves as Jubilee officer, chair of the Division of Peace and Justice, trustee of the Bishop Dudley Memorial and deputy to general convention and has served on the transition committee. She is a retired dean of students at Jefferson Community and Technical College. In the community, she serves as co-chair of Interfaith Paths to Peace pilgrimage and as a member of the program and services committee of the Episcopal Church Home.

1. What are your hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church?

My dream is of a church that is truly mission focused. A church where people come together to be nourished, energized and prepared to go out into the world to do the work of Christ. A church where everyone understands their identity as a minister and actively participates as ministers of Christ in their communities. A church where every member strives to live out their Baptismal Covenant by continuing to seek ways to care for all of God's creation not only through our treasure but also with our time and talent.

2. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?

I believe the major challenge is accomplishing financial stability in many of our parishes and dioceses. Our increasing financial difficulties have resulted in our becoming more "ego focused," worrying more about our budgets and less on our mission of caring for the poor, the needy and those less fortunate than ourselves. I believe our membership would increase and our finances improved if we were seen in our communities as the church who loves their neighbors.

3. What would you tell an unchurched person about the Episcopal Church?

In the Episcopal Church we strive to love our neighbor as ourselves and to respect the dignity of every person. We are a diverse community of people from all walks of life and with varying beliefs. Together we worship and pray, study and question and learn to love one another. Our church does not have all the answers, but encourages study of scripture and traditional beliefs while remaining open to new ideas, thoughts and possibilities. Everyone is welcome to join us on this spiritual journey.

4. How can General Convention address negative perceptions of Christianity among young people?

Our church needs to have intentional conversation with youth and young adults to get a glimpse of their view of Christianity. We need to be sure that the voice of the young is heard and valued by including young people at all levels of decision making and planning. Through its legislative process General Convention can adopt resolutions that call for the development and sharing of liturgy, music and Christian formation materials that appeal to youth. General Convention, as well as our dioceses and congregations, need to rethink how, when and where we do our business to assure young people are able to actively participate.

5. What skills, gifts, and interests do you possess that might be helpful as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

My professional experiences have effectively equipped me for the critical duties of Deputy. As an educator, I have many years experience in exploring and researching all sides of issues. I am able to appreciate the issues and concerns from varying points of view and can remain open to new information and understandings. As a psychologist, I listen with an open mind and ask appropriate questions, which enables me to understand others' beliefs. As an administrator I have learned to weigh all opinions before making my decisions.

6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

It is my duty to be prepared for convention and the many issues that will be addressed. This requires keeping an open mind, while studying materials received prior to the convention, when attending hearings during the convention and when talking to others with various opinions. I am committed to working from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. or beyond, during the 10 days of the convention to understand clearly all points of view. It is important to attend all daily worship services and spiritual opportunities to stay prayerfully focused and opened to the working of the Holy Spirit when it is time to make decisions.



The Very Rev. Mark A. Boursakos, dean of Christ Church Cathedral and a part of the diocese for four years. In the diocese, Boursakos serves as chair of the liturgical commission and as a trustee of the University of the South. He has served on the search/nominating committee, the Commission on Ministry and as master of ceremonies for the consecration. In the community, he serves on the board of St. George's Community Center, the Norton Hospital church and health ministries, the Merton Institute, the Home of the Innocents, on the Council on Developmental Disabilities and as a Special Olympics coach.

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6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I hope that our Episcopal Church, in all of its dioceses and parishes, can really begin to get serious about addressing the great mission fields of young people and minority populations in all of our communities. We have a unique contribution to the worship and ministry of the Gospel. Much of the current literature on the emerging church speaks of the desire that many spiritual seekers have for the liturgical forms and methods of engaging a faith in God that have been at the center of Anglicanism for hundreds of years.

Our greatest challenge is our reluctance to embrace new ways of engaging young people and our complacency in evangelizing new people of all ages to join our common life. We are tone deaf to the emerging culture of seekers and ill equipped, both in training and financial resources, to commend the beauty and genius of Anglicanism. The General Convention must place greater attention and resources to reaching young people and learning new and efficient ways of being the Church. We need new and powerfully relevant marketing strategies.

In my years of ordained ministry, I have served a rural, suburban, small college town, and inner city parishes. I would like to bring that wider perspective to bear on the challenges confronting the Episcopal Church in this rapidly changing environment that we are struggling to address with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The General Convention must stay focused on Evangelism and Mission. All too often we distract ourselves with tedious arguments and in house business that is of little consequence or interest to the vast sea of people that now have no faith community and have not the faintest idea who or what the Episcopal Church is.



