197th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Kentucky
Nominees for Election

Trustees & Council:
Trustees and Council manages the temporal affairs of the Diocese subject to the Canons of the 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 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 which 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, committed 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; members should expect to pay for travel, lodging and meals for these meetings. 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. Suzanne Barrow (2025), the Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer (2025), Paula Lyons (2025), Edwin White (2025), the Rev. Dr. Michael Vollman (2026), Mary Jones Carter (2026), and James Moody (2026). Two presbyters and two laypersons will be elected for three-year terms to replace the Rev. Charles Uhlik, the Rev. Clint Wilson, Becky Carroll, and Christine Thorowgood, and one presbyter will be elected for a 2-year term.

The following presbyters have been nominated for two three-year terms and one 2-year unexpired term.



The Rev. Doug Adkins
The Rev. Doug Adkins is rector at St. Andrew's, Louisville. He has been part of the diocese for 1 year. Previously, he was Director of Congregational Life at St. Matthew's.



The Rev. Benjamin Hart
The Rev. Benjamin Hart is rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Anchorage. He has served as deputy to the 81st General Convention and is a member of the Commission on Liturgy and Music. He has previously been a member of the Standing Committee for the diocese.



The Rev. Barbara White
The Rev. Barbara White is associate rector at St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church, Harrods Creek where she has served almost four years. She is currently involved in adult education, liturgical planning, pastoral care, and is chaplain to the Kentucky Daughters of the King. In addition, she is involved in worship services at KCIW and is on the Committee on Canons for the diocese.

The following layperson(s) have been nominated for two three-year terms:



Robin Garr
Robin Garr has been a communicant of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for 16 years and part of the diocese for the same length of time. At St. Matthew's he is currently on vestry and serves as Secretary/Clerk. He is also an adult education leader, lector, eucharistic minister, and choir member. He previously served as a licensed preacher and a director of evangelism. He is a self-employed writer and digital creator.

Rick Rummel
Rick Rummel has been a communicant of St. Luke's, Anchorage for 32 years and part of the diocese for the same length of time. At St. Luke's he is on the vestry and is serving at the diocesan convention as a teller. He was previously on the search committee for St. Luke's and was a volunteer at the 81st General Convention. He is an account executive with Baxter Healthcare.

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 one (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 Episcopal 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 has been in the Diocese long enough to know the workings of the Diocese and its individuals, conditions and situations, and has been supportive of the work of the church even though the nominee may disagree with some decisions. Each clerical nominee must be canonically resident in the diocese, either parochial or non-parochial and 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 ten 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 Convention shall be eligible for re-election to the Standing Committee until an interval of one (1) year has elapsed.

Continuing members are the Rev. Dcn. Harvey Roberts (2025), the Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel (2025), Philip Eschles (2025), the Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey (2026), and Nelson Jackson (2026). One presbyter and one layperson will be elected for three-year terms to replace the Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer and Susie Watkins.

The following presbyter has been nominated for one three-year term:



The Rev. Kelly Kirby
The Rev. Kelly Kirby is the rector at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church where she has served for 10 years. In the diocese she is currently on the Disciplinary Board for Ecclesiastical Discipline. She has previously served a deputy to the 80th General Convention, on the Dispatch of Business committee. She has served on Trustees & Council and was chair of tie Commission on Racial Reconciliation for the Diocese of Kentucky. She is currently a committee member of the DuPont Manual Publisher's Board Fundraising Committee.

The following layperson has been nominated for one three-year term:

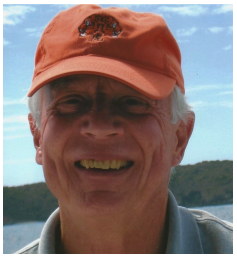


Christopher Amiot-Funk
Christopher Amiot-Funk has been a communicant of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Louisville for 13 years and a part of the diocese for the same length of time. At Church of the Advent he serves on the altar guild and as an acolyte. He is a member of Trustees & Council for the diocese. He has previously served as the chair of the altar guild at Advent and secretary of the vestry. He has also been a deputy to General Convention. He is the Chief Information Officer for My Financing USA.

