

2007--ELECTION AND NOMINATION RESULTS
From Fall Convocation Meetings

**ABINGDON
CONVOCATION
October 19, 2008
St. Thomas, Abingdon**

**AUGUSTA
CONVOCATION
November 2, 2008
Emmanuel, Covington**

Elected

Dean
Russ Hatfield, Tazewell Cluster

Elected

Dean
Kim Webster, Waynesboro-St. John

Nominated

Standing Committee Lay Member
Jack Roper, Abingdon-St. Thomas

Standing Committee Lay Member
John Kappes, Waynesboro-St. John

Standing Committee Clergy Member
Craig Wylie, Abingdon-St. Thomas

Standing Committee Clergy Member
Tom Crittenden, Lexington-R. E. Lee

Ecclesiastical Court Lay Member
Jack Barrow, Abingdon-St. Thomas

Ecclesiastical Court Lay Member
Carol Webster, Waynesboro-St. John

Ecclesiastical Court Clergy Member
Ellie Scofield, Abingdon-St. Thomas

Ecclesiastical Court Clergy Member
LeBaron Taylor, Covington-Emmanuel

Provincial Synod Lay Deputy
Jack Barrow, Abingdon-St. Thomas

Provincial Synod Lay Deputy
Meneta Deaton, Staunton-Emmanuel

Provincial Synod Clergy Deputy
Ray Moore, Big Stone Gap-Christ

Provincial Synod Clergy Deputy
Becky Crites, Glasgow-St. John (and
Bedford Co.-St. Thomas in the
Lynchburg Convocation)

**LYNCHBURG
CONVOCATION
October 5, 2008
St. Paul's, Lynchburg**

**NEW RIVER
CONVOCATION
October 26, 2008
Christ, Blacksburg**

**ROANOKE
CONVOCATION
October 12, 2008
Trinity, Moneta**

Elected

Dean
Doug Wigner, Lynchburg-St. Paul

Elected

Dean
Vickie Houk, Pulaski-Christ

Elected

Dean
Brad Laycock, Salem-St. Paul

Nominated

Standing Committee Lay Member
Lessy Nixon, Lynchburg-Grace

Standing Committee Clergy Member
Judy Parrish, Arrington-Trinity; Massies
Mill-Grace

Ecclesiastical Court Lay Member
Philip Baker, Bedford-St. John

Ecclesiastical Court Clergy Member
Kay Waff, Bedford, St. John

Provincial Synod Lay Deputy
~~Louise Robertson, Bedford, St. John~~
(Candidate has withdrawn.)

Provincial Synod Clergy Deputy
Chris Heying, Forest-St. Stephen

Nominated

Standing Committee Lay Member
Amy Nordberg, Pearisburg-Christ

Standing Committee Clergy Member
Scott West, Blacksburg-Christ

Ecclesiastical Court Lay Member
Joe Painter, Christiansburg-St. Thomas

Ecclesiastical Court Clergy Member
Helen Beasley, Galax-Good Shepherd

Provincial Synod Lay Deputy
Bob Miller, Blacksburg-Christ

Provincial Synod Clergy Deputy
Phyllis Spiegel, Christiansburg-St.
Thomas

Nominated

Standing Committee Lay Member
Bill Williamson, Roanoke-St. James

Standing Committee Clergy Member
John Heck, Callaway-St. Peter

Ecclesiastical Court Lay Member
No Nominee

Ecclesiastical Court Clergy Member
No Nominee

Provincial Synod Lay Deputy
Jenny Fife, Roanoke-St. Elizabeth

Provincial Synod Clergy Deputy
Richard Fife, Roanoke-St. Elizabeth

2009 Council Nominee Profiles

Council delegates will elect new members to positions of diocesan leadership. All nominees were asked to respond to the following questions:

1. To help us get to know you, briefly describe an example of God's touch in your life through your personal involvement with ministry.

2. In 30 words or less: if elected, what gifts would you bring to office?

Standing Committee

Lay

Abingdon- Jack Roper, Abingdon-St. Thomas

Augusta- John Kappes, Waynesboro-St. John

Lynchburg- Lessy Nixon, Lynchburg-Grace

Roanoke- Bill Williamson, Roanoke-St. James

1. Since becoming an Episcopalian in 1952 I have felt God's touch in my life numerous times. When I moved to Roanoke in 2002 I felt a call to St. James. I soon realized that they needed help in publishing their newsletter and in maintaining their web site. With 40 years experience in communications and computers, I firmly believe that God guided me to that parish to fulfill those ministries.



2. After serving many parish committees, including vestries, I would bring a firm knowledge of parish functionality. Having studied the diocesan canons, I believe I am prepared to fulfill the requirements of office.

New River- Amy Nordberg, Pearisburg-Christ

1. I have been the Sr. Warden of my parish for the past two years. We were without a rector for about 18 months of those years. I learned that I was capable of handling the position competently. My time management skills and organization skills were called on and improved over this time. The most



important thing God led me to know is that the people in the church are loving, caring and will help with any job.

2. The gifts I will bring to this office are organization, intelligence, open-mindedness, compassion and a willingness to hear all sides of an issue.

