

ELECTIONS TO DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP

EASTERN MICHIGAN

Diocesan Council (1 Lay, 1 Clergy)

The council serves as the governing authority of the diocese and administers the secular affairs including the budget, managing resources, creation of task forces, and more. There are six members serving three year terms.

Lay Nominees:

- *There have been no nominations in this order.*

Clergy Nominees:

- The Rev. Ann Grady - St. Christopher's, Grand Blanc

Standing Committee (1 Lay, 1 Clergy)

The Standing Committee serves as the council of advice to the bishop and assumes the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese when there is a bishop vacancy in addition to other duties. The six members also serve on Diocesan Council and serve three year terms.

Lay Nominees:

- Barb Ilkka - St. John's, Saginaw

Clergy Nominees:

- The Rev. Lydia Speller - Grace, Port Huron

Trustee (5 persons, any order)

The Trustees have oversight and make investment decisions concerning funds belonging to the diocese and some individual congregations. The eight members serve four years.

The following positions are up for election:

- Two terms to end in 2024
- Two unfinished terms to end in 2023
- One unfinished term to end in 2022

Nominees:

- *There have been no nominations.*

Synod Deputies (1 Lay, 1 Clergy)

The Provincial Synod is the governing body of Province V of the Episcopal Church. It meets once every three years in the Spring preceding the General Convention. Elected deputies for the next General Convention are eligible to run. The 2021 Synod Meeting is planned to be an online gathering.

Lay Nominees:

- Carol Moggo - St. Francis, Grayling

Clergy Nominees:

- *There have been no nominations in this order.*

EASTERN MICHIGAN - DIOCESAN COUNCIL NOMINEES



The Rev. Ann Grady

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in
Grand Blanc

Order of Ministry: Clergy

What experience, gifts, and perspective can the nominee offer in the service of our Lord in this office?

Because I serve on several boards, I know and respect how they function. My work before I was ordained involved reading and analyzing state and federal laws and rules. I also drafted amendments that were intended to revise those laws/rules. I

have had occasion to use those skills on many occasions since being ordained.

One of my roles as chaplain to the retired clergy is to answer questions clergy and spouses may have with regard to benefits they receive and are entitled to through the Church Pension Fund.

Please list the nominee's most recent PARISH LEVEL ministries and offices.

Priest in Charge, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Grand Blanc, Apr. 2020 - Present

Please list the nominee's most recent DIOCESAN, CHURCH-WIDE ministries and offices.

Diocesan Chaplain to the Retired Clergy and Spouses, and Surviving Spouses
Diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons

Please list the nominee's most recent COMMUNITY involvement and/or service.

Board of Directors, United Way of Bay County
Commissioner, Bay City Housing Commission
Member, Noon Rotary Club of Bay City

Please list the nominee's participation in anti-racism training(s), including the year in which it was taken.

Participated in anti-racism training at St. John's Episcopal, Midland – November 2017

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EASTERN MICHIGAN - STANDING COMMITTEE NOMINEES



Barb Illka

St. John's Episcopal Church in Saginaw

Order of Ministry: Laity

What experience, gifts, and perspective can the nominee offer in the service of our Lord in this office?

I recently retired having been a nurse for 35 years and the last 18 as a Nurse Practitioner at the Saginaw VA Medical Center. My health care experience taught me critical thinking and listening skills that are essential for this office. My ability to research and gather data before making decisions is also important for this office. Since the VA has electronic medical records, I have been able to become computer literate as well.

I bring the perspective of 30+ years as an Episcopalian with varied roles in the church during that time. I have worked at keeping myself informed regarding diocesan decisions and offerings through the Diocesan newsletter and by attending either the annual convention or pre-convention meetings.

The gifts I bring are my strong faith, caring and nurturing personality, desire to serve this diocese to the best of my ability, and willingness to work hard.

Please list the nominee's most recent PARISH LEVEL ministries and offices.

Vestry 3 terms, most recent 2012-2018, 2 years as Senior Warden during Rector resignation and search for new Rector (2016-2017)
Stewardship Committee, current
Lay Eucharist Minister, current
Lector, current
Altar guild, current
Renewal Works Chair 2019

Please list the nominee's most recent DIOCESAN, CHURCH-WIDE ministries and offices.

Participated and committed to Diocesan Church Development Institute (DCDI) until cancelled by pandemic.

Attendance at the Province V Big Provincial Gathering 2019

Discernment committee 2013-2015

Please list the nominee's most recent COMMUNITY involvement and/or service.

During my career as a nurse and as a Nurse Practitioner at the Saginaw VA, I lived out my baptismal covenant as a ministry with my veteran patients by seeking to serve Christ in all persons and respecting the dignity of every human being.

