



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

**NOTICE OF
PARISH
ANNUAL
MEETING
& ELECTIONS**

SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2016
12:30 P.M., BLOEDEL HALL

Meet the Vestry Candidates

Sunday, January 17, 2016
Introductions at all services
Conversations during coffee hour

The Vestry shall aid and support the Rector to promote the spiritual welfare and growth of the Parish. The Vestry shall transact the temporal affairs of the Parish.

- Saint Mark's Cathedral Bylaws

Annual Meeting

All members of Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral congregation are invited to attend the 2016 Annual Meeting to elect four parish Vestry members and twelve Delegates/Alternates to the Diocesan Convention. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 30, 2016, at 12:30 pm. There being no provision for absentee ballots or voting by proxy, electors must attend the Annual Meeting to vote. The agenda will include:

- A celebratory meal
- The Annual Parish Election of 4 Vestry members and 12 delegates to Diocesan Convention
- Brief reports from parish leadership and committees

Who makes up the Vestry?

The Vestry consists of 17 members: 12 elected from Saint Mark's Parish, three elected by diocesan convention as diocesan members, the Dean who chairs the Vestry and the Bishop (or his designee). Additionally the Chancellor, Treasurer and clerk serve ex officio as non-voting officials. All Vestry members are to be persons with demonstrated qualities of dedicated commitment to Saint Mark's (or their own parish), leadership and vision with responsiveness to the needs, concerns and hopes of the world.

Vestry leadership resides with the dean and individuals who are traditionally known as "wardens", together with other Vestry Officers. In accordance with the By-laws Article IV, Sec. 1, the Senior Warden and Chancellor (the Cathedral's attorney) are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Dean. The Junior Wardens, Clerk and Treasurer are elected by the Vestry. Currently, the Dean prefers to appoint as Senior Warden the leader chosen by the Vestry.

Each member serves for one three year term. This year, the members completing their terms are: Ralph Ermoian, Lynne Markova, Dani Richmond, John Selberg, and Diocesan member the Rev. Mike Jackson. Vestry members appointed to fulfill uncompleted terms of elected Vestry members are eligible to stand for election to a full three-year term. This year two Vestry members, Ralph Ermoian and Lynne Markova, are in that position and have chosen to stand for election to a full three-year term.

Vestry Members Continuing in Office

Term ends January 2017:

Betsy Bell

Ruth Mulligan

Timi Vann

Roland Yancey

Barbara Larson, Saint Andrew's, Diocesan Member

Term ends January 2018:

Jim Green

Karen Knudson

Peter McClung

Walter Stuteville

Christopher Breunig, Saint Thomas, Diocesan Member

Term ends January 2019:

Four members elected at the Annual Parish Meeting

Alice Reid, Saint Thomas, Diocesan Member

In considering the Vestry Nominees

When choosing among the Vestry candidates, the Nominating Committee invites you to consider the following about each person:

- Dedication to the Saint Mark's community that is demonstrated by regular participation in worship and prayer
- A gift for leadership with the ability to communicate effectively and work constructively with others
- Support of the mission and ministries of Saint Mark's that is demonstrated by active ministry leadership and a history of regular pledging of financial support
- Experience with organizational structures and development
- Ability to understand the large and complex financial life of the Cathedral
- Understanding of the challenges involved in living through the dual missions of a Cathedral and a Parish
- A commitment to strengthening the Cathedral's role in the community
- A desire to maintain strong Parish relationships within the Diocese

Who can vote in the Parish Election?

Saint Mark's Constitution (Art.1, sec.3) provides: In accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Olympia, "Parish Communicants" are those baptized persons who are faithful in corporate worship and who have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Saint Mark's at least three times during the previous year . . ."Parish Communicants in Good Standing" are those Parish Communicants age sixteen years or older, who are recorded contributors to the support of Saint Mark's with money or with personal service. . . Unless subsequently defined otherwise by Diocesan or Episcopal Church canons, "Parish Electors" shall include all the Parish Communicants in Good Standing."

Prior to the balloting, nominations may be offered from the floor.