Trustees, the Bishop Dudley Memorial Trust:
The Board of Trustees of the Bishop Dudley Memorial Trusts is a semi-independent, non-profit corporation which 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 one (1) year has elapsed.

Continuing members are Hugh Alex Campbell, Jr. (2025), James Hendon (2025), Cooper Lilly (2026), and Joseph Reese (2026). Three laypersons will be elected for three-year terms to replace Tom Cooper, Ann Puckett, and James Moody, and one layperson will be elected for a 2-year unexpired term and one layperson will be elected for a 1-year term.

The following laypersons have been nominated for 3 three-year terms, 1 two-year unexpired term, and 1 one-year unexpired term:



Neville Blakemore, Jr.
Neville Blakemore, Jr. has been a communicant of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for over 20 years and a life-long member of the diocese. At St. Matthew's he serves as lector, acolyte, eucharistic minister, member & topic leader of Horizon Readers, Via Media organizer & group leader, contributor & solicitor to the Building the Spirit Capital Campaign, and on the Planned Giving & Stewardship committee. In the diocese he has served on the Mission Funding Committee, All Saints Capital Campaign, and steering committee. In the community he has been part of the board of directors of the Walden Theatre, Mockingbird Valley Preservation Alliance, Actors Theatre of Louisville, and Greater Louisville Fund for the Arts.



David Eager
David Eager is a communicant at St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church, Harrods Creek. He has been part of the congregation and the diocese for 40 years. He currently serves on the St. Francis Legacy Endowment Committee, the Welcome Team, as a greeter, and an office volunteer. He previously served on the Music Director Search Committee, the HR Review & Benefits Task Force, and on vestry. He is retired from the KY Public Pensions Authority where he was executive director, and was the former head of Mercer Global Investment Consulting & former owner of Eager Manager Advisory. He is on the board of directors of the Blue Coats of Louisville, which provides scholarships for families of outstanding police/fire officers.



Bill Shory
Bill Shory is a communicant at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. He has been part of the congregation and the diocese for 9 years. He currently serves at St. Matthew's on video streaming, PR support, and on the Trivia Night Committee. He previously served on vestry, in video production, and on the Capital Campaign Committee. He is the owner of Fleur de Lis Communications and formerly the news director at WAVE-TV. He serves in the community on the Louisville and Kentucky boards of the Imagination Library and is a board member at Dupont Manual High School J&C Magnet.

Brenda Willoughby
Brenda Willoughby is a communicant of Christ Episcopal Church, Bowling Green. She has been part of the congregation and the diocese for 31 years. She currently serves on vestry, as eucharistic minister, lay reader, eucharistic visitor, and Community Lunch and Room in the Inn volunteer. She retired from her position as manager at AT&T. In the community she is on the board of directors of HOTEL INC and Service One Credit Union. She volunteers with Hope Harbor Sexual Assault & Trauma Recovery Center.

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 The Rev. Steven Spicer (2025) and Stephanie Miller (2026). One layperson is to be elected for a three-year term to replace Leslie Newman.

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



Robin J. McNally
Robin McNally is a communicant at St. Matthew's Espicopal Church, Louisville. She has been part of St. Matthew's and the diocese for 2 years. She serves as eucharistic minister, lector, and altar guild. She also is part of the Creation Card group and food pantry. She previously was the co-chair of the Endowment Committee at St. Matthew's. She is retired from college/university administration. In the community she supports UP Louisville, which provides services for women & children.



Leslie Newman
Leslie Newman is a communicant at St. Paul's Espicopal Church, Henderson. She has been part of St. Paul's and the diocese for 55 years. She serves as youth director, lay reader, eucharistic minister, and deputy to diocesan convention. In addition, she serves the diocese as Trustee, University of the South where she is currently committee chair of the Nominations, Elections, and Credentials Committee, on the Committee on Canons, and volunteer to General Convention. She is a district court judge for Henderson District Court, Division 2. She serves on the boards of the American Lung Association of Middland States, Henderson County ASAP, and the Sandy Lee Songfest. She is also a volunteer for the Henderson County Music Preservation Society, PITP, and NAACP.

