

Diocesan Convention Nominees for 2025

(per the Transitional Canons)

Diocesan Council - To affect the reunification of our two dioceses at this year's (2025) Diocesan Convention, each diocese will elect **3 clergy and 3 lay members** to Council to create a membership.

Diocesan Council Clergy Nominees



The Rev. Michele Causton

New Mission Practices, Systems Theory, and Servant Leadership are areas in which I am particularly passionate. Each area asks us to step back, ask difficult questions, and have honest conversations. Understanding and utilizing these areas of practice is crucial for individual spiritual growth and the overall health of the diocese. Blessed with all that we need during this time of reunification, we must lead amid an emerging future that will create health, resilience, and transformation to foster a regenerative church culture.



The Rev. Michelle Moyer
Retired

Prior to ordained ministry, I worked in industry managing programs and supply chain. Since ordination, I was rector at St. Alban's, served as chaplain at both Phoebe Ministries and St. Luke's Hospital and served as Canon for Faith Formation at Nativity Cathedral. I served on Diocesan council for 6 years and continue on the Mission Resource committee which funds new ministry efforts. My background in parish ministry, engaging in parish finances, formation of youth and adults, promoting outreach, and work in industry provide a range of skills I believe would be beneficial for diocesan council.



The Rev. Bryce Wandrey
Christ Church, Reading

I have served on the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Bethlehem for the past two years. I have been an ordained minister for 22 years - four of those years were in the Lutheran Church while nine of those years were in the Church of England. I have also served as Canon Missioner at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston, SC. All of these positions have given me a wide range of experience in ministry. I would be honored to serve on the Diocesan Council of the re-unified Diocese of the Susquehanna and bring the blessings of my ministerial experience to this group.

Diocesan Council Lay Nominees



Joan Duckloe

Christ, Stroudsburg

I would look forward to serving on the combined Diocesan Council of the new Diocese 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 new Diocesan Council as the new Diocese enters this new exciting phase.

Having served on the Diocesan Council of Bethlehem, I have seen the struggles of our parishes with their finances and hope to see ways the combined Diocese can lead to growing parishes.



Wayne Evans

St. James & St. George, Jermyn

I am an organized person due to my fifty years as a high school teacher, administrator and athletic director. I have also served as a supervisor of student teachers at Marywood University. These experiences allowed me to work with people of all educational levels. And, in those capacities, I have developed budgets working with School Board members.

I still enjoy working with people and am looking forward to working with other members of the Diocesan Council if appointed.
Thank you for your consideration.



Elizabeth House

Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

A lifelong Episcopalian, I have reverence and appreciation for the structure and mission of The Episcopal Church. I have gained operational and financial skills over the past 25 years as a member of the DOB Finance Committee, Standing Committee, Incorporated Trustees, and as the former director and current treasurer of Grace Montessori School, a diocesan school with a mission to provide quality education and scholarship aid to low-income children, awarded annually to 40% of students enrolled.

I have served as Diocesan Treasurer since 2018 and have been an ex-officio member of Council and the Investments Committee.

General Convention Deputy At the 82nd General Convention in 2027, The Diocese of the Susquehanna will be represented by a deputation of eight: 4 clergy and 4 laypersons, who will be elected at the 2025 Joint Convention of the Diocese of Bethlehem and the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. The deputation will include 4 alternate clergy and 4 alternate laypersons. The election of **4 clergy and 4 laypersons** from each diocese will yield 2 clergy to serve as deputies and 2 clergy to serve as alternates, and 2 laypersons to serve as deputies and 2 laypersons to serve as alternates. The distinction between deputy and alternate will be determined by the percentage of votes received.

General Convention Deputy Clergy Nominees



The Rev. Timothy Alleman
St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre

I have represented the diocese at the last two General Conventions. In the past, I benefited from the shared knowledge of colleagues who had previous experience. With service at a compacted convention and at a revised length convention, I feel that I will have the ability to be that voice and presence of experience for those for whom this may be a first experience. I have grown to love this experience as it has been a blessing to see the ministry of the wider Church which is not always reflected in the local church!