Nominating Committee

This committee is designated by the Cathedral's Constitution and Bylaws to present to the annual Parish meeting a list of nominees for Parish representatives and to the Diocesan Nominations Committee a nomination for Diocesan member. The committee also invites nominations for delegates to Diocesan Convention. The process involves careful vetting of all candidates and includes interviews with those standing for election to the Vestry. This year's committee membership is: Jo Ann Bailey and Maria Coldwell, co-chairs; Marge Anderson; Barbara Erickson, Heidi Geis, Rick Hodsdon, Walter Stuteville, Randy Urmston, Gerry van Wesep, and Dean Steve Thomason, ex officio. Contact: nominations@saintmarks.org.

2016 VESTRY CANDIDATES



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My desire to serve dates back to 1975 when St. Mark's sponsored my family as we arrived from Vietnam. I moved away from Seattle and lived in different cities and countries, but when I came back in 2009, I found St. Marks again. I attend the 11 am service and have served as a lector and in the altar guild. I've participated in book groups and cathedral

yoga and started a workshop series for single people of faith. Professionally, I work in government in civil rights enforcement. I have worked in human resources, work-place mediation, and international development with organizations as diverse as Merrill Lynch and the Peace Corps. What I would like to do is articulate and shepherd the voices of those who are from other places who want to find a home here. I want to work with the Vestry to help St. Mark's become all that it desires to be.

KATHY ELKINS

I would be glad to serve on the Vestry if called. I am particularly interested in the arts and community outreach, our most visible connections with the Seattle community around us, in keeping with my forty years of work as a counselor and teacher, primarily at the University of Washington. I have served as a Cathedral Chapter member, Convention Delegate, and Cathedral Associates member. Volunteer experiences at St. Mark's include the Holy Orders Committee, the Cathedral Shop, Habitat for Humanity, and several choirs.



I have worked as an usher for concerts and book signings and as a member of the Altar Guild. Currently I am involved with the Cathedral Choir and Choir School and as a member of the Shop's advisory committee.



RALPH ERMOIAN

My wife Kristen and I have attended St. Mark's regularly since 2007. Our children Mariam and Peter were baptized at St. Mark's. The Cathedral has been a place of spiritual commitment, community, and comfort for our family, and reconnected me with my faith in Christ. This spring I was baptized at St. Mark's. We are now

9 am "regulars" on the carpet, and Kristen and I are both Sunday School teachers. I have been honored to serve in a vacated position on the Vestry during these past few months. I see the Vestry's role as supporting all of the ministries through engaged oversight of the Cathedral's resources. In my professional life, I work at the University of Washington as a radiation oncologist, a physician who provides radiation treatment to patients who have cancer. My particular focus is caring for the pediatric patients from Seattle Children's Hospital who need radiation treatment.

LYNNE MARKOVA

Since my confirmation in 2002, I have served the St. Mark's community as a chalice bearer, lector, two-time delegate to Diocesan Convention, and as a member of the Prayer Chain, Community of Hope, the Strategic Planning Committee and Racial Reconciliation Task Force.



Last year, I was invited to complete an unexpired term on the Vestry. This has included serving on the Communications team, the Capital Campaign Steering Committee, as chair of the Finance Committee, and as Junior Warden. Professionally, I am a consultant specializing in change management, leadership development, strategic planning, project management, training and development, and communications. My clients have included the Mayo Clinic, Intuit, Group Health, WSDOT, and Microsoft. My recent experience has deepened my knowledge of and commitment to our vibrant, growing, and Spirit-filled community. I am honored to be considered for further Vestry service.



JON OLSON

My personal experience with the Christian love and compassion extended at Saint Mark's makes it an honor to be considered for election to the Vestry. Two years ago my wife and I were ministered to by many during our extended stay in Seattle for Betty's cancer treatment, and then later after my move to the Seattle

area late last year. I joined the Episcopal Church in 2007, served on the Vestry of Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell, MT for 3 years, as Senior Warden for two years. At Saint Mark's, I currently serve on the Stewardship Committee, am a Lector and Intercessor, have just joined the Lay Chaplain in Community ministry, and have benefited from the Creative Grieving Group. Professionally, I have been an Executive Recruiter for the past 28 years; I manage my own company. If elected to Vestry, I would bring a deep love and appreciation for this faith community.