The Rev. Matthew Bradley, rector of St. John's, Murray, and campus minister at Murray State University for two and a half years and a part of the diocese for 27 years. In the diocese, Bradley serves on Trustees and Council, the Ecclesiastical Court and as an adult representative to the youth council and has served on the liturgical commission, the diocesan communications committee and the committee on health insurance. In the community, he serves as a board member of the Gentry House homeless shelter and as a member of the Murray-Calloway County concerns and needs group, the Murray-Calloway County warming center, the United Campus Ministries Association and the Murray-Calloway County Ministerial Association.

1. What are your hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church?

My hope and my dream for the Episcopal Church is that it will be a place where any person who is seeking God can come and find Him and find themselves welcomed; that it will be a place where Christians can deepen their relationship with God, prayerfully discerning new ways for Him to work in their lives and new ways to carry out His mission. I also hope that the Episcopal Church continues to foster its connection with the Anglican Communion, remaining a part of the global expression of our denomination's faith in Jesus Christ.

2. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?

The Episcopal Church faces two main challenges. First, we can be hesitant to share our faith with others. We need to increase our willingness to invite others to experience God, His grace, mercy, and wisdom, as we have experienced Him ourselves. Second, as we strive to broaden our reach to those around us, we occasionally forget that we are a part of a worldwide Communion. As we express the ways that God is working in our lives we need to bring these discoveries to the Communion with a spirit of humility, seeking their insights rather than simply offering our own.

3. What would you tell an unchurched person about the Episcopal Church?

The Episcopal Church embodies a loving, welcoming, and orthodox expression of Christianity that encourages exploration of our relationship with God in community. Our worship is steeped in Holy Scripture and reverent liturgy. Though we are drawn together by common prayer, the way in which each part of our faith community chooses to express our united worship of God highlights the beautiful diversity that is a key part of our denomination. After being spiritually fed we are sent out to continue the work of Jesus Christ in the world, serving those we meet in His name.

4. How can General Convention address the negative perceptions of Christianity among young people?

The best way that General Convention can address the negative perception of Christianity among young people is by encouraging more young people to become deputies to General Convention. At General Convention 2009 there were only twenty deputies under the age of thirty and none of these deputies were on any committees. Rather than having older Episcopalians come together and speculate about why young people have negative perceptions about Christianity, General Convention should push young people who have found an active, meaningful relationship with God through the Episcopal Church to come and share their insights.

5. What skills, gifts, and interests do you possess that might be helpful as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I have over nine years of leadership experience working with young adults at All Saints and three different campus ministries. This experience has given me insight into the ways that young adults have spoken about their faith and their relationship with the Episcopal Church, a perspective that has been underrepresented at previous meetings of General Convention. I am also interested in learning more about the way that people from throughout the Episcopal Church think and talk about their faith, as well as how

they put that faith into practice. General Convention would be an excellent venue to explore that interest.

6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

If I am chosen to serve by the Convention, my role as a deputy would be to prayerfully “share in the Councils of the Church.” For me, the main tension will be balancing my need to learn from experienced deputies with my desire to change the way that our Church communicates and carries out God’s mission. I worry that we have let other priorities encroach on our primary mission: to know Christ and make Him known. I hope to share these concerns and hear others insights, returning to our Diocese with new ways to connect to the broader Church.



The Rev. Canon Amy Real Coultas, campus minister at the University of Louisville for four and a half years and Canon Missioner for College and Young Adult Ministry, Christ Church Cathedral for two years. In the diocese, she serves as ecumenical officer, on Trustees and Council, as a member of the Department of Evangelism and Congregational Development, the Commission on Ministry and as a deputy to General Convention. She has served as a member of the All Saints board, the Department of Justice and Jubilee, the Department of Christian Formation and the transition committee. In the community, she serves as secretary of the Kentucky Council of Churches.

1. What are your hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church?

I hope that we are constantly discerning God’s mission for us and deepening our discipleship. I hope we can find ways to be reconciled to each other in Christ so that the world will believe. I hope we can see clearly that the Anglican perspective should not be held captive under a basket, but held out as a lantern. I dream of the continuation of wonder-filled, relevant, transcendent gatherings of bread-breaking and prayer and hearing the Word of God in our churches. I dream that our parishes will become “missionary outposts” for hungry travelers on the Way.

2. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?

Declining membership, expensive buildings, loss of social power, distracting internal division, shifting cultural paradigm. Good news: nothing is impossible with God, who directs us to not be afraid and in whom even the dead come alive. God is calling the Church to do a new thing. We should be still, listen, and start doing some risky mission.

