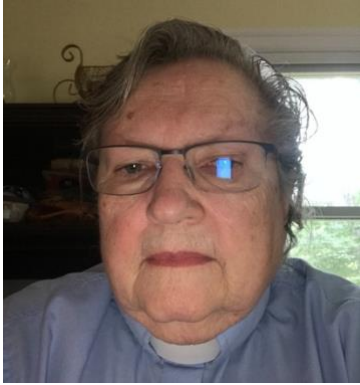


# Diocesan Convention Nominees for 2022

## Diocesan Council Clergy (Elect 2 for 3-year terms)



**The Rev. Susan Treanor**  
Trinity, Mt. Pocono  
*Seeking First Term*

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

Prior to my ordination I spent 30 years as a community organizer on the lower East side and the South Bronx. During these years I managed construction budgets and community grants as well as organized tenant associations.

I am a member of the Commission on Ministry and have recently been privileged to be an alternate at General Convention 80.

One of the skills I carry to my parish ministry is being able to look at and evaluate systems, needs, and personal gifts. I hope to put these gifts in service to the diocese by being part of diocesan council.



**The Rev. Dr. Jane Williams**  
Cathedral, Bethlehem  
*Seeking Second Term*

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

As a bivocational priest and licensed psychologist I offer a unique perspective and skills to the Diocesan Council in this challenging time. I have experience as a Seminary professor in teaching and preparing persons for ordained and lay ministry. In 25 years of Episcopal ministry I have designed and led retreats and events for both secular and religious groups. I have offered spiritual direction and counseling through my private practice. I have served as consultant and trainer for various groups in the Diocese of Bethlehem including the Commission on Ministry, parish-based spirituality centers, and Safeguarding God's Children.

## Diocesan Council Lay (Elect 2 for 3-year terms)



**Joan Duckloe**

Christ, Stroudsburg

*Seeking First Term*

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

Having served as Treasurer and on the Vestry of Christ Church Stroudsburg and as a Trustee for the Diocesan Investment Trust, I have gained some exposure to the inner workings of churches and the Diocese. I would look forward to serving on Diocesan Council to bring my background as a “cradle Episcopalian” (Anglican Church of Canada) and work background as an accountant and financial professional to the work of the Diocesan Council.



**Rick Wolf**

Christ, Reading

*Seeking First Term*

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

Long before it became a popular term, I embraced the concept of servant leadership and let it guide me through thirty-seven years as a school administrator. As the District’s Assistant Superintendent I collaborated with the Senior Leadership team in the development and administration of a budget of \$72 million.

Since retiring I have become much more involved with Christ Church, Reading. I currently serve as Senior Warden and was asked to remain in that position and serve as ecclesiastical leader until such time as we complete our search for new priest.

## **The Standing Committee Clergy (Elect 1 for a 4-year term)**

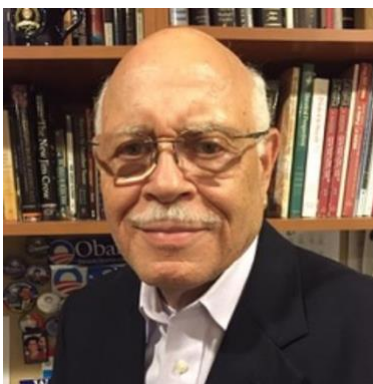


**The Rev. Rodney Conn**  
Cathedral, Bethlehem  
*Seeking First Term*

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

The time serving as a deacon and on Diocesan Council, Mission Resource Committee, and Commission on Ministry has given me a good view on not just the process of church business, but also the mission of the church. Through these experiences, I have had the opportunity to meet many people in the diocese, and come realize the 21st century challenges of Christianity. I pray that my experiences will contribute to my participation on the Standing Committee.

## **The Standing Committee Lay (Elect 1 for a 4-year term)**



**Charles Dickerson**  
Trinity, Easton  
*Seeking First Term*

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

I am a retired corporate division manager from AT&T with experience in operations, engineering, and marketing. I have managed large organizations throughout the eastern half of the USA. Have been a “life time” Episcopalian and a Senior Warden twice. Served on the Commission of Ministry in the Diocese of Newark and on a special task force on reconciliation and racism for the Diocese of Newark. I am also a retired adjunct professor from two colleges in New Jersey.