CARA PETERSON

Saint Mark's Cathedral is my home. I joined this community when I was fourteen years old as an acolyte and a volunteer in the liturgy department. I have served on two Strategic Visioning committees, the first in 2007 and the second in 2013. Music being my primary gift, I have sung in the Cathedral Choir since 2012, and before then sang in the Youth Ensemble. For the past three summers, I have taught piano at Choir Camp. My degrees are in sacred music and organ performance. In my ten years here, I have observed and taken part in a remarkable transformation at St. Mark's. We are in a decisive position, moving forward and being an example of Christ's love incarnate in Seattle, the Diocese of Olympia, and in the wider Church. I would love to be a part of this transition and help facilitate it through service on the Vestry.



JOE WRIGHT

St. Mark's has been a true blessing to me since I moved to Seattle in 2013. This place has been a second home to me. I have been honored to serve this community as an usher, reader, and chalice bearer. I am honored now to be considered for service on the Vestry. I believe that service is at the heart of our faith. I've been proud to live out a commitment to service, both in my personal and professional life. As a Union Organizer, I've served our city by helping the workers at Swedish Hospital win a fair contract, and I serve my country as an officer in the Army Reserves. I would be honored to bring that spirit of service to the Vestry. With your support, I'd like to help lead St Marks as a welcoming home for everybody. Thank you for your consideration, and God bless you all.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES

The 106th Annual Diocesan Convention is scheduled for Friday-Saturday, October 21-22, 2016, at the Hilton Seattle Airport in Seatac. Delegates are a major link between the parish, the Vestry and the Diocese. Delegates represent the Cathedral at Diocesan Convention and regional meetings. The 500-plus members of convention from around the diocese will come together to conduct diocesan business (elections and resolutions). At Saint Mark's Annual Meeting, twelve delegates are elected to join the 12 delegates elected in 2015.



MARC AUBERTIN

I offer myself as a delegate to Diocesan Convention, not from any sense of my particular ability to contribute. Rather, I believe that every member of an Episcopal parish/cathedral community has an obligation to serve in this way, especially when the Holy Spirit moves a fellow member of the community to nominate you. Though I've been a member

of the Cathedral Community for less than 8 months, I've been an active Episcopalian for 36 years, and served as a parish treasurer and delegate to Diocesan Convention in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

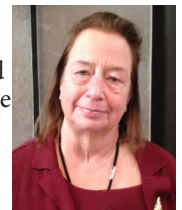


BILL BROESAMLE

I have served in various ways in several Episcopal churches. I served two terms on the Vestry and as treasurer at St. Augustine's in Santa Monica, California. In 2006 when I retired from UCLA, we moved to Seattle and joined St. Paul's, where I served on the Vestry. Five years ago, I joined the Cathedral Foundation Board, which enabled me to become acquainted with the rich life of St. Mark's. About a year ago, my wife and I transferred our membership to St. Mark's, and I would be honored to represent St. Mark's at Diocesan Convention.

JACQUELINE FARWELL

I have been a member of St. Mark's since 1979. I have been blessed by serving as an assisting lay minister, chalice bearer, lay Eucharistic visitor, and usher. My children, who are now 24 years old, were baptized at St. Mark's and grew up in the Sunday School. Recently I was hospitalized, and experienced the rich supporting network which is the community of St. Mark's. I am a physician, a semi-retired child neurologist. I have a private practice for the medical aspects of international adoption, advising parents who have a referral of a child in another country about the medical information they have received.





CAROL GREEN

I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church at Easter Vigil in 2000. My active ministry started after my retirement from the University of Washington Libraries in 2006. I coordinated the Newcomer Ministry for eight years, have served as a 9 am Greeter, and have volunteered at the Cathedral Shop. I helped organize a Quilt Ministry that provided over 100 quilts for Canaday House, and has continued to provide comfort quilts for parishioners who have long term illness or medical issues. I recently began as a Lector and look forward to serving the parish as a convention delegate.