3. What would you tell an unchurched person about the Episcopal Church?

I’d start with a bit of the Good News: God is, God created and called us into life together, God forgives, we can forgive; Jesus is “God With Us”; Jesus’ life shows us the way to live a God-centered life through love, mercy, obedience, selflessness. I’d tell them

Episcopalians are followers of Christ who believe that prayer, study, and community are essential to the Christian life; that we seek prayerful communion in Christ above ideology and partisanship; that our tradition incorporates beauty and reason into worship and discipleship. Sometimes we are messy, because authentic life together is messy.

4. How can General Convention address negative perceptions of Christianity among our people?

General Convention often seems like some external “them.” But it’s not. It’s *us* electing some of *us* to discern with other *us*-es. General Convention can re-think how a governing body needs to function in the 21st century, and it can insist that the structure serves the mission rather than the other way around, but changing the perception of “Christianity” is local work. How can we show mercy to our neighbors? What can I give away? Who can we stop judging and start loving? Who can I invite to dinner? What can I apologize for? Who can I forgive?

5. What skills, gifts, and interests do you possess that might be helpful as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I work with and belong to a demographic that is noticeably absent from the pews and governance: In 2009, only 7.5% of deputies and 5% of committee appointees were under 40. Since few first-time deputies are given appointments, a second term would increase our chances of having me serve on a committee, where the real work is done. I have two loves: mission and ecclesiology, and I think “how is God calling us to live together?” and “what God is calling us together to do as the Body of Christ?” are the two primary questions for General Convention.

6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

To pray, study, worship and fellowship in preparation. To listen and pay attention to what’s happening in the whole diocese and the wider church. To prayerfully participate in the process—follow legislation, listen for the Spirit, and bring back the work of the General Convention to the diocese, especially those resources discovered and connections formed along the way. In particular, I will work on issues related to young adults, campus ministries, ecumenical and interreligious relationships and mission.



The Rev. Lucinda Laird, rector of St. Matthew’s, Louisville, and a part of the diocese for 13 years. In the diocese, Laird serves as president of the Standing Committee and has served on the Commission on Ministry and as first alternate to General Convention. In the community, she serves as a trustee of The General Theological Seminary and on the board of Faith Channel 19 in Louisville.

1. What are your hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church?

I want our voice to be heard in a broken world desperately in need of Christ’s healing power. I want us to focus on proclaiming good

news and reaching out to those in need rather than fighting among ourselves. I want us to live into our history and identity as a “broad” church that welcomes everyone and encompasses many different viewpoints while we worship and work together. I dream that people might say of us, as Tertullian said of the early Christians, “See these Christians, how they love one another.”

2. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?

Obvious challenges: declining membership, decreasing financial resources, aging congregations. Behind these depressing realities are the real challenges: how we proclaim our message with joy and clarity; how we work together; how we move out of our comfort zone and bring the gospel to those who are not going to walk through our doors. We need to take more risks, think more creatively about our work, and let the Holy Spirit blow through the Church.

3. What would you tell an unchurched person about the Episcopal Church?

Come and see! Come as you are. Bring your doubts and questions and skepticism; bring your wounds and anxieties and fears. Bring your hope. We have an ancient liturgy, an extraordinary tradition, and a contemporary openness. We preach a gospel of grace, not a gospel of fear. We look to Scripture, tradition and reason in our questioning, and we value all three. We believe that we are on a journey with and to and in Christ, and that we all need each other. We love our hymns, our sacraments, our history – but we understand that these are valuable only as they point us toward God.

4. How can General Convention address negative perceptions of Christianity among young people?

The two weeks of Convention are important only as we articulate, plan and support the mission of the church. Negative perceptions will only be altered if people see us reaching out, helping, finding Christ among the poor and oppressed and marginalized, going out past our church doors and familiar neighborhoods, and genuinely welcoming ALL into our communities. Convention must find ways to support these things financially and with all the human capital of our church; it must enable cooperation throughout the church; it must call for and make available the best theological resources for education and formation; it must speak truth to power.

5. What skills, gifts, and interests do you possess that might be helpful as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I have knowledge and experience of the national Church, Convention, and the legislative process, and I am articulate and well-informed. I’ve been a deputy before, so I would have seniority in legislative committees that would increase my effectiveness. I have experience in working with people of differing viewpoints, and in building consensus. I know how to disagree without breaking the bonds of community. I can speak out boldly for those things I think are right, but I can also admit that I may be wrong. Most importantly, I have great love for our Church, and a sure belief that we can proclaim Christ’s love to the world.

