



Diocese of the
MID-ATLANTIC

Anglican Church in North America

Candidates for the Standing Committee

2 Clergy candidates to be elected for 3 years

2 Lay candidates to be elected for 3 years

1 Lay candidate to be elected for 1 year

Candidates for the Committee on Constitution and Canons

3 Clergy or Lay candidates to be elected for 3 years

Candidates for The Ecclesiastical Trial Court

5 Clergy and 4 Lay candidates to be elected for 3 years

Youth Delegates to Synod

Up to 4 delegates may be appointed by the Standing Committee

Candidates for The Standing Committee

Clergy Candidates for the Standing Committee Two Clergy Candidates to be elected

The Rev. Tory Baucum
Truro Anglican Church
Fairfax, VA

Spiritual autobiography

I was led to Christ by a Roman Catholic girlfriend in an interdenominational youth group in Houston, TX (this young woman went on to be a Wycliffe Bible Translator for the next 30 years). I made my way into the Episcopal Church, the home church of my mother. I was ordained into its ministry in 1989, after graduating from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry. I've had the privilege and joy of working with Christians of all denominations in the work of evangelization and domestic church. I believe our primary job as Christ-followers is to be transformed into His image by hosting His presence and leading people into an encounter with the resurrected Lord. I believe most people are one such encounter away from good theology.

Skills/gifting

Evangelization, Ecumenics, Church Planting, Theological Education and Innovation, Conflict Transformation (which is different from conflict resolution), and Peacemaking with former adversaries.

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

- 1) Evangelization on all fronts: ecumenical, local and international, as Chairman of the Fresh Expressions Board;
- 2) Church Planting: Truro is currently involved in its third church plant in the past decade;
- 3) Ecumenics: Truro is mentoring a 300,000 member Roman Catholic Diocese on Domestic Church ministries and we are consulting with another one. Elizabeth, my wife, and I, are also collaborating with an Eastern Orthodox Institute, in the work of Church Unity;
- 4) Theological Training: We are building a theology/missional hub in DC with Asbury Theological Seminary;
- 5) We are building a training program for young people, centered on a pilgrimage around the life of Pope John Paul II and Czeslaw Milosz and the resurrection of human dignity in 20th Century Poland.

The Rev. Sally Hoover
Church of the Word
Gainesville, VA

Spiritual autobiography

I was born into a Christian family, and loved going to services until about age 13, when I decided that I did not believe God existed. After graduating from Emory University in Atlanta, I joined the Peace Corps and went to Sierra Leone (West Africa) as a teacher. There I met and married my husband and we both took jobs in Cameroon, where I worked in public health for USAID. I was standing in an airport in Cameroon when the Lord spoke to me, in an audible voice, indescribably gentle, overwhelmingly loving, leading me to help two women in trouble. I happened to be in a unique position to help them, and He led me, one step at a time, to find and help them. I have been following Him, one step at a time, ever since.

In this journey, which has spanned several states and several continents, I have led small groups, bible studies, regularly attended and led prayer meetings, organized conferences and served on vestries and in diocesan women's ministry. I have been involved in prayer ministry since 1985. Among other things I helped start a day care for pre-school age children while living in Latvia, raised money for a street ministry helping street kids, and wrote and published a newsletter for an international group. In Bulgaria, I served as president of the International Women's Club, and while living in Morocco, organized a weekly bible study. Together with my husband and another couple, we organized memorial services after 9/11. One of these services was attended by Palace officials, and was broadcast over North Africa and parts of Europe. This was the first time many of these Moroccan officials had been in a Christian church.

I am passionate about the gospel, about prayer, about the beautiful and deeply meaningful liturgy and tradition of Anglicanism

and about community. I am drawn to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

I have served as a deacon at Potomac Falls Anglican, at St. Michael's Anglican Church in Haymarket and am currently serving at Church of the Word in Gainesville. I am also a Fairfax County Chaplain. My journey to ordained ministry surprised me, but not my family. I am at least the sixth generation of ordained clergy in my father's family, but the first woman. My mother's family includes several clergy, among them Jonathan Edwards. I love the Lord deeply and my heart's desire is to serve Him and to build His kingdom here on earth.

