



Vestry Nominees

We have seven candidates for election this year!

Thank you to everyone who agreed to run: we really appreciate your willingness to serve. Ballots will be sent out via mail as part of the 2026 Stewardship Mailing/Q3 Statement

mailing. (We're planning on having that in the mail by October 6th.)

The deadline to return your ballot is Sunday the 26th of October: we need that week to count the ballots. The results of the election will be reported at the Annual Meeting on November 2nd.

In the meantime, here are the bios for our candidates. Enjoy!



Barbara Conroy Greetings! I have been a member of St Peters for a few years now. I live in Long Neck with my spouse Elizabeth Kaeton+ and our pups., Elliot and Olivia. I am proud to have been Abbess of the Anamchara Fellowship for nine years and remain a member of the Leadership Team. At St Peter's I am a recent licensed Worship Leader/Preacher, a Stephen Minister/Leader and a Licensed Eucharistic Visitor. A retired Nurse, having retired as a hospice home care provider, I also volunteer at the Delaware Hospice Center as a Spiritual Visitor. My focus is Pastoral Care and Steven Ministry In addition I am committed to outreach and mission and bringing the needs of our Community back to the Church.



Robert Gotwalt Robert is hoping to be re-elected to serve his second term on St. Peter's Vestry. He has been a member of St. Peter's since November 2017 having transferred from Mount Olive Lutheran church in Minneapolis, MN. Since then, and upon his retirement in 2020 as a SVP of Operations and Consultant Delivery for Lee Hecht Harrison, LLC, a global human talent solutions company, he has been actively involved at St. Peter's in a number of roles, including: the Vestry from 2023-2025 as the Adult Formation and Spirituality representative for the

congregation; graduated from EfM in 2022 and now mentors our STaR programme in its 3rd year this September; he additionally organises and facilitates our Lenten and Summer Spirituality Series. Robert serves as an usher, a lector, coordinator of our Prayer Shawl Ministry, as needed as a SPY and Godly Play facilitator, leads Daily Prayer, and an art fair volunteer. Most recently he was certified through the Dean T. Stevenson School for Ministry and Bishop Brown to serve as a lay worship leader and preacher. He volunteers as a pre-opening volunteer at the Lewes Library one day per week. Robert earned his BA in Latin from Gettysburg College, and his MDiv from what is now Martin Luther University College, Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. Robert lives with his life-partner of 41 years in Rehoboth Beach.



Steve Hrybyk Steve and his wife Beth joined St. Peter's in 2022 shortly after they moved here from the Baltimore area. Steve sings as a tenor in the St. Peter's Choir, volunteers as an Intake Coordinator at the Rehoboth Community Resource Center, and volunteers each year at the annual art show. Steve retired from the Federal Government in 2020 where he worked at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in various roles over 15 years. His last assignment was in the Office of the Director where he was a facilitator in Performance Improvement, which included facilitating

Strategy Development, Lean and Value Stream mapping, and Human Centered Design. Prior to that, he worked in Medicaid grant oversight and Federal contract

management and monitored States' Medicaid program expenditures and demonstration program evaluations. Steve also worked for the State of Maryland for 22 years where he was the COO at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center in Jessup, MD and began his career in healthcare as a music therapist. His degrees include a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Music with certifications in Music Education and Music Therapy. Steve has a passion for choral music and has been singing professionally in groups since his college days. He was a tenor soloist for 30 years at St. John's Episcopal Western Run Parish in Glyndon, MD and has sung with the Baltimore Opera Chorus, Concert Artists of Baltimore, the Baltimore Symphony Chorus, Baltimore Choral Arts Society and, most recently, the Arundel Vocal Arts Society where he served as the president of the Board of Directors for 4 years. Steve and Beth live in Lewes with their daughter Katie and their 15 year old, 80 pound Goldendoodle, Teddy.