6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

If the Diocese of Kentucky chooses to send me to General Convention, I think I owe the diocese my very best. That includes serious preparation for Convention, in terms of reading, prayer, discussion with people throughout the diocese, and discernment. I believe a deputy should go to Convention prepared to listen and learn, to be open to God's Spirit, and to work hard. Deputies are to vote their consciences, but our consciences must be informed by study, by prayer, and by openness to differing points of view. Both before and after Convention, I would engage in a listening process around the diocese.



The Rev. Ben Maas, rector of St. Andrew's, Louisville, for six and a half years and a part of the diocese for 11 year. In the diocese, Maas serves as member of the Commission on Ministry and has served as chair of the Commission on Ministry and on the Ecclesiastical Court. In the community, he is a participant in Highland Community Ministries.

1. What are your hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church?
I am a cradle Episcopalian. Today I am a Christian because I was part of a church that gave me space (not just permission but the encouragement) to examine my faith amidst the world outside. My dream is that more and more people will come to see that our church offers a beautiful anchor to our past and a secure footing to engage our faith with integrity and courage. I envision a church more widely recognized for service to the community and in which there is a more difficult distinction between the Episcopalian and our brother or sister being served.

2. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?
Obviously moving past our internal struggles is near the top of the list. Additionally, we face the difficult task of appealing more broadly to Christians, seekers, and skeptics without losing the gifts we bring, a rich liturgical tradition, and an intellectually substantive theology. In our current financial climate, we also will need creative, energetic, and self-motivated Episcopalians to do of the work of the church, and in many cases we will need to think of different ways to bring church to the community.

3. What would you tell an unchurched person about the Episcopal Church?
I would first ask about that person's preconceptions about church. I would make sure to include that we believe in a loving God, and as God's vehicle in this world, we are called to serve all people, especially those who feel most disenfranchised. Our church wrestles with difficult issues, not everyone agrees, but we are okay with that. You do not have to know what you believe to come. We have a beautiful liturgy and hymnody that connect us to generations past. It may take a few weeks, but you will probably come to value its continuity and its order.

4. How can General Convention address negative perceptions of Christianity among young people?

I think we need to invite the convention to figuratively stand outside the church. Are we listening enough to those not here? I would suggest a need to focus more energy and resources on our teens, our college students, and our young adults. I would divert more resources to camps and conference centers and programming for weekend retreats, etc.... I find that few teens invite friends to church, but many cannot wait to bring friends to gatherings, conferences, and camp sessions. I also believe the national church can help improve how and what we communicate and through what mediums.

5. What skills, gifts, and interests do you possess that might be helpful as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I bring a perspective underrepresented at most church meetings. I am in my mid thirties and I look around and there are far too few people my age. We have begun more effectively focusing on millennials and the subsequent generations, but I would suggest that we need to figure out why my peers and their families are still staying away. Additionally, I find in polarizing discussions, I frequently resonate with points from each side and settle close to the middle. I imagine in a general convention of a church that values the "middle way," I can be of some value.

6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

If elected this would be my first convention, so my primary role would be as sponge. I also think as a new person to convention, I might be able to bring a new set of eyes to how things might be done differently. I am very much a parish minister at heart and would serve wherever needed, but I do have particular interests in outreach, evangelism, and communication.

The following laypersons have been nominated for four three-year positions:



W. Robinson Beard, a communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, for 18 years and a part of the diocese for 66 years. At Christ Church Cathedral, Beard serves as a lector, Eucharistic minister and secretary of the endowment corporation. In the diocese, he serves as chancellor, secretary and member of the executive committee of the Episcopal Housing Corporation, and member (*ex officio*) of Trustees and Council. He is retired from active practice of law as a partner of Stites & Harbison PLLC.

1. What are your hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church?

The Church, either in the form of PECUSA or the Diocese, exists to support the missions and ministries of our disbursed congregations and agencies. As such, the Church must be financially strong and morally clear. My dream for the Church is that its leaders will always agitate for good works and just actions in their communities.

Its congregations must help individuals search for and find God, see the living Christ in others, and inspire them to follow Christ-centered lives. PECUSA can remain within

the Anglican Communion without sacrificing our own understanding of God's call to us in the 21st century.

2. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?

Declining enrollment and declining financial resources in a country that is increasingly skeptical of all organizations and sales pitches, especially those which promise happiness or salvation. Remaining a liturgy-centered interpreter of Christ's ministry to and for all sorts and conditions of men and women. The Church needs to move beyond the misunderstandings, suspicions and schisms that may be left over from decisions made in prior years.