I have held multiple leadership positions during my career and in Professional Nursing Organizations over the last 20 years.

During my retirement I am looking forward to more community involvement.

Please list the nominee's participation in anti-racism training(s), including the year in which it was taken.

While I haven't taken official anti-racism training, since the death of George Floyd I have done my own research and reading on the subject of systemic racism and white privilege. I have work to do individually and believe society does as well.

I would be willing to take an official training course as well.

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EASTERN MICHIGAN - STANDING COMMITTEE NOMINEES



The Rev. Lydia Speller

Grace Episcopal Church in Port Huron

Order of Ministry: Clergy

What experience, gifts, and perspective can the nominee offer in the service of our Lord in this office?

I have a broad and deep knowledge of the history and polity of the Episcopal Church. I am a trained interims and bring an awareness of transition issues to bear as a settled pastor and in diocesan work – now more than ever it is important to be aware of the dynamics of change. I usually can see the big picture and help groups keep a sense of proportion. I have a sense of humor, believe that conflict is a sign of life and try not to be sensitive or defensive. I delight in the ways that our historically white cominated aging church is embracing the leadership and insights of non older non white leaders.

Please list the nominee's most recent PARISH LEVEL ministries and offices.

I am the rector of Grace, having served the parish since 2013. During this time, we have welcomed as members the congregation of St Paul's, Port Huron, streamlined our staff, renewed our leadership and rationalized our budget – including reducing our dependence on our Endowment. We have just finished a building project to make all levels of our church and parish hall physically accessible. Grace and I have participated in the DCDI.

Please list the nominee's most recent DIOCESAN, CHURCH-WIDE ministries and offices.

I am filling an unexpired term on the Standing Committee, which has turned out to be a bigger adventure than any of us would have imagined with the bishop's suspension and the Pandemic. I would welcome the opportunity to continue on the SC as it navigates our diocese towards a new era both in our diocese and in our world. I served on SC before, from 2015 -2017, another transitional period. I am scheduled to be a General Convention Deputy for 2021 and have served as deputy from Missouri several times. In Missouri I was also on SC and Commission on Ministry. Like everyone, these days I have also learned all kinds of online and streaming ways to

communicate and I believe that these are changing the way many of us "do church" for the long term.

Please list the nominee's most recent COMMUNITY involvement and/or service.

Through Grace I participate in local MLK celebrations, ecumencial worship services, Blue Water Area Churches. Grace is part of the Good News Garden Network and collaboration with #C4 yourself church, which shares space with us, we engage in ministries with the hungry, especially working with children referred to us through the schools.

Please list the nominee's participation in anti-racism training(s), including the year in which it was taken.

Not sure of the year but since 2013 I have been to two trainings (one through the diocese of MI) and Grace hosts and occasional "Sacred Conversations on Race" series. We are exploring how to hose Sacred Circles, a program designed to encourage white people to educate themselves about race and privilege.

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EASTERN MICHIGAN - PROVINCIAL SYNOD NOMINEES



Carol Moggo

St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling

Order of Ministry: Laity

What experience, gifts, and perspective can the nominee offer in the service of our Lord in this office?

I believe that my experience as a Deputy at 4 conventions (2006/2009/2012/2015) is relevant and important for this position. I am aware of all aspects of convention life, I am aware of the issues that will be discussed and voted upon, and that I continue to stay involved through deputy and Province V newsletters, deputation reports and discussions on pertinent issues. I was appointed to and served on Small Church Committee the last 3 conventions and also on the Credentials Committee my first convention. The Province V gathering prior to the next General Convention will prepare me to be a fully engaged participant. I have also served as a delegate to Diocesan convention for many years. I have experience in my employment as Administrative Director at the G.R.A.C.E. Center and have served on various Boards in my community. I believe that I have been called to this service because of my organizational, insightful and analytical skills.

Please list the nominee's most recent PARISH LEVEL ministries and offices.

Elected to Vestry in January 2020.
Elected Delegate to Diocesan Convention January 2020.
Lay Reader
Administrative Director of G.R.A.C.E. Center since 1995.

Please list the nominee's most recent DIOCESAN, CHURCH-WIDE ministries and offices.

Elected Deputy to General Convention 2021
Volunteered to be Diocesan-wide Parish auditor 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
Appointed to Standing Committee in February 2018.

Please list the nominee's most recent COMMUNITY involvement and/or service.

Serve as Ex-Officio on the Board of Directors for G.R.A.C.E. Center
Served as Board Chairperson of AuSable Valley Youth Services 2002-2016

Please list the nominee's participation in anti-racism training(s), including the year in which it was taken.

Trained by the ARM Team in 2004

I have also attended several workshops connected to my employment at G.R.A.C.E. Center in the past 25 years.