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Executive Council- Lay

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John Johnson

John is an active, long-time member of Grace Church, Madison. He lives in Madison with his wife, and they have three adult daughters. At Grace Church, he served three terms on the vestry, continues as a diocesan convention deputy, and volunteered on committees and in the food pantry. For the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, John is a current member of the Diocesan Executive Council, serves as an elected General Convention 2024 delegate, and served on the bishop search committee.

Following fifteen years as a teacher, learning coordinator, and principal, he has served the State of Wisconsin in senior education leadership roles for twenty years. Also, he was a professor and adjunct instructor of Educational Leadership.

Currently, John is the Wisconsin Deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chief Operating Officer of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Previously, he served as DPI Communications Director, and Director for Literacy, Mathematics and Academic Standards.

John is a state leader in the arts and creativity appointed by the Governor as a public member of the Wisconsin Arts Board.

He earned his undergraduate degree in history from Georgetown University, and his three graduate degrees, including his doctorate, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. John looks forward to continuing to serve on the Executive Council to advance God's love and care of all through the work and mission of our diocese.

Christine Krueger

Chris has been a member of St. Paul's, Milwaukee sine 1984. During her time at St. Paul's she has served as Junior/Senior Warden, on nominating committees, and as a member of the choir and the Music and Liturgy Committee. She is currently the Vestry Clerk, serves as a Eucharistic Minister, and member of the Finance Committee. She is also a volunteer in the church Thrift Shop.

She has served as the secretary for the Trustees of Funds and Endowments for 18 years. She is also on the Forest Home Cemetery and Arboretum Board, and a member of the Executive Committee. Chris is a retired teacher and recently retired from a long tenure with the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus. She lives in Greenfield, and enjoys reading, tending her deck garden, and volunteering.



Janice Pauc

I am a life long Episcopalian originally from Milwaukee (St Luke's) and have been a member of St David's New Berlin and Resurrection Mukwonago., serving on their vestries and teaching Sunday School. Retirement brought me to Wisconsin Dells and Holy Cross where I have served on the Vestry in a variety of positions. Professionally I worked as a Physical Therapist in a variety of settings - hospital, public schools, home care, and long term care. As a current member of the Executive Council I would like to be considered for re-election.



John Washbush

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Standing Committee- Clergy

One (1) clergy person to be elected to a four-year term



The Very Rev. Kevin Carroll

The Very Rev. Kevin Carroll has served as the dean of All Saints' Cathedral for the past 10 years. He has served in numerous diocesan offices including past president of the Standing Committee, and delegate to the General Convention. Most recently he worked as the Co-chair of the Tri-Diocesan Structure Task Force.

He has served in numerous capacities at the parish and diocesan levels. His background includes numerous lay positions including junior and senior warden and parish treasurer. Dean Carroll has received training as part of the diocese's sexual misconduct response team;

completed interim ministry training; is a graduate of the Congregational Development Institute; and a past member of the Commission for Mission and Development.

Dean Carroll brings with him the temperament to deal fairly with people who express a broad range of opinions. He puts a great deal of stock in the Anglican concept of the via media; and firmly believes that all voices must be heard in the myriad of conversations that bind the life of the church together—especially now regarding the possible reunification of the three Wisconsin dioceses.

Dean Carroll has extensive business and project management experience from his "prior life," having spent 20 years in the construction industry. He and his wife, Jane, have two children and live in Wauwatosa. WI.



The Rev. Miranda Hassett

Rev. Miranda is the Rector of St. Dunstan's Church in Madison, WI, where she has served for twelve years. Miranda serves on the Diocese of Milwaukee's Parish Support Team, assists in planning diocesan liturgies, and is currently Dean of the West Convocation. She has previously served for six years on the Commission on Mission and Development for the Diocese of Milwaukee and on the board of St. Francis House Episcopal Campus Ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In the wider church, she has written about intergenerational worship for Building Faith (buildfaith.org), and convenes the Province V Intergenerational Worship network. She has also been a Deputy to General Convention for the Diocese of Milwaukee

twice, and an Alternate once. She will serve as a Deputy again in 2024. In 2021-22 she served on the General Convention legislative committee on liturgy and music.