3. What would you tell an unchurched person about the Episcopal Church?

The Episcopal Church believes in God as the creator, that Jesus Christ lived as an inspiration and model for what a human life in harmony with God can be, and that the Holy Spirit sustains us today. But the Episcopal Church does not require those who come to its doors to accept only one understanding of God, or the meaning of Christ's life or the literal meaning of any separate part of Holy Scripture. I would ask secular humanists where their moral code comes from and tell them that for me, and potentially for them, the enduring moral code comes from the Old and New Testaments taken as a whole.

4. How can General Convention address negative perceptions of Christianity among young people?

By being truthful and candid when questions are posed, especially when those questions concern disagreements within the church or church history or doctrine. By finding ways to put committed Episcopalians in contact with children, youth, young adults and their parents/guardians and arming those teachers, ordained and lay, and their helpers with modern tools so they can be faithful role models and succeed in describing what Christian lives can be in the 21st century.

5. What skills, gifts, and interests do you possess that might be helpful as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I am a cradle Episcopalian (I know that may be a handicap but I will mention it anyway) who continues to be surprised as I learn more about my Christian heritage. I will go to Convention with an open mind. I will also go with the experience of having practiced secular law for over 45 years and studied canon law, as Chancellor for six years and as Vice Chancellor for more than 10 years before that.

6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I will prepare for discussions on issues for decision, listen to and engage with the views of other members of the Diocese's deputation and vote my conscience for measures that I conclude will be in the best interests of the Diocese, its congregations and the wider Church. To the extent that I gain insights from meetings and discussions either before or during Convention with Chancellors from other dioceses, I will offer them to members of our deputation.



M. Fowler Black, a communicant of Grace Church, Paducah, and a part of the diocese for 30 years. At Grace Church, Black serves as lay reader and choir member and as a participant in Education for Ministry, and has served as a Sunday School teacher. He is the sales director for the Paducah Convention and Visitors Bureau. In the community, he serves on the Paducah Main Street design committee and as an actor and a volunteer at Market House Theatre.

1. What are your hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church?

I hope that the Episcopal Church may regain strength, unity and membership through service, open-mindedness, compromise, and an overall yearning to do Christ's work in the world. I dream that the Church may recover from a decade of factious movement and receive a renewed energy to move forward together.

2. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?

In a portion of the country where the Episcopal Church is a tiny island in a sea of fundamentalism, I see the challenge of attracting the common person of this region to the Episcopal Church's mission and ways of traditional worship. I am concerned with the Church's steadily shrinking membership trends. How do we gain the interest of these people while remaining "via media"? While I am a supporter of female clergy, another major concern is the loss/decline of male clergy (nearly 20%) in the Church in the last 10 years.

3. What would you tell an unchurched person about the Episcopal Church?

If a person were unchurched because of skepticism, distrust or alienation, the Episcopal Church becomes an easy sell. I would relay that there is no more comforting place to ask honest questions about one's faith, especially if the fear of judgment is an obstacle to seeking the answers—that a great strength of the Church is acceptance no matter the background or viewpoint. The Episcopal Church has a strong tradition and, though its worship and liturgy seem outdated, generations upon generations have honed it to the point that makes its contents remarkably trustworthy.

4. How can General Convention address negative perceptions of Christianity among young people?

Perhaps formulating what those widespread negative perceptions actually are would be a good first step. Though I know that Christianity too often represents itself as righteous and arrogant in front of the world (aided by the media), I'm not aware of what exactly the leading negative perceptions are. I prefer to have research evidently show what needs to be addressed. With General Convention being a time when the world focuses in on the state of the Episcopal Church, addressing the perceptions with a welcoming heart and willing spirit can only be an opportunity to create a sense of hope for young people wrestling with Christianity.

5. What skills, gifts, and interests do you possess that might be helpful as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

Last month, I was on jury duty. In seeking a jury, the justice system wants to find jurors who have the fewest biases and (depending on the attorney's perspective) someone who can listen with an open heart. I feel my sincerity in helping the Episcopal Church achieve its missions and hopes would make me an optimal "juror" or deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky. I am also part of a demographic in the church that I believe is ever-weakening in representation. Simply having a sampling of middle ground in that demographic can provide the Diocese with fair representation.

6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

Like Education for Ministry, I believe a new, young deputy requires a training period where one may get his "sea legs" before going out to serve. I respect and trust the system under which the Episcopal Church operates. I would simply seek discovery and absorption initially before presuming any other kind of role as a deputy.