Skills/gifting

I like to encourage others and to connect them with opportunities that bring out their gifts. I forgive people very easily. I am a trained prayer minister. I have a great sense of humor and understand how important it is to have joy in our work together. I know that you cannot out give God – I have never done something the Lord called me to do that I did not receive more than I gave, from renovating a parishioner's basement apartment to sewing altar linens. Having lived in other cultures nearly fifteen years, I value different ways of looking at things. I am also a good writer.

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

I think many of the positions and ministries I mentioned in my autobiography above could be applied to this question. I have served in a variety of ministries and I think my leadership roles in small groups, prayer and conferences, my service on vestries, diocesan committees and my service in several DOMA churches will equip me to serve on the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Rick Wright The Falls Church Anglican Church Falls Church, VA

Spiritual autobiography

I grew up in the Episcopal Church and heard the Gospel preached clearly as a high school student. While knowing about Christ, I did not know him in my heart. I did see many family members come to faith in Christ, and He changed them. They had a joy in life I did not have, and my readings in philosophy led me to believe that if God did not exist there was really no meaning in life other than hedonism. I found that rather depressing. In my senior year of high school I met Christ personally, accepted him as Savior and Lord, and experienced the infilling of the Holy Spirit. In my senior year of college I experienced Christ call me to ordained ministry in the church, and after two years of work experience went to Trinity seminary in Ambridge, PA.

Skills/gifting

Giftng:

- Pastoral skills and administration.
- D. Min. in Homiletics from Gordon-Conwell seminary.
- Training/certifications in healing ministry, spiritual direction, Conflict Coaching, Mediation/Arbitration, Human Resources (PHR & SPHR), strategic planning.
- Have been deposed twice by the courts and once by TEC, so am familiar with ecclesiastical/legal complications of ministry.

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

Past experiences:

- Served Episcopal and Anglican Churches in parish ministry for 30+ years.
- Have been Rector of several parishes and worked with numerous Vestries.
- Served on the Executive Board of the Diocese of Virginia (Not sure if that is a positive or a negative consideration.).
- Have been on staff with The Falls Church for seventeen years and served in several capacities there.
- Was on the Anglican District of Virginia executive board, the predecessor of DOMA.

Current activities and responsibilities:

- I continue to serve at The Falls Church as the Director of Congregational Care which includes many pastoral and sacramental ministries, and the oversight of the Timothy and Associate Timothy Programs.
- I with have been on the Great Commission Committee and its Executive Committee for several years, and continue to serve in those capacities.
- I served the past three years on the Standing Committee, so have some institutional knowledge to contribute from the past eleven years in our new ecclesiastical world.

Lay Candidates for the Standing Committee

Two Lay Candidates to be elected for three years

One Lay Candidate to be elected for one year (to complete an unexpired term)

Dan Hill

The Falls Church Anglican

Falls Church, VA

Spiritual autobiography

Since early childhood God has been an active presence in my life. From the moment I invited him into my heart as a second grader he has been my spiritual Father, always there to guide, prepare the way, forgive, and love – all without fail. Family, Pastor, Sunday school teachers, elementary school teachers and good friends were my spiritual Community, exercising and demonstrating Christian values and principles, and providing a reason for me to be a responsible and accountable Community member. That pattern has continued as major and minor events of life have fostered on-going spiritual growth and as my Community has changed and matured over the years.

Skills/gifting

Skills – Daily customer interaction, working in technical sales and support for IBM for 28 years. After retiring from IBM, worked as a technical consultant and manager, as a national consulting service developer, information systems auditor and manager for one of the “Big Three” audit firms, as a disaster recovery and IT security consultant, and as a senior manager at FBI headquarters doing IT security management and audit liaison for all external audits.

Gifting – Seeing the “big picture”. Ability to zero in on root causes of issues and find fruitful starting points of solutions. Understanding that we live in an imperfect world. That means few things play out as expected, and there are few “perfect” solutions. Understanding that God’s timing is always best and to let him do his work in getting us there.