Miranda is interested in serving the Diocese at this time as a member of the Standing Committee due to her belief that the Episcopal Church continues to have vital gifts to share with the wider world, and her interest in the challenges and hopeful possibilities of institutional change. Miranda's training before becoming a priest was in cultural anthropology, and early in her time at St. Dunstan's, she was shaped by participating in the Missional Leadership Cohort program based at Luther Seminary, a program focused on equipping clergy and congregations to discern how God is calling them forward in a rapidly changing faith landscape. This is a time of change for our diocese and our churches, and Miranda would like to be part of the wondering, listening, and leading necessary in this season.

Miranda is a lifelong Episcopalian. She attended seminary at Duke University (Durham, NC) and the Episcopal Divinity School (Cambridge, MA). Miranda lives in Madison with her husband Phil and their children Griffin (18) and Iona (13).



The Rev. Seth Raymond

The Rev. Seth Raymond is Rector of St. Paul's Milwaukee. Prior to St. Paul's, he was the Executive Director of the Hospitality Center in Racine from 2017-2023, Rector of St. Luke's Racine from 2018-2023, and Assistant Rector at Christ Church Whitefish Bay from 2012-2016. He was formed for ministry at the Episcopal Campus ministry at the University of Colorado, the L'Arche communities in Jacksonville, FL and Richmond Hill, ON, and at Duke Divinity School.

Seth brings a variety of skills to the Standing Committee, including experience and education in Nonprofit Management, extensive work with and supporting the work of people from marginalized communities, and a particular passion for a church alive with the Good News of Jesus Christ for all people, particularly the poor.

Seth serves currently on the Commission on Ministry and has been a prior member of Standing Committee. Seth lives with his wife Lara and children Miriam, Hannah, and Andrew in Wauwatosa.



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Standing Committee- Lay

One (1) lay person to be elected to a four-year term



Tom Schlaefer

I have been an active Episcopalian for nearly 40 years and have held multiple positions in churches where my wife and I attended in Wisconsin, Michigan, South Carolina and Georgia. I am currently a member at St. Aidan's in Hartford. Because I've spent my professional life managing organizations, I'm keenly aware of the necessity of solid administration, careful financial management and visionary leadership. I've led multiple capital campaigns, provided stewardship presentations, partnered in the development of church budgets, and served multiple times as Junior & Senior Warden in several different churches. I love the Episcopal church and believe its future is bright. I believe that navigating through this time of

demographic transition will require careful management of resources, clergy and staff. With creative and enlightened leadership, the Episcopal Church is uniquely qualified among Christian denominations to bring healthy and devoted congregations into the future.

Title IV Disciplinary Board

One (1) clergy person to be elected to a three-year term



Nancy Hills

Nancy was ordained to the vocational diaconate in 2016 after a long stint as a graphic designer, serving the people of Milwaukee behind the scenes through the City of Milwaukee Health Department for the last 24 years of her career. She is a member of the Commission on Ministry, was a co-director of the last deacon's formation program for the Diocese, and in addition to serving at Christ Church in Whitefish Bay, teaches online art classes which invite people into spirituality through artistic expression. She and her husband Julian live in Milwaukee.

One (1) clergy person to be elected to a two-year term



Lynn Zobel

I have been an official member of St. Michael's church for over 20 years and have served in many roles over the years including Lay Eucharistic MInister, Choir, Vestry member, Vestry secretary, and facilitator for several group church programs. I initiated and, with the aid of another parish member, led an Alanon group for five years at St. Michael's. In 2019 I accepted God's call to the diaconate and was ordained July 30th 2022. Since my ordination my life and faith have grown in ways I never thought possible. I highly recommend it. I was born and raised in England and came to the US in 1970. I became a US naturalized citizen on January 11, 1986. Married three times and widowed I am blessed to be called mum by two wonderful grown

children and Nana to four grandchildren, all of which are the loves of my life. I am an avid gardener and animal lover and currently live with my three cats, Ziggy, Cosmo and Bosco at my home in Racine.



