

**Diocese of Western North Carolina
Open Positions**

- **The Episcopal Foundation of WNC (3-year term): 4 Adult Lay Communicants.**
- **The Executive Council of the Diocese (3-year term): 1 Adult Lay Communicant from each of the following Deaneries: Asheville, Foothills, Hendersonville & Mountain; 1 Clergy from each of the following Deaneries: Asheville & Western**
- **Standing Committee (4-year term): 1 Adult Lay Communicant, 1 Clergy**
- **Trustees of the Diocese (5-year term): 1 Adult Lay Communicant; 1 Adult Lay Communicant to fill an unfilled 2 year term; 1 Adult Lay Communicant to fill an unfilled 4 year term.**
- **Trustees of the University of the South: 1 Adult Lay Communicant to fill a 3 year term (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025)**

Nominees for Executive Council

Lay Position for Foothills Deanery



Eve Walker is currently the junior warden at St. Mary's and St. Stephen's in Morganton. She became a member of St. Mary's in 2000. She has served numerous terms on the vestry and has previously served as senior and junior warden. Eve is also the Altar Guild Chairperson. Over the years, she has worked with other churches in the community to plan ecumenical vacation bible schools, as well as helped start the Oak Hill Church Collaborative - a group of community church volunteers who provided meals and meeting space for the county's foster grandparent group. She is very interested in serving at the diocesan level for the first time. She has attended convention several times as a delegate. Besides serving on the vestry and altar guild, Eve contributes to St. Mary's and St. Stephen's weekly announcements, maintains the church website, and volunteers as crucifer, lector, and lay minister. Eve has been an educator for over 20 years and is currently serving as K-12 Personalized and Digital Learning Coordinator for McDowell County Schools. She has a BS in Early Childhood Education from East Tennessee State University and a MA in Educational Media from Appalachian State University. She is passionate about instructional technology and student equity. She and her husband Tommy have two daughters, Savannah -19 and Nora -14.

Clergy Position for Western Deanery



The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene is the rector of St. David's in the Valley in Cullowhee, having previously served as Curate at Grace Church in the Mountains in Waynesville. She is part of the diocesan Creation Care Team. Prior to accepting the call to ordained ministry, Gaelyn was a public school teacher working in Asheville City Schools where she enjoyed collaborative work, advocated for children and their families, and earned National Board Certification in Literacy. She is passionate about preaching that connects Scripture to our daily lives and liturgy that makes space for all at the table.

Gaelyn is a year round staff member for the Wild Goose Festival where she handles administration, finance, the closing communion service, and generally makes things happen!

Gaelyn has an A.A.S in Horticulture from Haywood Community College and was the owner of a garden design business prior to earning her B.A. in Sociology with a K-6 Teaching Certification at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Gaelyn graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary. In her free time she enjoys running, reading historical mysteries, gardening, cooking and gluten-free baking, and spending time, especially outside, with her wife, Sarah, daughter, Peyton, and their Labradoodle, Brownie.

Clergy Position – Asheville Deanery



Rev. Milly Morrow is a life-long Episcopalian and was raised in East Tennessee where her mother was a member of the Altar Guild and her father was an EFM mentor and a lay reader in a church her grandparents helped to establish. She is currently the rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Asheville. Before her ordination, Milly served as a community educator, and as an advocate and a counselor for several non-profits working with individuals, families and communities. She specialized in direct service in working with survivors of violent crime and in the areas of economic and racial justice and community capacity building. Her call is to equip the Saints and support the Body of Christ in living out our baptismal covenant to “seek and serve Christ in all

persons” and “to strive for justice and peace among all people”. Throughout her ministry, she has especially focused on providing and overseeing the pastoral care of members in times of need, building empowered lay ministries, decreasing violence (both institutional and personal), uprooting institutional racism and building the capacity of systems to thrive. Also, she has supported and engaged the church in mission opportunities and created relationships across barriers in the local and wider community. Milly earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Social Work from UT Knoxville and a Master's of Divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. She was the founder and missionary for the new church plant, the Kairos West Community Center in West Asheville.

Also, she is the mother of a 12-year-old daughter and the stepmother of two young adults. She is married to Bill Buchanan who is the founder of Youth Mission Co and a Presbyterian minister. Milly can often be found running the trail around Beaver Lake. She loves music, especially jazz, blues, gospel and folk from various areas of the world.

Nominees for Standing Committee - Lay Position



Jacquie Dunbar grew up in a very small town in Tennessee, Portland, and attended the University of Tennessee where she acquired a Masters in Public Health. She worked as a Health Educator, going on to coordinate Health Education in public schools, eventually training teachers, counselors, and principals. Jacquie finished her active work life as the Director of Student Services for Iredell County, retiring in 2009.