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

- Served as team lead in IT security, audit and continuity, helping FBI through an almost continuous flow of external IT audits, providing guidance for FBI’s Information Systems Security Officers, and technical direction for FBI management and staff.
- Served many years on the Board of Directors of the National Capital Area Chapter of ISACA, a worldwide community and technical resource for IT security and audit professionals. Was Director of Education and Research, and was class manager for a twice-annual exam prep class for ISACA’s “Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control” (CRISC) professional certification.
- Graduate of Moody Bible Institute, an “immersion” experience in Bible study, Christian service, and vibrant Community. My weekly service activities included hospital visitation, youth group leadership, rescue-mission evangelism, and church choir director. Proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ and represented Moody in music ministry and outreach as a member of the Moody Chorale, a summer gospel team traveling daily to lead evangelistic services in hosting churches, and on WMBI radio as a member of three choral ensembles.
- Served ten years as a group leader for the “Jobs! Ministry” of the Falls Church, helping job seekers with practical and spiritual aspects of job hunting.
- Completed five years of in-depth Bible study with Bible Study Fellowship.
- Served three years as a mentor for the C.S. Lewis Institute Fellows Program, a comprehensive year-long discipleship program. Mentors meet monthly in a group setting with all active Fellows, and also meet individually with their mentorees once a month. Mentors provide prayer support, encouragement, spiritual guidance and accountability.
- Serving as a co-leader in a long-standing home church, and am a continuing member of a second home church we helped start several years ago.
- Active member of The Falls Church Anglican’s Welcome Team. For visitors who want to know who we are and what we do, their first conversation is often with a member of the Welcome Team.
- Have been meeting weekly for many years at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast, prayer, mutual support and Bible study with three other committed Christian men.

Faith McDonnell
Church of the Apostles Anglican Church
Fairfax, VA

Spiritual autobiography

I was blessed to be born into a strong Christian family. My parents were officers (pastors) in The Salvation Army, and my dad had a call to evangelism for most of his years of ministry. Like him, I have a heart for the lost. I prayed to receive Christ when I was 10 years old, and rejoice that He has been with me, and I have been with Him, ever since. Building on that firm foundation of faith, it was when I came to Church of the Apostles (in 1980!) that God's love was revealed to me in a new way when I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. By His precious grace and mercy, He continues to lead me in the wild adventure of belonging to Him and knowing His faithfulness, sharing His love and the good news of salvation with others, and experiencing fullness of joy of His presence.

Skills/gifting

As a member of the Standing Committee for the diocese, it would be my joy to help the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic to be and do all that God has created it to be and do. My strongest spiritual gifts identified are faith, prophet, and justice. I would bring these gifts to my role on the Standing Committee. God has used me frequently over the years to make connections between people that might not otherwise have been made. I am a writer and would use my writing ability in any way possible for the Standing Committee. And I am fiercely loyal. I believe that God has raised up the Anglican Church in North America, the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic, and Bishop Guernsey for such a time as this. It would be my joy to support them.

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

I have the unique privilege of being a staff member at the Institute on Religion and Democracy, where I have as much connection with Anglicanism as I do in church! IRD, because of our late president, Diane Knippers, played a key role in the formation of the Anglican Church in North America, and I was blessed to be part of that good fight from 1993 and onwards. In addition, both because of the Anglican effort, but even more so because of my position as the Religious Liberty Director at the IRD, I have a precious and extremely important connection with our persecuted brothers and sisters -- including Anglicans -- around the world. I would be honored to contribute my knowledge of the global persecuted church and the threats that it faces to the work of the diocese in even a more intimate way than I do now. And I would be happy to encourage our diocese to look outside the struggles that we ourselves are facing, to the struggles of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to fulfill our responsibility to them as per Galatians 6: 10.

Andrew Oravetz
Immanuel Anglican Church
Woodbridge, VA

Spiritual autobiography

As far back as I can remember, I have been a member of a church. It was in my senior year of high school that I had several experiences that intensified my commitment to follow Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Over time this relationship manifested in various ways, including ministering at a juvenile detention center, being active in various small groups, evangelism, and discipleship activities. While my children were in the youth group, I was a volunteer.

It was shortly after our wedding 38 years ago that we become Episcopalians. I became active in many ways, including small groups, various church committees, and a vestry member. I was a founding member of a new church plant. This allowed me to participate as a lay delegate to the Annual Council and finally as a member of the Executive committee.

After our congregation voted to leave the Episcopal Church, I stayed involved first in the Anglican District of Virginia which eventually became the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic.

Skills/gifting

For me this is a difficult question because I believe in the ability of God the Holy Spirit to empower any member of the body of Christ for a task that becomes a skill or gifting. But my years of walking with Jesus have taught me a number of things. He has taught me to be a good listener, to hear out someone who shares a different viewpoint, to calmly participate in a conversation believing in a God who will lead us into all truth, especially when it is not in line with my viewpoint. Most of all, He has taught me to rely on prayer and to read the bible from cover to cover frequently.

