



Nominations for Election

Episcopal Diocese of WNC



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Positions to Fill:

- 1 Clergy - Asheville Deanery
- 1 Clergy - Piedmont Deanery
- 1 Lay Person - Piedmont Deanery
- 1 Lay Person - Foothills Deanery
- 2 Lay Persons - At Large

Clergy



The Rev. David McNair
St. John's, Asheville - Asheville Deanery

The Rev. David McNair was ordained in 2008 and currently serves as Rector of St. John's, Asheville. He previously served as Rector of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, Mars Hill, and Associate Rector at St. James, Black Mountain. Before ordination, he was Canon for Youth, College, and Young Adult Ministries and Director of Camp Henry. Passionate about liturgy, racial healing, and community building, David brings deep pastoral experience and a spirit of collaboration to his ministry.



The Rev. Dr. Ronald Taylor
St. Peter by the Lake, Denver - Piedmont Deanery

The Rev. Ron Taylor has served as Rector of St. Peter by-the-Lake since August 1996. He holds M.Div. and D.Min. degrees from the School of Theology at the University of the South. Ron has previously served two terms on Executive Council representing the Piedmont Deanery, on the Camp Henry Board, and as Camp Henry Chaplain for ten summers. He and his wife, Karen, have been married for 41 years and have two adult children, Matthew and Caitlin.



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Lay Persons



Ms. Sandra Miller Camp

St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton - Piedmont Deanery

Sandra is a lifelong member of St. Gabriel's, where she has served as Treasurer, Parish Administrator, and pianist for over 30 years. She has also served on the Vestry, Executive Council, Fiscal Ministries, and the Human Hurt and Hope Grant Committee at the diocesan level. A retired Certified Public Manager with the N.C. Department of Commerce, Sandra has also served on several local nonprofit boards and committees.



Mr. Steve Snyder

St. Alban's, Hickory - Foothills Deanery

Steve Snyder has been a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church since 1979, offering over four decades of faithful service and leadership. He has served multiple terms on the Vestry, guided the parish through key decisions, and was part of the 2011 Search Committee for a new priest. Through each of these ministries, Steve has demonstrated a steady faith and a strong sense of community, rooted in the Episcopal values of worship, and service.



Dr. Daniel Raiford

All Saints, Franklin - At Large Representative

Daniel and his wife moved from Charlotte to Franklin in 2020 and joined All Saints soon after. They have been active members since, with Linda serving on the Flower Guild and Daniel on the Vestry. Daniel has been an Episcopalian since childhood and previously attended St. Peter's in Charlotte. A practicing oral surgeon for 53 years, he served as Reserve Officer in the Army Dental Corps. He retired as Colonel in 2005.



Ms. Kathy Wright

Good Shepherd, Hayesville - At Large Representative

Kathy Wright is a longtime member of Good Shepherd, Hayesville, and previously worshiped at Messiah, Murphy. At Good Shepherd, she has served on the Vestry, as Kitchen Coordinator, and on several committees, and currently co-chairs the Library and Prayer Shawl Ministries. She also serves as an Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Intercessor, Eucharistic Visitor, Usher, and Greeter. A retired banker, Kathy and her husband, Michael—a fine woodworker—have made their home in Brasstown for more than 50 years.



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STANDING COMMITTEE

Positions to Fill: 1 Clergy & 1 Lay Person

Clergy



The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove
Good Shepherd, Hayesville

Bill is in his twelfth year as rector of Good Shepherd, Hayesville. He has served as dean of the Western Deanery, on Congregational Vitality, the Board of Lake Logan, and as Chair of the Commission on Ministry. In the community, he served for several years on the board of the local women's shelter and as president of the local community foundation.



The Rev. Dr. Robert Wetherington
St. Mary's, Asheville

The Rev. Dr. Robert Wetherington serves as Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Asheville and Dean of the Asheville Deanery. A graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and Vanderbilt Divinity School, he has over sixteen years of ordained ministry in three dioceses, and has focused on building relationships and community. Robert has served on Standing Committee, Executive Committee, and several diocesan committees, and previously directed Camp Mitchell Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center. After Tropical Storm Helene, he led major relief efforts distributing supplies across the region.