JIM GREEN

I am a retired anthropologist, having taught at the University of Washington for 40 years, and have been a member of St. Mark's since 2000. My UW teaching specialties were comparative religion and also end of life issues; I remain active in these areas with writing, speaking engagements and service work. As a board member of the UW

Retirees Association, I continue to mentor students. In retirement I trained as a hospital chaplain (Harborview) and am part of the St. Mark's chaplaincy team. I serve on the Faith Formation committee, the Vestry, and am working to expand the cathedral's pastoral care services.



EAMMON HANLON

Saint Mark's has been my parish home since 2010. Saint Mark's witnessed my confirmation in 2011, my marriage to my wife, Laura, in 2012, and our son Jacob's baptism this past All Saints' Day. I've participated in the Habitat for Humanity ministry, greeted for the 11 am service, and

recently joined the Cathedral Choir. The people of Saint Mark's, and its work in social justice, are what make me feel at home here. As a delegate to Diocesan Convention, I'll work to develop connections between our parishes, broaden my understanding of the mission of our Diocese, and learn how that mission impacts Saint Mark's.



MARY BALDWIN KENNEDY

In 2012 I retired from a career in Law Enforcement and Corrections and moved to Seattle to be closer to my sons and my growing family. I had previously worshiped for over 20 years in New Orleans, LA at Christ Church Cathedral. There I had served on the Vestry as Senior Warden and as a member of several committees. I had also

developed a strong interest in the conflict in the Middle East. I now serve on the Facilities and Mideast Focus committees at St. Mark's. I am pleased to have been nominated to be a convention delegate.



SUSAN KNIRK

Saint Mark's has been my spiritual home for over 25 years. My professional life has included management roles in education, non-profits and medical centers. I have served on the Vestry, as Chair of the 2012 Call Committee, and as Banquet Co-Director for the Living Stones Campaign. My current ministries include serving as a chalice bearer and ALM at the 8 am service, serving on the Foundation board and as Chair of the Planned Giving Ministry. I have served as a delegate to Diocesan Convention before and would be honored to represent Saint Mark's again in 2016.

PETER McCLUNG

More than just the walls and halls here at Saint Mark's, God is creating a community here through us. Being a representative of this faith community to the Diocesan Convention would be an honor, to expand connections of our community with our brethren across the Diocese of Olympia. Saint Mark's is not just a faith-based congregating place for our Seattle community, but an extension of and conduit of the Spirit for the entire Diocese of Olympia. As the Spirit guides and in Christ, thank you for the opportunity to potentially represent our community to the convention.



SANDRA PISCITELLO

I found my church home with St. Mark's in 1988. Over the years, it has been my joy to participate in several ministries. Currently I am a bread baker, a St. Mark's quilter, an usher at 11 AM and a Welcome Table helper. Looking beyond St. Mark's as a convention delegate is exciting. I welcome the opportunity to learn about the issues facing our diocese and to make connections with other parishes. There must be so many great ideas for ministry to learn about in a convention setting and I look forward to attending the information sessions. I will be a thoughtful representative of St. Mark's Cathedral.



MICHAEL SEEWER

I started attending St. Mark's 11 o'clock service in 2014. Before moving to Seattle, I served as delegate to diocesan convention in the Diocese of Kentucky, and served as delegate to General Convention in Salt Lake City in 2015. I also held several leadership roles in my former parish, including Faith & Formation chair and Senior Warden. After representing my former diocese at GC in Salt Lake City, I officially transferred my membership to St. Mark's. Professionally, I am a Licensed Customs Broker, and I live on Capitol Hill with my dog Fritz.



CAROLYN WHITE

I have been a member of Saint Mark's community for over 30 years. In addition to worshipping regularly, I have served in various capacities of community outreach--the arts, eco-justice education and Noel House. I currently am part of the coordinating team under Canon Lance Ousley, to oversee our Diocesan partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Philippines. We hosted their delegation to our Diocese in April 2015 and I am particularly zealous about our ongoing Carbon Offset Partnership with their Diocese. I would gladly serve as a delegate to diocesan convention.