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

I have served previously as a regional president and on the Executive Board of the Diocese of Virginia. I have served on a vestry twice, and as a member of a church's finance committee. I have been on the Constitution and Canons Committee of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. I have experience working with others of often differing opinions. Professionally, I have also been a meeting facilitator for a number of projects.

Jeff Walton
Restoration Anglican Church
Arlington, VA**Spiritual autobiography**

My Christian faith has been characterized by a gradual placing of trust in Jesus Christ, beginning with the example of my Christian parents. God's disclosure of his character to the Israelites and the Church has helped me to accept him as trustworthy. Raised in an Episcopal parish, I made a decision to publically commit to Christ and be confirmed in 1994. Simultaneously, I benefitted from instruction at an Evangelical Christian High School. This was a helpful pairing: the structure, beauty and history of the liturgy taught me that I was part of something much larger than an individual relationship with God, while the Evangelicals who surrounded me in school were scripturally literate, mission-minded and modeled a personal faith they had in Christ.

Skills/gifting

- Eleven years' experience researching and reporting on Anglican Communion matters for the Institute on Religion & Democracy, including participation in ACNA Assemblies in 2009, 2012, 2014 and 2017 along with GAFCON 2013.
- At Assembly 2014 and GAFCON 2013 I served on the Communications Core Team.
- I have also covered three Episcopal Church General Conventions (Anaheim 2009, Indianapolis 2012 and Salt Lake City 2015) for IRD. I have a heart for ecumenism, working for the maximum possible unity between churches without compromising core Christian teachings.

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

In 2008 I was a part of the "launch team" from The Falls Church Anglican that prayed for, planned and worked to start the project in Arlington, Virginia that became Restoration Anglican Church. I have five times served as a delegate to Diocesan Synod representing RAC. Prior to this, I also served on the leadership team of Kairos, the former young adult ministry of TFCA. Currently I serve as an elected member of the Diocesan Standing Committee, the Provincial Council and as a board member for Anglican Frontier Missions.

Candidates for the Committee on Constitution and Canons

Three Candidates to be elected

Andrew Oravetz
Immanuel Anglican Church
Woodbridge, VA

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Greg Strong
The Falls Church Anglican
Falls Church, VA

Spiritual autobiography

Raised in the Methodist Church, I believe that God grasped me well before I was conscious or intentional in terms of personal faith, inasmuch as I always experienced a sense of something "special" in worship. In high school I got involved in Young Life. This came at a significant point as I was grappling with issues of life and faith, purpose and meaning. During this time I began to experience much more personally God's truth: "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27). In my university years I began a search for a new church home. For two years I attended a Mennonite church, where I found a community with the genuine warmth of the Spirit and the Anabaptist vision of a Christ ethic for a new people. Still searching, though, I began attending Mass at a Catholic church – worshipping but not communicating. That year was deeply formative in exposing me to liturgical worship and spirituality. Shortly after university, I decided to attend a small Episcopal church. Soon I knew I had found a church home in Anglicanism: rooted in the realities of the gospel set forth in Scripture and passed on in apostolic Christianity; then reinvigorated in the Reformation, while still living in rich relationship with the heritage of the church up to the Reformation. All of this led to graduate studies at Trinity School for Ministry (M.Div.) and Drew University (Ph.D.). I met my wife, Karen, at Drew; we have one child, Kate, now married. Karen and I have spent our working lives in the nonprofit world with Prison Fellowship Ministry, Prison Fellowship International, and now The Falls Church Anglican.

Skills/gifting

From my studies and my lifelong experiences in churches, I have a fair grasp of church history and theology in general, and Anglican history and theology in particular. I am especially keen on understanding and helping others to understand the larger frameworks and narratives into which the particularities of our personal faith and life fit and have meaning. I am also keen about the ways in which the theological, historical, and political structuring of Anglicanism as a living tradition and an institution both stems from and shapes our communal, corporate life with respect to Christ's "ekklesia."

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

Building on my prior studies, in the last few years in particular I have taught several courses at TFCA and through Reformed Theological Seminary in Anglican studies, including a seminary course on Anglican polity. I think this grounding in theological and historical perspectives will help in understanding and shaping our diocesan constitution and canons.