## **Commission on Ministry Clergy (Elect 1 for 3-year term)**



### **The Rev. Bruce Gowe**

Christ, Stroudsburg

*Seeking First Term*

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

One of the gifts/skills I can bring to the table is my belief in and passion for cultivating vocations. I have been through the diocesan ordination process, and I bring my first-hand experience of its current strengths and opportunities. I would love to carry on this important work in helping to improve and clarify the process for those coming through now and in the future. I not only bring my gifts of missional/evangelistic focuses into our vocational ministries, and I also see a need to raise up and train lay ministers to serve our parishes, given the clergy shortage.

## **Commission on Ministry Lay (Elect 1 for 3-year term)**

**Vacant**

## General Convention Deputy Clergy (Elect 4 for 3-year term)



**The Rev. Timothy Alleman**

St. Stephen's & Holy Cross, Wilkes-Barre

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

I represented the diocese at the 2022 Convention. I believe my age (45) and years as clergy of the diocese (13) and under orders (19) put me in a unique place in our diocese. It was also exciting to see the broader scope of the wider Church and I am excited at the thought of fulfilling my ordination vow to participate in the councils of the Church by

representing the diocese at the General Convention and serving the diocese and the wider Church. Having participated once gives me the ability to be a knowledgeable participant with a still new presence.



**The Rev. Rebecca Barnes**

St. Luke's, Scranton

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

As Episcopalians, we journey together in faith seeking to grow into the full stature of Christ. Our leadership balance is hierarchical and democratic calling us to work together on issues of liturgy, social policy, finance, and governance. Our mutual life requires humility, grace, listening, and prayerful discernment. My experience and training in

leadership and church governance; liturgy and music; church history; spiritual formation; and social justice are gifts I bring to ministry. Having served in this Diocese for six years, I would be honored represent DioBeth and offer these gifts in service to the wider Church.



**The Rev. Jane Arrington Bender**

Retired

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

It has been a distinct privilege to have served as a Clergy Deputy since my first time in Indianapolis in 2012. During these years I have come to understand the various committees, commissions, and resolutions that form our national church. I have relished the legislative process. Of course, GC meets every three years; however, because of the pandemic,

we delayed this past convention until this summer. So, the next convention will be in only two years. I believe serving as a deputy again will serve the church well because of my understanding of this past convention.





**The Rev. Bruce Gowe**  
Christ, Stroudsburg

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

I'd bring to GC my passion to incorporate young people in TEC's future. I'd be one of the youngest deputies and see this as a benefit. I'd be excited to help make history, as we continue to become the beloved community. I know I'd bring my desire to empower lay leadership, which was a GC80 focus. I'd listen to all viewpoints before deciding. I want to see the church

look like it cares for future generations, while tending to our current congregations. If elected, I'd go with eagerness, passion, hope and love in my heart for TEC I call home.



**The Rev. Jay O'Rear**  
Trinity, Mt. Pocono

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

As I newly ordained, relatively young clergy person, I bring a fresh perspective to the Diocese and its ministries. I attended seminary at EDS@Union where I developed a social justice orientation to ministry that I bring into parish ministry and as a member of the Diocesan Racial Justice and Reconciliation Task Force. I am eager to bring this orientation

to Convention as a Deputy.

Also, with over 25 years of corporate communications experience in Silicon Valley, I offer gifts in the areas communication and technology that may help communicate back to the Diocese what is learned and gathered from Convention.

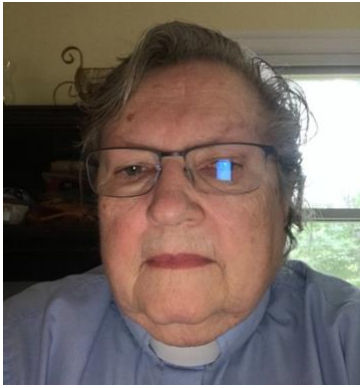


**The Rev. Margaret Pendergast**  
Christ, Reading

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

I have attended on General Convention as a volunteer. I have gifts in healing, reconciliation and racial relations, desire for widening ecumenical relations, advocate immigration reform support laity education, demonstrate leadership, encourage creative liturgy and music, maintain fiscal and ethical responsibility. I am particularly interested in

how the church approaches Open Communion which likely will be discussed in 2024 since there is a truncated convention in 2022. I am interested in doing the work of committees and being a delegate. I ask for your vote, and thank you for your consideration.