Sam Dorr, a communicant of Church of the Advent, Louisville, for two years and a part of the diocese for 66 years. At Church of the Advent, Dorr serves on the vestry, as chair of the stewardship committee, fall fundraising chair and lector and has served as a lay reader. In the diocese, he serves on Trustees and Council, member of the Department of Mission and Evangelism and deputy to General Convention and had served on Standing Committee. He also serves as a member of the Standing Commission for Mission and Evangelism of the Episcopal Church. He is retired as director of operations at Christ Church Cathedral. In the community, he serves as board member of the AIDS Interfaith Ministries and the YMCA and as a team captain of Pandora Productions.

1. What are your hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church?

As an individual who has been a member of and actively involved in the Episcopal Church for most of my life, my hope and dream is that we will continue to actively participate in and take a leading role in the religious dialogue occurring in America. As a Church that has lived with compromise for much of its existence, I believe we are called to be a model for those both in the religious community and in society who view life only in terms of black and white.

2. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?

To paraphrase a line from the comic strip Pogo "We have seen the enemy, and it is us." The greatest challenge facing the Episcopal Church is the tension that exists not only within our church but also within our communion. There are those – both liberal and conservative who are so entrenched in their own theology that they would see our church and our communion torn apart rather than compromise. We have a wonderful redemptive and liberating story to tell, and we need to be about the business of doing so vs. arguing among ourselves.

3. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?

Unchurched – an interesting word. I presume it refers to someone who does not have regular place of worship to which they belong and with which they feel connected. I would introduce them to The Episcopal Church by saying that we are a group of people bound together in faith that conveys our image of God to the world in a myriad of ways – people and pet food banks, community gardens and educational opportunities just to name a few. We also provide an environment in which people can come together to worship God in a way comfortable to them and give thanks for all that they have been given.

4. How can General Convention address negative perceptions of Christianity among young people?

Young people are individuals who are action minded. Sitting for hours debating one point or another is boring and provides little interest. On the other hand mission oriented activity is not. The 76th General Convention took a proactive stand for us to have a positive impact on the cities in which future conventions will be meeting. We agreed that we need to do more than just be an economic presence. It is imperative for us to have a positive impact on that community. To that end we agreed that while meeting we would engage in a mission project that would have a lasting impact on the local community. “They shall know us by our love.”

5. What skills, gifts and interests do you possess that might be helpful as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I always find it difficult to talk about myself, but I do think one of the skills I have is the ability to listen to different points of view and then come back with a compromise presented with a smile and in a humorous way that both sides can accept. As someone recently said to me “You have the ability to think outside the box.” I believe that if we ever have a hope of solving some of the numerous challenges presented to us – both inside and outside the church – we need to think outside of the box.

6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I see the role of a deputy as being a bridge between the governing body of The Episcopal Church – General Convention and the diocese. General Convention does not and should not operate in a vacuum to be turned on every three years. As a deputy the link between General Convention and the Diocese of Kentucky is ongoing and should be operational throughout the three-year triennium between conventions. There is a great deal of work packed into the roughly eight days that General Convention is in session. I see the role of a deputy, my role if elected, as being a facilitator helping to translate that work back to the “local level” furthering the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Kentucky and the Episcopal Church.

P'Tricia Egbert, a communicant of St. Mark's, Louisville, for four years and a part of the diocese for 12 years. In the diocese, Egbert serves on Trustees and Council, as a member of the All Saints board and as a young adult ministry leader and has served as counselor and head counselor at All Saints. She is the administrative assistant at Christ Church Cathedral. She serves on the Episcopal Church's Committee for Young Adult Ministry and serves as a delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women.

1. What are your hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church?

While my hopes for our church are numerous, my biggest hope is that, we as a church recognize the simple fact that things are constantly changing and that we either have to adapt to the change or fade away. While I believe some areas of the church have caught on to this and are finding new ways to do ministry, there are other areas that are clinging to the past. If we could all get on the same page, then I feel other tensions would be relieved.

2. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?

I feel our biggest challenge as a church is the somewhat pessimistic attitude that seems to speak for the church. There are so many wonderful things about the Episcopal Church that when I hear people on Sunday mornings say we cannot compete with the mega churches that surround us, I immediately talk about what we **can** offer people. There is so much talent, warmth and love that we as Christians can offer to the world, we just need to figure out how to do it better.

3. What would you tell an unchurched person about the Episcopal Church?

Since my personal ministry is with Young Adults, I would invite them to go to church with me. I find the act of offering an invitation to be invaluable. An unchurched person wouldn't know what I was talking about if I said, come participate in our beautiful liturgy or learn at our adult forum. But if I ask them to come with me, they are put at ease and hopefully change any negative image they had into a positive one.