Clergy

Abingdon- Craig Wylie, Abingdon-St. Thomas

1. The congregation and I have been focusing on what Paul has to say about being formed into a gathering, a community that dwells in Christ. We have become increasingly aware of what it means to be presently living in the reign of God. Our new vocabulary, taken from Paul and the Gospels, has helped us as we experience a generational change in leadership and membership that is both life-giving and scary at the same time.

2. I have the gift of administrative skills; been blessed with the opportunity to serve many dioceses/diocesan commissions; and parents with the foresight to raise me in the Episcopal Church so that I would intuitively know how it works.

Augusta- Tom Crittenden, Lexington-R. E. Lee Memorial

Lynchburg- Judy Parrish, Arrington-Trinity; Massies Mill-Grace

Roanoke-John Heck, Callaway-St. Peter

1. I am blessed to recognize God's presence in my life on a daily basis from the beauty of God's creation at the Phoebe Needles Center to the people I work with each day. My most recent experience was watching eight young boys at handbell choir practice. I watched each of them-- eyes focused on the music, their sense of anticipation of each coming note, their nearly angelic presence, while the last note of the hymn was still ringing they tossed the bells with a clamor and were out the door to play soccer. I was left somewhat stunned wondering if I had imagined the whole event.



2. I would bring perspective, humor, insight, and a willingness to serve God, the bishop and our diocese.

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New River- Scott West, Blacksburg-Christ

1. I'm always amazed and humbled to be included in the poignant moments of people's lives.

Particularly as one nears death, to be able to minister to the individual dying and to family members, I am keenly aware of God working in my life, and indeed, God being very present in those moments. I consider those times the most privileged in being a priest.

2. I bring a willingness and intention to seek God's leading and direction in decision-making. I listen before I offer opinions and thoughts. I wish to serve the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.



Ecclesiastical Trial Court

Lay

Abingdon-Jack Barrow, Abingdon-St. Thomas

1. God touches my life through the ministry of ushering. "You are my witness, says the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name and make known his deeds among the peoples."

2. I would bring to this office my time and experience as a lifelong member of St. Thomas, vestry, former Senior/Junior Warden, delegate to Council, successful completion of the Diocesan Racism Training, former Provincial Synod Deputy and General Convention Deputy.



Augusta- Carol Webster, Waynesboro-St. John

Lynchburg- Philip Baker, Bedford-St. John

1. I like to think that God has blessed me with certain abilities to communicate and relate to people. These gifts

have helped me in the workplace and, I'm told, have helped people in crisis find their way.

2. I hope that I can bring my power of reasoning and analysis to help with challenging issues within the Ecclesiastical Court.

Roanoke- no nominee

New River- Joe Painter, Christiansburg-St. Thomas

1. My profession is my ministry. I was called by God to be a criminal lawyer. I take the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:34-41 to be a message for all.

2. The gift of discernment and a passion for social justice; also the gift of leadership.

Clergy

Abingdon-Ellie Scofield, Abingdon-St. Thomas

1. God touches me daily. As Chaplain of a hospital in Abingdon I see God daily. Whether it is through the patients or families or staff, each day is a new experience. They tell me their stories and I see the wonder of God working.

2. With my background in nursing, teaching, ordained deacon and now a chaplain in a hospital, I feel I am a listener, and fair and honest with each situation. My background gives me the experience where I can soothe a stressful situation. I am able to listen with an open mind and help bring the problem to a peaceful solution.

Augusta- LeBaron Taylor, Covington-Emmanuel

Lynchburg- Kay Waff, Bedford, St. John

Roanoke- no nominee

New River- Helen Beasley, Galax-Good Shepherd

Provincial Synod

Lay

Abingdon- Jack Barrow, Abingdon-St. Thomas
(see profile above)

Augusta- Meneta Deaton, Staunton-Emmanuel

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Roanoke- Jenny Fife, Roanoke-St. Elizabeth

New River- Bob Miller, Blacksburg-Christ

Clergy

Abingdon-Ray Moore, Big Stone Gap-Christ

Augusta- Becky Crites, Glasgow-St. John

Lynchburg- Chris Heying, Forest-St. Stephen

1. It is a great privilege to participate in the lives of others, from birth to death, during both the highs and lows and to offer a living assurance of God's presence, love, challenge, and comfort. God's sustaining and transforming grace to me is as palpable and real as it is unmerited, undeserved, and unforgettable.

2. I bring a strong ecumenical commitment, grounded in a weekly prayer group of pastors, and a lifelong love of the Episcopal Church, strengthened through ministry in diverse dioceses.

Roanoke-Richard Fife, Roanoke-St. Elizabeth

New River- Phyllis Spiegel, Christiansburg-St. Thomas

1. The youth program of the diocese plans some of the best worship services in which I have had the blessing to participate. The chance to serve as the chaplain for youth events has taught me new ways of planning and leading worship. I leave these events filled with numerous blessings from other adults who love the youth and the youth who passionately encounter God.

2. A passionate desire to learn more about the workings of The Episcopal Church and to return the gifts of the wider church to this diocese.