The Rev. Canon Melinda M. Artman
Church of the Redeemer, Sayre

I am a devoted follower of Jesus and passionate for his church. I am an excellent communicator, have good active listening skills, and am adept at making personal connections. I have had a 30+ year career as a civil servant, drafting legislation and assisting in the shaping of public policy. I have been a delegate to diocesan convention for most of my adult life and have served on diocesan committees including COM and Council.

I have been a priest in DioBeth for the last 8 years and am on diocesan staff as well as serve 2 parishes.



The Rev. Douglas Moyer
Retired

Before ordination I served in industry as a research manager and Human Resource manager. As laity I served as Sunday school teacher, youth group leader, vestry member, treasurer, and senior warden. After ordination I served a 2 year curacy in a large parish (ASA 175+) and 10 years as rector of a small parish (ASA 95+). I have served the diocese on the COM, the Trustees, the Standing Committee, the Reunification Discernment Committee, and the Transition Leadership Committee. The problem solving skills acquired through these diverse experiences will be an asset to my serving as a delegate to General Convention.

General Convention Deputy Clergy Nominees (cont.)



The Rev. Michelle Moyer
Retired

As laity and later clergy, I taught bible study, formation classes, led youth group, engaged in numerous outreach efforts in multiple parishes and served on diocesan committees including Mission Resource to support new ministries ideas, Transition Committee for Clergy and Diocesan Council. I served as the rector of St Alban's, Canon for Faith Formation at Nativity Cathedral and as chaplain at Phoebe Ministries and St Luke Hospital. My efforts for the Episcopal church have been care and growth through outreach ministries and application of the gospel for our lives and beyond, which should be beneficial as a delegate.



The Rev. Maryann Philbrook Sturges
Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

I have attended General Convention 3 times (2009, 2012, 2015) with the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. I learned the importance of what General Convention does in relation to ministry on the ground, it is by passing resolutions and funding related to our ministries that we can leverage the Episcopal Church's broad reach and deep pockets to be more effective. I want to be a delegate to be more effective. My work with Latino Ministry at Nativity has taught me the importance of making sure all voices are heard and listened to in making crucial decisions. I pray that I can represent the Diocese of the Susquehanna faithfully.

General Convention Deputy Lay Nominees



Nolman Bonilla
Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

As a young Latino lay leader, I bring a deep commitment to inclusion, bilingual ministry, and faithful service. I currently serve as Junior Warden at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity. In 2024, I was invited by the Office of Latino Ministries to participate in General Convention, where I supported Latino gatherings, and observed the work of the House of Deputies. That experience deepened my vocation to represent voices often missing in leadership. I offer skills in bilingual preaching, pastoral care, and cross-cultural ministry. With faith and hope, I would be honored to represent our diocese at General Convention. Gracias!

General Convention Deputy Lay Nominees (cont.)



John E. Feather, Jr.

St. Luke's Church, Lebanon

My commitment to follow the Holy Spirit in my decision making in all phases of my life. I believe I have a gift of listening to all views and reconcile them with my view of what the Holy Spirit is telling me. Then, I try to follow the will of God. My skills and experiences as a lawyer and many activities serving our diocese for the past 53 years helps me to analyze problems, issues and the conflicts between people. Those skills and experiences guide me to help bring amicable resolutions to conflicts. Each day I try to follow Christ's words to love all my neighbors.



Michael A. Grady

Grace Church, Kingston

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

- Different perspective outside the general forums.
- Leadership from the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
- Knowledge of BBQ and Large Parties that helped other churches.
- Assisting and Supporting the ideas and activities brought by the leader / convener of Convocation 2.
- A truly open dialogue amongst clergy and laity alike.



Jay Miller

St. Gabriel's Church, Douglassville

As a young person with lots of passion, I am always willing to speak my mind and stand for what I believe in. Having been raised as an Episcopalian, I have a thorough knowledge of our church beliefs, but because I am new to official leadership roles, I can provide a fresh look at our system and bring new ideas. As a queer Christian, my personal goal to be sure that all of god's children know that they are loved, accepted, and welcomed.



Cynthia Nortey

Christ Church, Stroudsburg

Dedicated nurse with expertise in advocacy, community development, and leadership. Proven ability to build collaborative relationships and drive positive change. Skilled at navigating complex systems to advocate for the vulnerable population and improve health outcomes.