Disciplinary Board for Ecclesiastical Discipline:
The process and procedure for ecclesiastical discipline in the Diocese is prescribed in Title IV of the Canons of the General Convention and Diocesan Canon 29. Title IV as revised by General Convention 2009 creates a hybrid mediation and hearing model whose stated purposes include efforts to "resolve conflicts by promoting healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, amendment of life and reconciliation among all involved or affected by" alleged Clergy misconduct. Diocesan Canon 29 creates a Disciplinary Board of seven members, four Clergy and three lay, which functions 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. All members elected to serve on the Disciplinary Board should be emotionally mature and intelligent individuals who are capable of understanding and evaluating evidence and can be expected to be

fair-minded and objective when considering alleged violations and can appreciate the needs of the Church, the vulnerabilities of the victim or complainant and the defenses presented by respondent Clergy. Because our Diocese and the Diocese of Lexington have elected to share resources if needed, members of the Disciplinary Board in our Diocese may be called upon to serve in a similar capacity during a Title IV proceeding in the Diocese of Lexington. Existing members of the Disciplinary Board may be reelected for up to three successive terms of three years each after which such a member shall not be eligible for further election for at least one year after the end of his or her third consecutive term; members of the Standing Committee are not canonically disqualified from serving on the Board.

Continuing members are the Rev. Kelly Kirby (2025), the Ven. Kellie Mysinger (2025), and Alexandra Mason (2026). One clergyperson and two laypersons will be elected for three-year terms to replace the Rev. Jerry Cappel, Tom Noe, and Martha Blair Harrison, and one clergyperson will be elected to a 2-year term.

The following layperson has been nominated for two three-year terms:

Phil Poore
Phil Poore has been a communicant of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and a member of the diocese for 7 years. He is currently chair of the Outreach Committee and is a member of the vestry. He retired as an administrator of JCPS.

Cathedral Chapter Representative:
The articles of incorporation of Christ Church Cathedral authorize the Convention 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 of Kentucky. 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 Angie Mills (2025) and the Rev. Dr. Michael Vollman (2026). One person (lay or clergy) will be elected for a three-year term to replace the Rev. Dcn. Mark Richard.

The following people have been nominated for one three-year term:



Priscilla Bond
Priscilla Bond has been a communicant of St. Luke's, Anchorage and part of the diocese for 9 years. At St. Luke's she serves as chair of the Personnel Committee and is a member of the Altar Guild. In the diocese she is member of the Magnificat Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King. She has previously served on vestry as senior warden and as a member of the Search Committee. In the community she volunteers with Kentucky Refugee Ministries and Mission Behind Bars. She is a pediatric dentist with the Pediatric Dental Group of Louisville.



Bob Nesmith

Bob Nesmith has been a communicant of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for 49 years and a member of the diocese for 53 years. He currently serves as a lector, organizer of parish trip to Montgomery/Selma, and supports the food pantry. In the diocese he is part of the St. George's Scholar Institute. He is retired from the U.S. Coast Guard, IBM, and as a private business owner. He serves the community as part of the Louisville Rotary, Listen, Learn, Act for Racial Justice, West End School, Francis Parker School, KY Refugee Ministries, Quarterback Club, Filson Historical Society, and Miliary Officers Association.

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. One person will be elected for a one-year term.

The current secretary is Kay Shields Wilkinson.

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



Kay Shields Wilkinson

Kay Shields Wilkinson has been a communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, and a part of the diocese for 58 years. At the Cathedral, Wilkinson serves as treasurer, as a member of the Finance Committee, and the Endowment Corporation. In the diocese, she serves as Secretary of the Diocese and Registrar of the Diocese and as a member of the Executive Committee. In the community, she serves on the board of directors of the University Club at the University of Louisville and as historian for the Louisville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. She is a retired CPA.