Lay Persons



Mr. Don Hunley
St. James, Black Mountain

Confirmed by Bishop Johnson while living in Sylva, Don found a lasting spiritual home in the Episcopal Church at St. David's, Cullowhee. He later worshiped at All Souls in Asheville and now attends St. James, Black Mountain, where joining the choir opened a new path of faith. A retired civil engineer and project manager, his work took him across Western North Carolina and abroad. He has served on civic boards including Habitat for Humanity and Rotary and is eager to serve the Diocese.



Ms. Amanda Cook
Church of the Transfiguration, Bat Cave

Amanda was raised at St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church in Aiken, South Carolina, where she served as an acolyte, volunteer, and member of the EYC, and was part of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina Youth Council. Since moving to Marion in 2019, she has been Parish Administrator at St. John's and volunteered at the 2021 General Convention in Baltimore. Amanda now serves as a reader, usher, and Eucharistic Minister at Transfiguration, Bat Cave.



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Positions to Fill: 1 Clergy & 1 Lay Person

Clergy



The Rev. Joslyn Schaefer
Grace Church in the Mountains, Waynesville

The Rev. Joslyn Ogden Schaefer has served as Rector of Grace Church in the Mountains, Waynesville, since 2017. A graduate of Davidson College, the University of Edinburgh, Episcopal Divinity School, and The Aquinas Institute, she offers spiritual direction and leadership training grounded in Bowen Family Systems Theory. Joslyn views churches as webs of light, love, and friendship through which the Spirit sustains the world.

Lay Person



Ms. Christine Longoria
Cathedral of All Souls, Asheville

A lifelong Episcopalian originally from Texas, Christine worships at the Cathedral of All Souls, where she has served on the Vestry and is a member of the Cathedral Choir and Arts Commission. She previously worshiped at Grace and St. Mary's in Asheville and has served on the Bishop's Transition Team and the Standing Committee. A graduate of Trinity University, Christine has worked as a stockbroker, realtor, and probation officer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Positions to Fill: 1 Clergy & 1 Lay Person

Clergy



The Rev. Tracey Kelly
Holy Family, Mills River

The Rev. Tracey Kelly is Rector of Holy Family in Mills River. She previously served at St. James, Hendersonville, and in Virginia as Associate Rector at St. Francis, Great Falls. With degrees from Virginia Theological Seminary, Virginia Tech, and The George Washington University, Tracey brings expertise in finance and administration to parish leadership—drawing on her background as a former economist and business analyst.

Lay Persons



Mr. Jim Heil
St. Peter by the Lake, Denver

A lifelong Episcopalian, Jim Heil and his wife, Stephanie, joined St. Peter by-the-Lake in 2007, where he has served multiple Vestry terms, including as Jr. and Sr. Warden, and now as Treasurer. Active in youth and worship ministries, he is also a Chalice Bearer and Lay Reader. A Clemson graduate with a degree in Electrical Engineering, Jim works in executive leadership at Truist Bank. He values faith, family, and service.



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DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Positions to Fill: 2 Clergy & 1 Lay Person

Clergy



The Rev. Jonathan Stepp
St. Alban's, Hickory

The Rev. Jonathan Stepp serves as Priest in Charge at St. Alban's, Hickory, and currently chairs the Diocesan Nominating Committee. He has also served as Chair of the Constitution and Canons Committee, President of the Standing Committee, and member of the Camp Henry Board. A native of Hendersonville, Jonathan holds degrees from Campbell University Divinity School and Sewanee. With a strong interest in canon law and church administration, he views this work as part of his vocation.



The Rev. Patty Mouer
Cathedral of All Souls, Asheville

The Rev. Patty Mouer seeks to serve on the Disciplinary Board, offering her many years of pastoral experience to the important work of addressing clergy misconduct with care and integrity. She has served in the Diocese of Western North Carolina since 1996, both as a lay and clergy leader, including twenty years as Rector of St. Luke's, Asheville. Patty brings deep experience in parish ministry and a commitment to fostering healthy clergy and congregations with theological soundness and pastoral sensitivity.