Two (2) lay persons to be elected to a three-year term

Geri Kelly

Reflecting on writing a short biography I thought, well, it has to be a bit funny. Humor is essential to life. Then I thought, no, it has to be serious. We need very serious people on committees. It has to include my growing up in a large loud Irish Catholic family, but that is ancient history. Should it include getting divorced on my 30th wedding anniversary? That is how I found the courage to find the Episcopal Church after all. Should it include my kind husband and "wise in the way of love" dog Sophia? Oh, it must include my son and unbelievably adorable grandchildren. People should know my passion for reading and of my career as a dental hygienist for over 40 years. Perhaps they should know I graduated from EfM and loved it so much I repeated it and in fact am going to take year two again to

re-read the New Testament this year. I am not sure what to write so I will just write this:

I care deeply for the Episcopal Church and feel blessed to have found a church family at St. Aidan's in Hartford. I understand we all make mistakes. My eight year old grandsons told me he has already made plenty. We can, through the grace of God, forgive each other and ourselves. I have had many life experiences that have given me hard won wisdom and compassion and would like to bring this to the Disciplinary Committee. I also am aware that misconduct must be addressed and not swept under the rug.



Jerry Kerkman

Jerry joined St. Boniface Church in 1984. He was raised in southeastern Wisconsin and moved to Mequon to begin his career after marrying Sarah West at Grace Episcopal Church in 1984. Sarah was a life-long member of St. Dunstan Episcopal Church in Madison. They met at UW-Madison while Jerry attended law school. Jerry was Roman Catholic and converted to Episcopalian. Sarah and Jerry had four children who all attended St. Boniface, participating in its religious education for youth program. Jerry taught church school for 10 years and twice was stewardship chairman. Sarah has been a regular vestry member, serving two times as senior warden. Sarah and Jerry divorced in

2000 as Jerry struggled with his sexual identity. They remain close, raised their children together, and both continue to attend St. Boniface together. They remain close friends and have both remarried. Professionally, Jerry is a lawyer in private practice. He worked for several firms in Milwaukee and started a law firm, Kerkman & Dunn. The firm specializes in chapter 11 business reorganization and business litigation. Presently, Jerry represents Cardinal Stritch University as it winds down its affairs. Jerry is vice president for the Eastern District of Wisconsin bar association and will be president in two years. He also serves as one of four panel chapter 11 subchapter V trustees in Wisconsin for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Trustees of Funds and Endowments, Inc.

Two (2) persons (lay or clergy) to be elected to three-year terms



Laura Johnston

Laura Johnston and her husband John have been members of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Hartford since 2019. Laura is currently serving her second year as a member of St. Aidan's Vestry. She is very active in the parish's ECW, Spirit Guild, Creation Care Commission and the Garden team. She is also a member of the parish's Endowment Committee. Laura is a Human Resources Executive and owns her own consulting practice. As an HR Executive with more than 30+ years' experience, she has served on corporate 401(k) Investment Advisory Committees for several companies. Laura looks forward to the opportunity to participate in the Diocesan Funds and Endowments Committee, both to serve the Diocese as well as provide more insight and guidance to the St. Aidan's Parish Endowment

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Craig Korn

Craig Korn is a member of St. Francis, Menomonee Falls where he has been a member since 1995. Craig has been very active at St. Francis, having served as Senior Warden (twice), Vestry (15 years), Finance Committee (20 years), along with other various committees (Outreach, Worship, Endowment Fund). Craig is also at the altar most of the time as an acolyte and is responsible for the scheduling of the Altar party.

Craig holds an Electrical Engineering degree, having worked at various companies in different industries. He also utilize his project management experience at St. Francis to help lead projects.

Craig also has completed both EFM and Community of Hope programs. These programs helped Craig find another ministry creating and leading programs for the Adult Christian Formation at St. Francis for the past 12 years.

