

Diocesan Convention Nominees for 2023

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



The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne
Trinity, Bethlehem
Seeking First Term

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

- 5 years' experience as Rector at Trinity, Bethlehem
- 5+ years' experience in religious communications
- 12+ years' experience as a church musician

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



Roger Mattes, Jr.
Church of the Epiphany, Clark Summit
Seeking First Term

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

I have been in various positions with my church and the Diocese over the years. They include:
Diocese of Bethlehem

Crisis Management Team, Legal Committee, Constitution & Cannons Committee

Church of the Epiphany Episcopal Church, Glenburn, Pa.

Junior Warden, Vestry Member, Choir Member, Chairman Buildings & Grounds Committee,

Assistant Youth Group Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Legal Counsel, Member for over 60 years,

Delegate to Diocese Convention

Cypress House at St. Luke's

Board of Directors

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



The Rev. Michael Angel Molina
Trinity, Easton
Seeking First Term

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

- Experience in administration from the federal government.
- A unique and lesser heard perspective as a young adult person of color in the LGBTQ community with all the intersectionality thereof.
- Unique perspectives on church administration as someone who grew up in another Christian denomination.



The Rev. Andrew VanBuren
St. Gabriel's, Douglassville
Seeking Second Term

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

I am running for my second term on Diocesan Council. For the past year, I've served on the Mission Resources Committee, which has helped me to learn both the challenges and the opportunities that parishes in our diocese are facing.

On a parish level, I serve as the rector of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Douglassville. I am also a trainer in the College for Congregational Development, which provides training for churches as they seek to grow into healthier and more vibrant communities of faith.

These experiences can help me to serve the people of our diocese on Diocesan Council.

Diocesan Council Clergy (Elect 2 for 3-year terms) – *continued*



The Rev. Dr. David Zwifka
St. Luke's, Lebanon
Seeking Second Term

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

In over 40 years of ordained ministry, I have held positions as a parish priest/pastor, diocesan administrator, and teacher. I have served as a consultant to struggling non-profit organizations and provided similar services for parish communities and leadership. This broad experience helps me to understand the challenges facing the diocese as we move to a new era of mission and ministry. Having already served one term on council, I believe I have a grasp on how we the council's ministry can help the diocese and its parishes move forward.

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



Melissa Amator
Trinity, Easton
Seeking Second Term

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

When I am not having joints replaced or eating handfuls of peanut M&Ms, I can be found zipping around on my bike along the backroads of New Jersey. I have enjoyed developing new ministry opportunities at my home parish, especially those geared toward social justice. I am married to Renee Amator. We have 4 kids - 2 human and 2 furrries. I am a psychotherapist specializing in co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. I am usually passionate about everything I do. I am not afraid of commitment. But I also do not take myself - or anyone else - too seriously. This will be my second term on Diocesan Council.

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



Ross Mangina
Trinity, Bethlehem
Seeking Second Term

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

I have a wide range of experience as a warden, vestry member and treasurer in my parishes. I now also have the benefit of my first term on Diocesan Council. I hope to use those experiences to make meaningful contributions to the council.



James Pasquale
Christ, Stroudsburg
Seeking First Term

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

Digging deep into the wisdom of the past, while looking forward to the insights of the present, I'm a theology nerd, who's convinced that the Anglican tradition is the best kept secret in our world today, and I want to help our church brainstorm ideas and implement plans to draw more people into our faith. I'm an active listener and a critical thinker, solutions-oriented and into practical problem-solving, and I do believe that we must move beyond "the way we have always done it" for the church to not just survive but to thrive.

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



The Rev. Mary Lou Divis
St. Mark's, New Milford & Christ, Susquehanna
Seeking First Term

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

My skills include questioning, listening, patience, wonder. I like to consider options.

My gifts open me to God's Presence: listening with my heart, waiting for Spirit-nudges, being amazed, being willing to let go.

Applying for a seat on this Commission has been a nudge I have long ignored.

My favorite job was with day care at a military depot. I was a trainer, to make sure child care staff were up to date on state and military regulations. I am still remembered for cardboard boxes and the joy kids had exploring, building, emptying, hiding in.

I am ready to open the COM box as an opportunity to serve this diocese.



The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski
St. Paul's, Montrose
Seeking First Term

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

I am wise, thoughtful, compassionate, empathetic, and affable. I have been through the discernment process as both an aspirant and the partner of someone who went through discernment which gives me a unique understanding of the process. Having been in parish ministry for two years, I have the perspective of one who has experience of what parish ministry can require, while still being young enough in ministry to recall what is necessary as one navigates the discernment process and seminary.

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

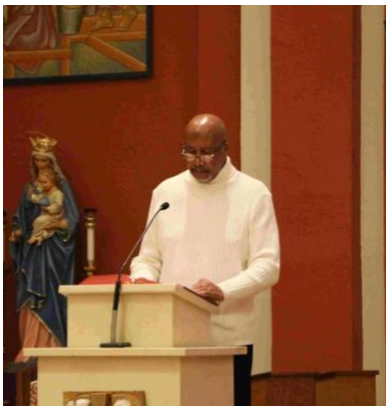


The Rev. Dr. David Zwifka
St. Luke's, Lebanon
Seeking First Term

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

From 1990-2000, I served on academic and formation faculties of a major East Coast seminary. Since 2009, I have taught both in-person and online course in the Stevenson School for Ministry and have served as SSFM's Director for Spiritual Formation for the last several years. Understanding that ministry is a call given to every baptized person, the COM's primary purpose is to facilitate discernment and formation for every member with a special emphasis on those called into official ministry as licensed lay ministers, deacons, and priests. My experience in this field can be helpful to that mission.

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



Paul Barnwell
Trinity, Pottsville
Seeking Second Term

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

Lifelong Episcopalian. Born and raised in Pottsville. Clothesline of love, Soup kitchen, Vestry, Choir, and Lay Eucharistic leader. Practicing the Love of God in Schuylkill County. "Your words start to lose value when your actions don't match."