4. How can General Convention address the negative perception of Christianity among young people?

General convention can lead by example. In 2000, General Convention made young adult ministry a priority, and thanks to that acclamation and money given to it, the ministry has grown to amazing heights. Despite that, there are still very few deputies elected to General Convention that are under 40 and even less elected to a second term, which is required before you can sit on any committee. As a church we need to be inclusive of younger people in order to fight that negative perception, which might take branching out and exploring new ways of doing our ministry.

5. What skills, gifts, and interests do you possess that might be helpful as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I have been a member of the Episcopal Church's Committee for Young Adult Ministry since 2006. With that membership I have both participated and planned several church-wide gatherings, which have helped me foster relationships with people from all over the church, from the Dominican Republic to Alaska. I make an ideal candidate to represent

this Diocese because I have been active within it since 2000, and therefore know many of our strengths and weaknesses. This knowledge allows me to experience and participate in General Convention for my entire diocese, while also keeping their interest and opinions in mind.

6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

If I were elected deputy, I would actively combat any negative stereotypes associated with our state or diocese. I would also make it my goal to educate the Church on the substantial talent of both our clergy and lay leadership within our diocese. As a trustee of our diocese, I would also make it my goal to communicate how decisions made at General Convention touch every single parish and every single Episcopalian, and therefore, should not be made easily but with contemplation and prayer.



Hamp Moore, a communicant of Christ Church, Bowling Green, and a part of the diocese for 58 years. At Christ Church, Moore serves as a lector and Eucharistic minister and has served on the vestry and on the stewardship and capital campaign committees. In the diocese, he serves as vice chancellor and on the mission funding committee and has served on Trustees and Council, Standing Committee and as a deputy to General Convention. He is an attorney with Cole and Moore, PSC. In the community, he serves on the Bowling Green Board of Education, the Comprehensive Plan task force and the Kentucky Bar Foundation.

1. What are your hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church?

I hope that the Episcopal Church continues to be an oasis in a strident world. I hope that it does so by maintaining its unique liturgy, thoughtful clergy, and willingness to accommodate all people regardless of their humanity or spirituality.

2. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?

The Episcopal Church must exist in a world populated by people who no longer feel the need to collect memberships. We must convince folks that we are less interested in arguing over our differences and more interested in celebrating our need to develop and enhance a real relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

3. What would you tell an unchurched person about the Episcopal Church?

I would describe our denomination as a group that celebrates its Anglican liturgy and tries hard to accept all persons without regard to spiritual doubts or human condition.

4. How can General Convention address negative perceptions of Christianity among young people?

By being honest about the challenges we face while resisting the temptation to focus inwardly concerning parochial issues.

5. What skills, gifts, and interests do you possess that might be helpful as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I have attended one General Convention and reside in a less urban part of the diocese. My work as Vice Chancellor and my law practice give me an interest in the constitution and canons of the Episcopal Church.

6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I believe a deputy is called to be a reflection of the diocesan congregation. Moreover, a deputy is expected to apply personal judgment in resolving issues that come before the General Convention.



Thomas Peters, a communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, and a part of the diocese for 21 years. At Christ Church Cathedral, Peters is a member of the choir, serves as the coordinator of adult education and leads the Sunday morning Bible study, and has served as chair of the dean's search committee and deputy to diocesan convention. He is an attorney with Sewell, O'Brien and Neal.

1. What are your hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church?

I have struggled mightily with this question. On the one hand, my dream is that our Church will reverse its current decline, and grow in numbers, discipleship and influence. On the other, I want our Church to cease its bickering over the issues of sexuality and the role of women. As I see it, the first of these dreams depends largely on the second. We will not grow until we resolve the issues of gender and sexuality, or find a way of living with our differences. I don't know how we get there, but get there we must.

2. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?

The Episcopal Church faces the same challenges as other mainline churches: decreased attendance, increased secularization of society, decreased denominational loyalty, and loss of cultural influence to non-mainline expressions of Christianity (independent churches, televangelists, etc.). At the same time, we face our own internal challenge: an organized and well-financed movement to replace the Episcopal Church as a member of the Anglican Communion. The Episcopal Church has lost many good people—and perhaps a hundred parishes—to this movement in the last few years (primarily conservative evangelical and traditionalist Anglo-Catholic parishes). Sadly, this movement enjoys substantial support from overseas dioceses.

3. What would you tell an unchurched person about the Episcopal Church?

That we are a great place to worship and learn about the Christian faith! Our liturgy is ancient, Christ-centered and reverent. The congregation takes an active part in worship. We have beautiful music and hymnody. We follow the three-fold ministry of the early church, and adhere to the Catholic creeds. We care about what the Bible teaches, and

read more of the Bible in our services than most non-liturgical churches. At the same time, we encourage people to think critically about scripture and tradition, and don't ask our congregants to reject the findings of modern science.