Craig is married to Karen (40 years) and have 2 girls, Kaytlyn and Lauren, along with a fantastic grandson, Jaxson that keeps us busy. Craig enjoys golfing, updating antique radios and gardening.

Peter Larson

Peter is treasurer at St Paul's and was a Junior Warden, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Stewardship Chair, and Liturgy and Music Committee member. He served two terms on the Diocesan Executive Committee and was a deputy to the General Convention in 2015 and 2018. He is currently on the Diocesan Finance Committee.

Peter is a graduate of Sewanee (EfM), Williams College (BA) and the University of Chicago Booth School of Business (MBA) Peter holds the CFA and held the CFP designations, and advised private individuals and non-profits on wealth management, asset allocation, and investment manager selection and review.

Peter lives in Milwaukee with his husband Bill and wheaten terrier Lucy. Peter serves on the Milwaukee Art Museum Board of Trustees, where he is chief docent.

Diocesan Treasurer

One (1) person (lay or clergy) to be elected



the Director of Music.

Scott Eakins

Scott W. Eakins, is currently the Accounting & Exports Specialist at the Koss Corporation in Milwaukee, WI. Prior to the Koss Corporation, Scott worked for Kohl's Department Stores in their corporate offices as a Finance Specialist and Guy & O'Neill assisting the CFO with AR, AP, Budgeting & Reporting and Cost Accounting. In addition he has served as the Treasurer for the Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians (CRCCM) and two Home Owners' Association. Scott would bring a broad range of experience in service to the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee as Treasurer. Scott is a parishioner and staff member at St. Thomas of Canterbury in Greendale, WI, serving as

D'Arcy Becker



D'Arcy Becker, PhD, CPA is a professor of accounting at the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater. After earning her PhD in accounting from UW-Madison, she has been a member of the faculty at the University of New Mexico, the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire and the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater. D'Arcy served as Chair of Accounting at UWEC and UWW for a combined 15 years. D'Arcy has published over 30 academic papers in various areas of accounting, mostly concentrating on factors that drive decision making in accounting. She is a member of St Andrew's Episcopal Church in Madison. D'Arcy has served on the Vestry and various committees at St Andrew's including the gardens and the casserole brigade. D'Arcy has

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The Rev. Esther Kramer

I've been an Episcopalian for nearly 40 years and have actively participated in churches where my husband and I attended in Wisconsin, Michigan, South Carolina and Georgia. My graduate degrees are in Communication and I taught at several colleges and universities. With my first appointment to a senior administrative role in 2002, I found that I enjoyed addressing higher education concerns. I became aware of the profound desire we all have to live a life with purpose and in peace. Later in my life, I felt a call to holy orders and service in the church. In 2016 I was ordained to the diaconate and in 2020 to the priesthood. I feel blessed to serve as rector at St. Aidan's in Hartford and I have served in various roles in the diocese. Currently, I am a member of the Executive Committee and

I'm the out-going president of the Disciplinary Board. I am optimistic about the future of the Episcopal church and feel privileged to join with others in considering its direction.



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The Very Rev. Lars Skoglund

The Reverend Lars Skoglund is the rector of St. Michael's in Racine, his hometown, where he is happy to be back close to so much delicious kringle. Lars serves as the Dean of the South Convocation, and has also been involved in the diocese through Camp Webb, DCDI, and his previous roles as vicar of St. Aidan's, Hartford, and lay pastoral assistant at Trinity, Baraboo. Lars is married to Katie, a registered dietician with WIC, and they are the parents to twins, Oskar and Jayne. He enjoys reading, hiking, camping, and lifting heavy things - and plans to compete in his first strongman competition next year.



The Rev. Mike Tess

Fr. Mike Tess has been a parish priest for 22 years in the diocese of Milwaukee and now serves as the Rector of St. Mark's - Beaver Dam. Previously he has served as vicar of St. Aidan's - Hartford, Good Shepherd - Sun Prairie, St. Barnabas - Richland Center and in several capacities over the years in the Diocese of Milwaukee. He served for 3 years on the Executive Council and was the first alternate for the 78th General Convention in Salt Lake City. He has worked on the local diocesan and national level with the Episcopal Latino and Hispanic Ministries. He is currently on the design team for the bi-annual national Latino gathering Nuevo Amancer.

