

82nd General Convention Deputy Nominees (per Transitional Canons)

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.

2027 Clergy Nominees

The Rev. Cn. Veronica Chappell
The Rev. Martha Harris
The Rev. Dr. Adam Kradel
The Rev. Jennifer Mattson
The Rev. Anjel Scarborough
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Brian Shaffer
The Rev. Cn. Ken Wagner-Pizza
The Rev. Lisa Work

2027 Lay Nominees

Cn. Anthony Alexander
Dr. Suzan McGary
Mrs. Mary Powell, Esq.
Mrs. Amy Swiernik
Mrs. Kathryn “Cricket” Tate
Ms. Kari Tietjens
Mr. David Wirick

From the following nominees, elect: **4 Clergy and 4 Laypersons**. Alternates shall be designated as deputies as needed, in the order of votes received.

Clergy Nominees



The Rev. Cn. Veronica Chappell
Canon to the Ordinary, Northern Region

As 37-year member of the Diocese, I have served on Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Disciplinary Board, and many other committees. In my current position as Canon to the Ordinary, I am involved in all aspects of Diocesan life and have a keen interest in the wider church. I have been a mentor for priests in training, provided direction to both parishes looking for new clergy and clergy looking for new positions. I serve as a consultant to vestries doing long-term planning and work with parishes in crisis. I would love to represent the Diocese of the Susquehanna before I retire—again!



The Rev. Martha Harris
St. Paul, Columbia / St. Luke, Lancaster

My professional background includes experience in public policy and governance, which I drew upon as a Lay Deputy at the 2015 General Convention. Ordained to the priesthood in 2022, I am now seeking to serve as a Clergy Deputy. I serve two small parishes in Lancaster County that are growing through worship, music and missional outreach. I understand the challenges and opportunities facing the Episcopal Church in times of rapid social change. My public ministry focuses on building a coalition of interfaith leaders who can advocate for stronger gun laws and community violence intervention.



The Rev. Dr. Adam Kradel

St. John's, Carlisle

I am 52 years old and have been a priest since I was 26. I got an anti-hazing bill passed on my state legislature back when I was in college, and have kept abreast of legislatures, such as General Convention, since that time. I believe that I can represent the largely rural Diocese of The Susquehanna at the 82nd General Convention because I understand the needs of a rural Diocese, and I have deep knowledge of The Episcopal Church, and of legislature structure of the Episcopal Church.



The Rev. Jennifer Mattson

St. Thomas, Lancaster

I am honored to offer myself for consideration as a deputy to General Convention, having previously served in Baltimore and Louisville. As rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church for the past eight years—and a priest ordained for 20 years—I bring the lived experience of parish ministry rooted in pastoral care, liturgical leadership, and community advocacy. I am passionate about the Church's call to justice, particularly in the areas of ending gun violence, dismantling racism, and creation care. I serve as Co-Chair of our diocesan gun violence prevention ministry and as coordinator of the Lancaster Episcopal Prison Worship Ministry. I also serve as a clergy leader with POWER Interfaith, where I've been blessed by friendships with clergy from diverse traditions, working together for justice in our communities. I am a mother of four school-age children and married to the Rev. Bradley Mattson, a bi-vocational Episcopal priest and rector of Hope Episcopal Church in Manheim. Together, we share a love of gardening and music. As part of my commitment to ending gun violence, I am learning to blacksmith with Philly Raw Tools—transforming guns into garden tools and helping to forge a more just and peaceful world.



The Rev. Anjel Scarborough

All Saints, Hershey

The 81st General Convention in 2024 was my first time as an alternate deputy and it quickly became a "crash course" putting my experience in the Episcopal Church and its polity into action. Forty-nine years of lay and ordained ministry in four different dioceses, knowledge of our history, ecclesiology, liturgy, Gospel based justice work, and polity combined with prayer and my deep relationships with other Anglicans around the globe helped me work with our deputation on the many complex issues we addressed. I believe this experience will benefit our new deputation for the Diocese of the Susquehanna at the 82nd GenCon.



The Rev. Deacon Dr. Brian Shaffer
St. Andrew's, Shippensburg

My dedication is to both my Baptismal Covenant and my Deacon Ordination Vows, which command me to love and serve. My gifts are shaped by a blend of communication skills, project management expertise, and a steadfast dedication to social justice, all grounded in a rich spiritual life characterized by discernment and reflection. My strong public speaking and writing abilities enable me to articulate the Gospel message clearly, inviting others into the heart of relational ministry, both in speaking and in active listening. An ethos of service, love, and faithfulness guides my deep commitment to engagement and relational ministry. My servant heart will always be respectful, inclusive, and grounded in love.



The Rev. Cn. Ken Wagner-Pizza
Trinity Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, Williamsport

I am a lifelong Pennsylvanian, having lived in eastern, south central, and for 16+ years in north central PA, so I feel I can represent our newly reunited diocese in its beautiful diversity. I have had the pleasure of working in various sized parishes and with people of all ages--serving in various diocesan capacities from Diocesan Council to President of the Disciplinary Committee. In recent years, our parish has greatly grown in creation care and food ministries. I have also been blessed to serve on youth commissions and serve our youth at many retreats, conferences, and mission trips. I hope to bring these shared experiences with all of you into the decision-making process of our general convention as the church moves into the future—which is now.