Lay Person



Ms. Jillian Fisher
St. James, Black Mountain

Jillian has been an active member of St. James, Black Mountain for over 10 years. She has served on the Vestry, diocesan boards, and several local nonprofit and planning boards, reflecting her deep commitment to community service. A lawyer and in-house counsel for a renewable energy organization, she is passionate about leaving the world—both globally and locally—better than she found it.



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THE EPISCOPAL FOUNDATION OF WNC

Positions to Fill: 3 Lay Persons (Piedmont, Foothills, and Western Deanery)

Lay Persons

Mr. Steve Campbell

St. Mark's, Gastonia - Piedmont Deanery



Steve Campbell has been a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Gastonia since 1988, where he currently serves as treasurer. A financial and investment advisor for 16 years, he holds FINRA Series 7 and 66 licenses and works with PNC Investments. Previously, he spent 22 years in commercial banking with Bank of America and helped found Carolina Commerce Bank. Steve holds degrees in economics from the University of Richmond and an MBA from Vanderbilt University.

Ms. Bertha "Sunny" Denton

St. Mary's & St. Stephen's, Morganton - Foothills Deanery



Sunny served as a volunteer treasurer for St. Mary's-St. Stephen's for nearly 41 years. She has helped to transition a new treasurer for our parish and is recently retired from her long-time position working as an administrative specialist for the Department of Adult Corrections. She is thoughtful and dedicated in her faith and service.

Mr. John Russell

All Saints, Franklin - Western Deanery



John was born and raised in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and served in the U.S. Army before a career in advertising and marketing, retiring as Senior Vice President of an Atlanta publishing company in 2006. Since moving to Franklin, he has been an active member of All Saints, serving on the Vestry, as Senior Warden, and leading adult forums. Confirmed in 1963, John remains joyful in his faith and committed to serving Christ and the mission of the Church.

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

Positions to Fill: 1 Clergy

The Rev. Rob Wood
Good Shepherd, Cashiers



The Rev. Rob Wood, Rector of Good Shepherd, Cashiers, is honored to be nominated for a second term as Trustee of The University of the South, his alma mater (Class of 1989). In his first term, he worked on housing initiatives and served on the Student Enrollment and Success Subcommittee. Rob hopes to continue supporting Sewanee's "Mind, Heart, Place" initiative and upcoming capital campaign, strengthening its Episcopal identity and its connection to the wider church through education and formation.



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DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTION

Positions to Fill:

- 4 Clergy
- 4 Lay Communicants
- 1 Clergy Alternate
- 1 Lay Communicant Alternate

Lay Persons



Ms. Betsy Biega

Church of the Resurrection, Little Switzerland

Betsy has served on committees in the Dioceses of Upper South Carolina, Arkansas and Western NC. She has attended Triennial Conventions for ECW in Denver, Anaheim and Indianapolis and has been on the Deputations to General Convention in Austin, Baltimore and Louisville for the Diocese of Western NC. Being part of the Transition Committee for the election of Bishop José McLoughlin was an honor as was serving on the Bishop's Executive Council. She feels a calling to serve as deputy to General Convention in Phoenix.



Ms. Amanda Cook

Church of the Transfiguration, Bat Cave

Amanda Cook was raised at St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church in Aiken, South Carolina, where she served as an acolyte, volunteer, and member of the EYC. After moving to Marion in 2019, she became Parish Administrator at St. John's and volunteered at the 2021 General Convention. Now a member of Transfiguration, Bat Cave, Amanda serves as a reader, usher, Eucharistic Minister, and Sunday School teacher, continuing her lifelong commitment to ministry and service in the Episcopal Church.



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DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTION

Lay Persons



Ms. Susan Kleinwechter
St. James, Black Mountain

Susan is a lifelong Episcopalian passionate about helping the Church shape its future. She served as an alternate deputy to the 2024 General Convention and is dedicated to thorough preparation and communication. With a background in church communications and a degree in Computer Science, Susan has long helped congregations connect through technology and faith. Now retired, she enjoys life in North Carolina and remains active in ministry and service.



Mr. Bill Hasskamp
St. James, Black Mountain

Bill Hasskamp has been a dedicated member of St. James, Black Mountain, since 2001, serving as Junior Warden, Lead Verger, and delegate to numerous Diocesan Conventions. He has also served on the Executive Council, Standing Committee, and Nominating Committee. A strong advocate for sustainability and faithful leadership, Bill chaired the parish's Solar Energy Task Force and continues coordinating lay ministries. He hopes to continue serving as a Deputy to the 82nd General Convention.