Clergy Candidates for the Ecclesiastical Trial Court

Five Clergy Candidates to be elected

The Rev. Daryl Fenton
CJM- The Church's Ministry Among Jewish People
Winchester, VA

Spiritual autobiography

Growing up in a conservative corner of the Methodist Church (then the Evangelical United Brethren Church), I came to at the age of seven. It was a knowing decision, although I needed to mature my faith as I got older (sometimes through doubt). This decision continued to shape my entire life.

This very conservative evangelical upbringing gave me a strong base of biblical knowledge, prayer, and core discipleship habits. It also focused much of my life on mission. It did not have what I would now consider some theological weaknesses, but it gave me a spiritual foundation upon which I continue to draw.

As a teenager, it expressed it in church involvement and other evangelical ministries like Youth for Christ. That faith led me to study at Wheaton College. I should add that it was there that I met my wife of almost forth-eight years, Sandy, in philosophy class.

Although I pursued a career in business after three years of college, a call to ministry was on my life; one that I partly avoided. Christian life in our twenties, when our family was young, was lived out in Circle Evangelical Free Church, a city church in Chicago. Circle Church was the prototype congregation for Willow Creek. (Bill Hybels attended Circle and then used it as the pattern for founding Willow Creek.)

I worked in and then managed a Chicago restaurant in city center. Eventually, a team from Circle Church and I planted Loop EFC congregation. In those years I was a licensed pastor, in the ordination track, for the EFC. As a result of that experience, I returned to Wheaton to finish my degree and go on to begin an MA in New Testament.

From there Sandy and I answered a call to go to Europe as the managing partner in a small missionary tent-making company. It had been set up to keep a Navigator missionary in communist Yugoslavia. That call took us to the UK, where almost immediately we became Anglicans. We were in the UK for the next ten years, and then moved on to Poland,

We returned to the USA in 2000. Living in Akron, OH, we worshipped at St. Luke's Anglican Church. Over the next eighteen months it became clear, through our own sense of the Lord's leading and the encouragement of fellow Christians, to apply to Trinity School for Ministry. This led to postulancy in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Anglicanism has served to continue my maturing in faith. It has had an important impact on my understanding of worship, spiritual maturity, the process of catechesis/discipleship, and especially the advantage of Anglican ecclesiology for mission.

Skills/gifting

For twenty-five years I was responsible for leading businesses which regularly required decision making, management and moral decision making, regarding staff. I also served in church leadership much of that time. All of us hope, of course, that this court will never need to be convened. I pray that I have both seen enough human weakness, am convinced enough of my own human and spiritual limitations, and understand the scripture's commitment to holiness in leadership to serve both humbly and well.

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

My service to the archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America exposed me to the varieties of issues that the church confronts. Serving as a bi-vocational church-planter provided another perspective. Serving as a parish priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh provided a third kind of experience. Finally, thirty years of leading businesses gave some insight into the moral issues of leadership behavior inside an organization.

The Rev. Tim Howe
Executive Assistant to the Canon for Church Planting
Woodbridge, VA

Spiritual autobiography

I was born again in 1979 while at the College of William and Mary. I became involved with Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship and was elected chapter president my senior year. The Lord used IVCF to form me and push me toward ordination. After graduation, I worshipped at Church of the Apostles in Fairfax, where I met my lovely wife, Kim, and was confirmed in a call to ordination. Kim and I went to seminary from 1986 to 1991 and I was ordained into the priesthood in the Fall of 1992. I served as assistant at a large parish in south Alabama for most of the '90's, then was rector of Grace Church in Florence, KY, and Church of Our Saviour in Gallatin, TN. We moved back to northern Virginia in 2005 to assist my aged parents and have been back here since. I moved to CANA and then the ACNA as those bodies formed and provided a way to continue to offer ministry without compromising the faith. The Lord has provided for us in many ways and at many times. I have seen Him open doors where it appeared there was only a solid wall. He has been present in my life at all times, even the darkest moments. His grace is my song and constant source of strength.

Skills/gifting

I bring good listening skills, an open mind when dealing with controversial topics, and a variety of administrative abilities that I think will help the Court fulfill its duties. I am also deeply committed to prayer and God's power, wisdom, and grace unleashed into our human experience through prayer.