**The Rev. Susan Treanor**  
Trinity, Mt. Pocono

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

I was an alternate clergy deputy for General Convention 2022.

Experienced deputies let me know convention work is confusing until you get one year under your belt. They were right but I got a sense of the path the wider church is on. I was inspired.

I have a masters and experience in community organizing. This background makes me aware of dynamics within both large and smaller groups of people. My participation this year in General Convention 80, helped me widen my vision and I would like to use this years' experience in service of the church at General Convention 2024.

### **General Convention Deputy Lay (Elect 4 for 3-year term)**

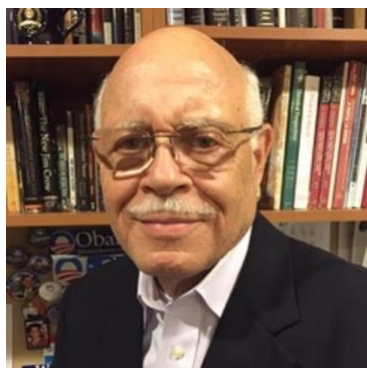


**Cathy Bailey**  
Cathedral, Bethlehem

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

One of my gifts is leadership. I have served my parish as Delegate to Diocesan Convention, vestry member and have served on and chaired committees. I am the Diocesan Coordinator for the Education for Ministry program. These experiences have given me the ability to stay organized, run meetings and communicate with groups, both large and small.

In 2006, I became interested in serving the national Church and was elected Deputy to General Convention. Since then, I have attended the 2012, 2015, and 2018 General Conventions and will be attending the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention this year. As a General Convention Deputy, I have served on Committee #10 on Evangelism and Communication and on Committee # 20 Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation. It would be an honor to represent our Diocese at the General Convention.



**Charles Dickerson**  
Trinity, Easton

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

Diocese of Bethlehem Deputy to General Convention 2022

Life-long member of the Episcopal Church, Sr. & Jr. Warden; Vestry member, Search committee member, Discernment committee member, Racial Dialogue Committee, Professional managerial & leadership skills – AT&T division manager and Non-profit foundation board member, Small

business owner, College professor, Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Apple applications.



**Judith Dickerson**

Trinity, Easton

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

Diocese of Bethlehem Deputy to General Convention 2022

Life-long member of the Episcopal Church, Vestry member, Search committee member, Discernment committee member, Education advocate, Racial justice and equity work within the Episcopal Church for over 50 years, Professional managerial & leadership skills – Director of

academic support program in NJ higher education and Non-profit organization and foundations, Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Apple applications.



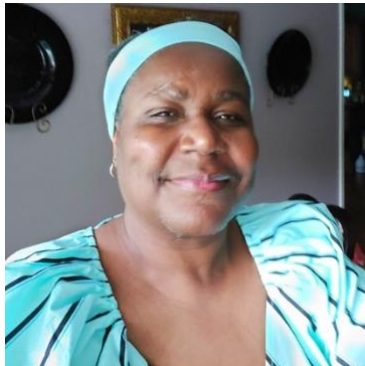
**Jay Miller**

St. Gabriel's, Douglassville

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

Being chosen for the Official Youth Presence for the previous convention and going through training sessions with mentors and other deputies before the decision was made to limit attendance. I have respect for all around me. I am a strong leader in my church community. I am dependable and responsible. I volunteer in fundraisers and step up when

needed. I am very passionate, and I am not afraid to stand for what is right. I can give valuable input in debates, conversation, and meetings. I am a great example of my generation and am willing to advocate for us.



**Cynthia Nortey**

Christ, Stroudsburg

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

It is with thoughtful discernment that I put forth my name for deputy to the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention. I have a profound love for the church and keen understanding of the hard work needed to be done with our church to progress to be a beloved community. It is my hope to help bridge the gap and bring awareness of General Convention business to the

congregational levels to strengthen the vision of the General Convention initiatives.



**Jaina Nortey**

Christ, Stroudsburg

*The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include:*

During my volunteering experience at General Convention 2022 I was inspired by the dedication of the deputies in attendance. I feel that the youth input is important and necessary to the growing change in the church. Our representation will pave the way for youth leadership within the church.