Brian Jenkins I was baptized Lutheran at the age of 2. At age 5 we as a family moved from the greater Baltimore area to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, specifically the town of Rock Hall. At the age of 7, my mother and myself began attending the oldest church in Maryland, St. Paul's Kent County. There I sang in the children's choir and assisted with the annual Thanksgiving dinner. During the following years, I assisted my mother with her altar guild duties. Every Sunday that she served in that capacity, the rector would take us to breakfast. During those formative years, I became close to George Taylor, our rector. In

seminary, Fr. Taylor was roommates with Allen Miller. Allen Miller went on to be the Bishop of the Diocese of Easton and Fr. Taylor's boss. When the Rt. Rev. Miller retired, Fr. Taylor was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Easton. Seminary roommates succeeding one another is very unusual. While at St. Paul's I was confirmed and went on to be the 8 o'clock acolyte/chalicer for the next 6 years every Sunday. My liturgical training was very specific and thorough. More than 30 years later, the Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland relied on me to train 10 diaconate candidates in their liturgical duties. Nine of those candidates were vocational trainees and one was transitional. After 6 months the transitional candidate got her own church. Duties and responsibilities over a lifetime: Acolyte, Chalice Bearer, Reader, Celebrant (morning

prayer), Sermons while Church was searching for a new Rector, Choir member, Groundskeeper (volunteer), Altar guild member, Director of Altar Guild, Vestry Member, Senior Warden (While senior warden, solicited and received \$1 million donation for the church), Bishop's visitation committee member, visited 5 churches for the Bishop with other committee members and visited 30 of on my own. Bishop Sutton was one of Father Ross's instructors while at seminary.



Sandra Jost For as long as I can remember, I have always been involved in the life of the church. While I am a newly minted Episcopal (just over 2 1/2 years), I came from a 45 year journey as a Lutheran. Prior to that my family was Presbyterian. Through it all I have been nurtured and fed by many wonderful shepherds who have guided me in my faith adventure, My biggest strengths have been music and mission. I have spent years singing, accompanying and directing choirs, bells, dramas and assisting with VBS. My

passion for mission has included organizing a mission trip to New Orleans to help with the Hurricane Katrina rebuild, participating in 2 mission trips to Bosnia to help teach children peace and reconciliation skills through the arts, and serving twice in Los Cocos, Dominican Republic building new homes and providing educational, vocational and health needs in the community. I would be honored to serve on the vestry and welcome the opportunity to share my experiences as well as be open to new ways where my gifts and talents could be used.



Minnie Shorter St. Peter's has been my spiritual home since 2013. I have found it to be incredibly welcoming and inclusive. I moved to Lewes from Baltimore, Maryland, after I retired from a 30+ year career in Information Technology, in both private and public sectors, rising from a Programmer Trainee to an IT Project Manager. I am honored to serve on the Financial Advisory Committee, the Open Door Campaign, and on the Vestry as your Treasurer. In the past year, I developed and maintained the annual budget, monitored

costs related to the construction of the Hart House, and renegotiated terms for the Line of Credit for Phases 1 and 2, and the mortgage on the Rectory. Previously I worked with the Diocese's Disaster Preparedness Team, and prepared a presentation on hurricanes, tornados and flooding. I live in the Villages of Five Points with Tom Crowley, who is your Chancellor. In my free time, I read and discuss books with my book club, learn different languages (currently working on Spanish), I travel the world with Tom, visit friends and family (sons, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins) in the Baltimore/Washington area, dine out with friends in our wonderful restaurants, garden on our patio, and whip up meals based on what is growing in the garden and what dishes we have tried out on our travels.



Dan Somerset My name is Dan Somerset and I am seeking your consideration in electing me to serve on your Vestry. As we prepare to grant ourselves a little respite from the tremendous work of the Open Door Project's first two phases, I would like to offer my time and talent to assist our parish leadership in preparing for a revitalized Phase III, focusing on the Parish Hall. In Phase I, we strengthened our "sanctuary" in Lewes. Phase II has given us the breathing room to contemplate the other half of our mission: being the "heart" of Lewes. I have been a member of St. Peter's Church since 2004, and my husband Paul and I have raised our three sons in this parish. I have served in various leadership positions over the last two decades, most recently with the Invite-Welcome-Connect, Mission & Outreach, and Financial Advisory committees. With your indulgence, I welcome the opportunity to tend the embers of the Open Door Project until we're ready to rekindle the fire and forge a new Community Hall at the heart of Lewes. Thank you in advance for your support.