Jacquie's early church experience was in a conservative Southern Baptist Church, but she no longer felt welcome when she began exploring her sexuality at the age of 30. Her search for a welcoming church led her to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Boone where she found an accepting and inclusive community and has been an active member for over 20 years. Her deep love of St. Luke's was sealed when they asked her to teach Journey to Adulthood and entrusted her with this ministry, a role she could not envision holding from her earlier church experience.

Jacquie has served St. Luke's in many capacities including: Vestry, Search Committee for Rector, Leader of Women's Group, Chalice Bearer, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Threshold Singers, J2A Leader, Pastoral Care and Meals of Love, work with Boone Mennonite Brethren Church in dismantling racism, and a delegate to Diocesan Convention.

In the wider community, Jacquie has become involved in several community efforts, such as: serving on the board for the Humane Society, Women Build for Habitat for Humanity, a volunteer for the FARM Cafe (feed all regardless of means), and volunteering for the Hospitality House (our homeless shelter that serves seven counties). She currently serves on the board for the Hospitality House.

Jacquie has been very involved in the Episcopal Church on the local level, but desires to serve at the Diocesan level. She is a strong leader and eager to be involved more deeply with the operations of the church, to work with others across the Diocese, to share from the perspective of ministry in the High Country and Mountain Deanery, and to learn from our collective experiences. Jacquie has time and energy to give to this work, making the commitment to attend all meetings, and if elected, looks forward to working with our bishop, Bishop José, as well as other lay and ordained leaders.



Elizabeth "Betsy" Brewer Biega is a member of Trinity, Spruce Pine. She has served on committees in the dioceses of Upper South Carolina, Arkansas and Western North Carolina.

Most recently she has served as an Alternate Deputy to General Convention in Austin 2018. She is a Deputy to General Convention in Baltimore 2022. She was a member of the Transition Team for the election of Bishop Jose McLoughlin.

She feels called to serve on the Standing Committee for our diocese having had experience serving on the Bishops Council in Upper South Carolina.



Mr. James Bowden was in the USAF from 1967 - 1974 and served in Viet Nam for 1 year. When he got out of service, he worked for Duke Energy for 37 years. He received an AAS Electrical/Electronics in 1981 and retired from Duke Energy in 2009 where he was in the field of work control and risk management at the Nuclear Power Plants.

I am a cradle Episcopalian and have served 4 previous times on the Vestry and was Senior Warden for 3 of those times. I was treasurer for 20 years for the church and am over church financial software currently. For the past 3 years I was on the Executive Council for the Bishop and also the Vice President for 2 years. My wife and I have been at St. Peter's in Denver, NC since 1979 when the first service was held in Fotinos Hall. Ann and I have been married for 54 years and have 2 children, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Nominee for Standing Committee - Clergy Position



The Reverend Andrew J. Hege began serving as Rector of St. Mary of the Hills, Blowing Rock in June 2019. Hege is originally from Thomasville, North Carolina and, prior to his call to Blowing Rock, he served as Assistant to the Rector at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lexington, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Montreat College, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, and Virginia Theological Seminary.

Hege currently serves as the Dean of the Mountain Deanery. Previously, Andrew served on the Commission on Ministry and was a member of the Committee on Constitution and Canons in the Diocese of Lexington.

In addition to his work at St. Mary's, Hege is active in the Blowing Rock and High Country communities. He is completing a Certificate of Civic Religious Leadership from Wake Forest University School of Divinity.

Andrew's greatest joy as a priest is the privilege of walking through life's many seasons with people and communities. He is a passionate follower of Jesus, committed to the belief that we are all called to the holy work of sharing God's love, mercy, and justice in the world. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, running, and golf. Andrew is married to Amanda, and they have two children, Eleanor and David.

Nominee for Trustee, University of the South



Perrin Dargan is a life-long Episcopalian and is currently serving as Sr. Warden at Good Shepherd in Cashiers. (That term concludes in 2021.) Perrin's son Sanders graduated from Sewanee in 2016, and Perrin fell in love with the University while visiting his son over four years. His uncle, Richard Dargan, also graduated from Sewanee.

Perrin has been practicing law for over 25 years, most recently with the international law firm of K&L Gates LLP. He graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law cum laude, and as a practicing attorney he has served as Chair of the South Carolina Bar Environment and Natural Resources Section and as Committee vice Chair for the American Bar Association of Environment, Energy, and Resources.

Perrin has also volunteered time at Pisgah Legal Services, serving on the Steering Committee of the Plateau Poverty Law Institute (formed to help create an office of Pisgah Legal Services on the Cashiers-Highlands Plateau.) That office opened in 2020.

He believes his lifelong affiliation with and love for the Episcopal Church--including Sewanee--along with skills developed over his legal career will help him contribute positively on the Sewanee Board of Trustees.

Perrin and his wife Lisa have five children, and in 2021, they welcomed their first grandchild into the world. Their two dogs also keep them busy!