Ms. Abby Glass
St. Philip's, Brevard

Abby is running to be a delegate to General Convention to serve the Church, represent young people, and advocate for ecumenism. Her ministry with children and youth shapes her vision for the Church's future, bringing the energy and voices of the next generation to the table. Active in interdenominational ministry in Brevard, she supports full communion with the United Methodist Church and values prayerful collaboration rooted in listening, discernment, and unity in Christ.



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DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTION

Clergy



The Rev. Will Bryant
Church of the Transfiguration, Saluda

The Rev. Will Bryant serves as Priest-in-Charge of The Church of the Transfiguration in Saluda. A native of Western North Carolina, he was ordained in 2021 and holds degrees from UNC–Chapel Hill and Church Divinity School of the Pacific. A YASC alumnus, Will served abroad in Hong Kong and Rome. A former Camp Henry camper and counselor, he now serves on the Lake Logan Board and Blue Ridge Service Corps Advisory Committee.



The Rev. Dr. Robert Wetherington
St. Mary's, Asheville

The Rev. Dr. Robert Wetherington serves as Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Asheville and Dean of the Asheville Deanery. With over 16 years of ordained ministry across three dioceses, he has served as rector, camp director, chaplain, and community leader. A graduate of Kennesaw State, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Vanderbilt Divinity School, Robert integrates mental and spiritual care in his ministry. He brings broad church experience, pastoral insight, and a passion for connection and service to the wider Episcopal Church.



The Rev. Jonathan Stepp
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The Rev. Jonathan Stepp serves as Priest in Charge at St. Alban's, Hickory, and currently chairs the Diocesan Nominating Committee. He has also served as Chair of the Constitution and Canons Committee, President of the Standing Committee, and member of the Camp Henry Board. A native of Hendersonville, he holds degrees from Campbell University Divinity School and Sewanee. Passionate about canon law and church administration, Jonathan views the practical work of governance as a vital part of his calling and ministry.



The Rev. Susan Buchanan
St. James, Lenoir

The Rev. Susan Buchanan has served as Rector of St. James, Lenoir, since 2017 and brings over 30 years of parish ministry across three dioceses. A five-time Deputy to General Convention, she currently serves on the Standing Committee and previously on the Executive Council. A graduate of Virginia Seminary, Susan has led initiatives in racial reconciliation and Creation Care in Lenoir. She and her husband, Rick Smith, share five children, six grandchildren, and a love of music, photography, and the outdoors.



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DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTION

Clergy



The Ven. Brenda Gilbert
St. Mark's, Gastonia

Archdeacon Brenda Gilbert offers herself for election as a Deputy to General Convention out of a deep commitment to the Episcopal Church's shared governance among laity, clergy, and bishops. A Deacon and Archdeacon for ten years, she brings practical experience in church polity and leadership. As chair of a Gastonia nonprofit serving unhoused individuals, she has developed skills in collaboration, advocacy, and discernment. Her legislative priorities include racial justice, sustainability in ministry, and full inclusion within the Church's life and leadership.



The Rev. Andrew Hege
St. Mary of the Hills, Blowing Rock

The Rev. Andrew Hege has served as Rector of St. Mary of the Hills, Blowing Rock, since 2019 and previously served as a priest in the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. With experience in both large and small congregations, in urban and small-town settings, he brings a broad pastoral perspective. A member of the Standing Committee for four years and its current President, he values the shared discernment that shapes the Church's common life and looks forward to serving in that spirit.



The Rev. Gaelyn Evangreene
St. James, Hendersonville

The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene has served as Rector of St. David's, Cullowhee, and as Episcopal Campus Missioner for Western Carolina University. She is Secretary of Diocesan Convention, has served on the Constitution and Canons Committee, and was a Deputy to the 2024 General Convention. A former elementary teacher, Gaelyn is passionate about formation, preaching, and inclusive liturgy. She joins St. James, Hendersonville, as Associate Rector for Christian Formation and Mission and lives in Asheville with her family.