The Rev. Lisa Work
Christ Memorial, Danville

I bring a deep love for the Church, strong communication and collaboration skills, and a heart for mission rooted in real-world ministry. As a parish priest and creative leader, I listen, build consensus, and help imagine new ways of being the Body of Christ. I am passionate about helping the Church reflect God's love for all and look forward to serving our diocese with integrity, joy, and faithful leadership.

Layperson Nominees



Cn. Anthony Alexander
St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg

I served as a delegate in another denomination for three General Conferences. As a former pastor, I understand the legalities involved in administering a Christian Church. I found the work of the legislative committees to be demanding, inspiring and it helped to shape me to become a more informed leader in the Church of Jesus Christ. Currently, I serve as a Eucharistic Minister, my second term on vestry, and have taught at the adult forum. Formerly, I served on the Standing Committee, been the SC representative to the COM and have served on Council of Trustees

as well as a former Convocation Convenor. Given the call by God to be involved in the ministry of reconciliation, I am on the Diocesan Dismantling Racism Commission and was chaplain and formerly the president to the local chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, the Bishop Nathan Baxter Chapter. I have been blessed with the ability to get along with people who are not like me.



Dr. Suzan McGary

Trinity Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, Williamsport

I am, by nature, a problem solver and organizer. My career as a heart surgeon required critical thinking, technical finesse as well as artistry, creativity and compassion. Since retiring from my surgical practice, I have channeled those skills into my life within my parish and the wider church community. Our global Episcopal Church is evolving to become more inclusive, diverse and welcoming while confronting her imperfect past. I want to be involved in supporting and steering that evolution.



Mrs. Mary Powell, Esq.

St. Paul's, Harrisburg

I have been actively involved in St. Paul's, Harrisburg, for 27 years. In recent years, I orchestrated St. Paul's Congregational Statement titled "A Call for United States Criminal Justice Epiphany." I currently serve as St. Paul's ECW Parliamentarian, ECW Bylaws chair and Women's Day chair. For five years, I have served as Vice Chancellor for our Diocese. In that capacity, I participate on the Finance Committee, Shaped by Faith Committee, and the Reunification Committee (Legal Process Group). My service in these roles has rewarded me with the opportunity to get acquainted with so many wonderful Episcopalians. Beyond the church doors, I am the principal of Powell Law PC, the most senior, minority-owned, commercial law firm in central Pennsylvania. We are engaged in public finance, real estate, and intellectual property (patents, copyrights and trademarks). Annually, since 2005, we have provided at least 112 hours of pro bono service. I am a licensed attorney in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Texas; a U.S. patent attorney; and a graduate Bowdoin College and University of Texas Law School.



Mrs. Amy Swiernik

St. John's, Marietta

Some of the gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and this ministry including active within my parish as a lay eucharistic minister, reader, serving at the altar, vestry, etc. At the Diocesan, level I have served for 20+ years on the Episcopal Churchwomen's board as president, vice president, secretary and currently treasurer. I also had the pleasure of volunteering as the layperson on the Shaped By Faith Commission, serving at the direction of Bishop Scanlan. At the Province level, I served as the ECW president shaping women's ministry and attending Triennial. Being a deputy to General Convention is an honor I take seriously, having served on the Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation Committee in Austin, TX and the Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing Committee in Louisville, KY. Having those experiences has enriched my overview and love of "The Church" that reinforces the breath and width of The Episcopal Church's reach around the world.



Mrs. Kathryn "Cricket" Tate
St. Andrew's, York

I am a seminary-educated layperson who is dedicated to empowering the laity so we can live into our mission of being The Church in the world. I am striving to live into that mission and have been blessed to be the lay leader for adult education and formation at St. Andrews, York for the past 2.5 years. I retired as a Colonel from the US Air Force in 2017 after 29+ years of service. I served in multiple roles during my tenure and as such I bring a variety of leadership skills, tenacity, and flexibility to this ministry.



Ms. Kari Tietjens
St. John's, Huntingdon

I would love to represent the Diocese of the Susquehanna at the 2027 General Convention. As a cradle Episcopalian, the church has always played a significant role in my life: from my eagerly anticipated confirmation to altar guild, to the beauty of administering wine as a lay eucharistic minister. The small community of St. John's in Huntingdon has been my home and foundation. With the leadership of Bishop Scanlan, I began my diocesan involvement through the Council of Trustees. I hope to be able to take more steps in representing my church, my region, and the love of Christ.



Mr. David Wirick
Holy Trinity, Hollidaysburg

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

- History of UMC clergy for 19 years, Presbyterian elder for 3 years, holding a M.Div. from Fuller Seminary (L977) and D.Min. from Palmer Seminary (j.989).
- Professed member of the Order of Ecumenical Franciscans since 1990.
- History of engagement with environmental issues.
- Being an out married gay man, I served many years as an HIV prevention educator and case manager, and 10 years as a Drug & Alcohol

mental health counselor.

- Fully committed to seeing the Episcopal Church carry on its amazing inclusive ministry to the world sharing God's love however we can!