He has served small churches his entire ministry and has a passion for ministry to the Latino community and those away from the church for decades. He is a graduate of Church Development Institute and Clergy Leadership Project. He is the convenor of the Beaver Dam Area Ministers. Fr. Mike is also the Police Chaplain for the Beaver Dam Police Department

He is married for 25 years to his wife Heidi. They have four young adults, Isaac 23, Adam 22, Ann 21 and Emily 20. Fr. Mike has taught Special Education in Sun Prairie, He has coached Cross Country, Wrestling and Track and in 2000 took 10th in the US Olympic trials in Greco-Roman wrestling.

Fr. Mike has a passion for serving the local and wider church community and serving as an alternate to The General Convention would be a way of continuing to serve the wider church.

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Janet Finn

Janet Finn (Holy Trinity, Prairie du Chien) I am an active member of Holy Trinity, Prairie du Chien where I have belonged for 56 years. I have served the parish in many capacities, including organist, altar guild president, church school teacher, lay Eucharistic minister, vestry clerk, Sr. Warden (20 years), delegate to Committee to Elect a Bishop (2003), lay deputy to diocesan convention (since 1988 to present), search committee chair, CDI participant, member of diocesan Strategic Planning Committee, member of Canon 28 Task Force (currently). Additionally, I am actively involved in: the Wisconsin State Historical Society, serving as a guide and curatorial cleaner; Prairie du Chien Historical Society having served as its secretary for 18 years, Women's Civic Club service organization, local hospital auxiliary; local school board (member for 12 years); American Cancer Society Relay for Life (5 years as chair), the and the local performing arts board. Our family has hosted foreign exchange students and has been active in the Girl Scouts.

I am a retired middle school science teacher (20 years), have been married to Theodore Finn, retired 3M chemical engineer, for 58 years; we have three married daughters and eight grandchildren. My husband and I have resided in Prairie du Chien for 56 years. I attended the General Convention in 2012, 2015, & 2018 and am seeking the nomination for Alternate Lay Deputy to the 2024 General Convention. The Episcopal Church has been a focal point in my life since I became a member in 1966. I feel that the Holy Spirit is calling me to continue my work representing the Diocese of Milwaukee at the General Convention of 2024.



Sharon Johnson

Sharon Johnson was born into the Episcopal church in 1956 and with her family attended services at several churches in the Chicago area. In 1974, she moved to WI and joined Church of St. John in Burlington. The standing joke is that she started coming to save Burlington from her grandmother's driving. But the truth is she always yearned for a deeper relationship with God and to serve him anyway possible. She served as youth leader, Sunday school teacher, church administrator, on the Fall Auction Committee and has attended a number of Diocesan conventions as a lay deputy. She graduated from the Education for Ministry program a number of years ago. Currently, she is a reader, Morning

Prayer leader, treasurer and on her 3rd term on Vestry. She fills in where and when help is needed. She was married for 39 years and raised 2 children.

Mary Metz

Mary is a retired elementary teacher having taught for 34 years in the School District of Grafton, WI. She graduated from Marquette University with an emphasis in education and theology. At St. Boniface she has served on the Vestry, as Director of Religious Education, and is currently Office Administrator.



Jill Underly

Jill Underly lives in the Town of Moscow in southeast Iowa County and has been a member of Trinity Mineral Point since 2016. She was received in the Diocese of Indianapolis in 2000. Jill holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from UW Madison. Currently, Jill is the statewide elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction and works in Madison. She and her husband, John, have two children who attend Pecatonica High School. She has served on the Trinity vestry off and on since 2017, and she and her family are active volunteers with the Iowa County Humane Society. In her spare time she enjoys baking, walking in Wisconsin's State Parks, riding her bike with her kids, and has recently begun home-roasting coffee beans.