4. How can General Convention address negative perceptions of Christianity among young people?

It can start by finding ways to appropriate money, time and talent to the creation and extension of local and regional youth ministries. Here at the Cathedral we obtained grant money to hire a canon missionary for college and young adult ministries, and the results have been well worth the effort! Several young people have joined our congregation, and many others have been mobilized for good works (e.g., relief efforts in the Gulf). If more congregations had access to such resources, we would have a much greater presence among those who may be alienated from Christianity on generational grounds.

5. What skills, gifts and interests do you possess that might be helpful as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

As a former two-term deputy to the Diocesan Convention, and as an observer at the conventions that elected our last two bishops, I understand how conventions work. I am Biblically literate (bachelor's degree in Religious Studies; Adult Bible Study leader for 12 years), I am well read in Christian History, and (perhaps because I am an attorney) I enjoy delving into the minutia of legislative proposals. Hence, I will bring to the job both a passion for the welfare of the Church, and the skills for thinking critically about the issues that confront us.

6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

First: to listen carefully to the people of this diocese, and the wider Church. I want to know what other people think—and why—before I cast my votes. Second: to make sure that the concerns and experiences of this diocese are made known to the wider Church. We have a story to tell! Third: to attend the legislative sessions, cast votes, and otherwise participate in the work of the convention, as led by the Holy Spirit. Fourth: upon returning from Indianapolis, to faithfully represent to this diocese the mood and mind of the Convention.



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1. What are your hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church?

My hopes and dreams for the Episcopal Church are of a Church where everyone is not only accepted but welcomed and incorporated into the life of the Church. My vision is of a Church where we embrace liturgy, take social issues seriously, concentrate on the work of the Lord—feeding the poor, caring for those who are ill or infirm, treating children and youth as full members in the Church, and reaching out into the world in ways that demonstrate we care about humanity and the earth.

2. What challenges does the Episcopal Church face?

I think that we need to continue (or in some cases begin) talking and listening to one another with open hearts and open minds. As a Christian educator, I think that we need to work harder to attract young adults to the Episcopal Church. I think we need to be a church so inviting to children that they insist their parents take them to church. I think we are at a point where The Church will be making big changes in order to be viable in today's world. I think we need to be open to the changes that face us while staying true to who we are as Episcopalians.

3. What would you tell an unchurched person about the Episcopal Church?

I would tell an unchurched person that the Episcopal Church has extraordinary liturgy. It is the thinking person's Church that meets you where you are spiritually and helps you to grow in your faith in ways that will challenge you and strengthen you. It allows you the opportunity to serve on a small scale, a large scale, or to simply be part of a faith community where you worship quietly. The Episcopal Church offers amazing opportunities for outreach to others. The mission of the Episcopal Church is mission. The Episcopal Church understands "grace" and "love" and I don't understand why everyone isn't an Episcopalian.

4. How can General Convention address negative perceptions of Christianity among young people?

General Convention might begin to address negative perceptions of Christianity among young people by inviting more young people to the table by electing young people. I remember attending my first General Convention as a deputy in 2006 and being struck by the fact that everyone appeared to be over 50. In 2009, more deputies were younger. General Convention continues to reach out to the younger population by funding initiatives. However, I think it is up to those in parishes, on college campuses, and on the diocesan levels to reach out to younger people and invite them to experience Christianity from the Episcopal perspective. That is something that is done better in relationship than

by the institution.

5. What skills, gifts and interests do you possess that might be helpful as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I am a listener as well as being a strong advocate for children/youth/families and will always work to make the church more relevant for them. The past three years, I have served on the board of directors of the National Association for Episcopal Christian Education Directors (NAECED). This year, I serve as NAECED's president. Through this role I have been invited into important conversations within the larger Church and see the Episcopal Church through a wider lens. That perspective informs me in ways that help my ministry work more effectively on and for the diocesan level. I also serve in our diocesan Department of Christian Formation, most recently as co-chair, and on Province IV's Christian formation steering committee.

6. How do you see your role as a deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky?

I have been a small part of a group of people headed by the Rev. Ken Thompson working on a resolution honoring "Sister Emily Cooper" by having her included in the book, *Holy Women, Holy Men*. It would be an honor to speak to that resolution on the floor of the House of Deputies and work for passage. Resolutions affecting the work of Christian educators and lifelong formation for all Episcopalians will be before the House. I understand the work of General Convention. As a returning deputy, I would have a better chance of serving on a legislative committee again in 2012, where much of the work of General Convention takes place. I hope that you will afford me the honor of representing you for a third and final term.