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

I have served as a parish priest in a variety of contexts, gaining insight into the issues that clergy face. I have helped guide churches through difficult circumstances on several occasions, so I understand that trouble and turmoil can enter into the life of the church. At one point, I had to help guide an investigation into allegations against a former staff member that triggered the canons for such things. I know how to hold a confidence and to listen carefully to all sides when a controversy or allegation surfaces. It is my prayer and hope that we will be able to help situations find healing before they rise to that level.

The Rev. Morgan Reed
Restoration Anglican Church
Arlington, VA

Spiritual autobiography

The Lord brought me to Himself as a teenager and even when I was only 15 years of age, I sensed God's call on my life to pastoral ministry. I met my wife, Ashley, while attending community college in Northern California where God continued to confirm my calling to pastoral ministry. With the realization that I needed more training, I applied to and was accepted at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. From there I would then go on to study at Dallas Theological Seminary. In my time at Moody and Dallas, I began to study Hebrew Bible and Syriac patristics. In Dallas I discovered the Episcopal Church and I would ride my bike to a local Episcopal parish near the seminary several days per week to attend daily Mass. I applied to the Catholic University of America to do my PhD in Syriac and Hebrew, and while amidst my coursework, God seemed to continue to call me to pastoral ministry as I served Him at Restoration Anglican Church. I was made a Deacon in May 2016 and ordained a priest in June 2017. What a blessing it has been to serve as a Syriac professor at the Catholic University of America while serving as a priest in Northern Virginia. I am currently in the process of helping to plant a new worshipping community in South Arlington along with the Rev. Liz Gray and Amy Rowe. My wife and I are thrilled about what God is doing in our neighborhood and feel blessed to be a part of it.

Skills/gifting

People have told me that I listen well and I believe this to be an important quality for anyone on this committee. This ability to listen well stems from my desire to care for souls. Because of my academic work I have had exposure to canon law from various historic branches of Christianity. My care for souls is balanced with a high view of the role and function of episcopal oversight.

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

I have functioned as a pastor in two ACNA parishes over the last 2+ years which were part of two different dioceses. Therefore, I'm familiar with the culture of several dioceses in the ACNA. I have built two webpages dedicated to canon law: one on the Assyrian Church of the East and the other on the Syriac-speaking traditions more broadly. The process of writing my dissertation gives me the skills needed both to methodically evaluate an argument and to articulate a well-supported thesis.

Lay Candidates for the Ecclesiastical Trial Court

Four Lay Candidates to be elected

Jack Dunlap
The Falls Church Anglican
Falls Church, VA

Spiritual autobiography

In our family, the children went to Sunday School at a Dutch Reformed church, while parents attended church at Christmas, Easter and other occasions. We all considered ourselves Christian. I was active in youth group (president) and the annual World Council of Churches Northeastern Regional Youth Leadership Conference in which I served as youth president, song leader and later as Director. Although growing considerably spiritually, I didn't understand what it really meant to be a Christian. In my Navy life, I drifted away from church thinking it really wasn't necessary to be a "good Christian." Then I felt the Lord tapping me on the shoulder. Being proud and arrogant, I responded, "I'll be right with you." I did that one too many times, and the Lord addressed me with a 2x4. That got my attention. It was that difficult period in my life when I first came to TFCA. The Lord led me to understand that because Christ died for my sins, I was personally responsible for his death, but even for that, I was forgiven. I learned about forgiving others about healing, and about prayer and our Abba Father who can take away our pain through prayer that has (and needs) no words. And while I understood that most people can simply ask God to come into their lives, I thought I was different. Because of my arrogance -- I had such "high standards" I thought -- I needed to "clean up my act" before doing so. Zig Ziglar helped me see that, "If I could clean up my own act, I didn't need God." (The beginning of humility.) Now I know I'm a sinner like everyone else, and based on grace, I have a personal relationship with the Lord. I pray daily and seek his guidance and protection for my family and others. I have been with the JOBS! Ministry since 1992 providing practical and spiritual guidance for and support of all those in career transition. I have been blessed by our serving in our ministry far more than my contributions merit. Through that dark period of my life, I learned the importance of having a grateful heart, and now the Lord has blessed me with that as well.

Skills/gifting

- Integrity (The first essential)
- Discernment (Seeing what's right in each case)
- Wisdom (From all the mistakes I've made)
- Spiritually grounded, Biblically based analysis, problem solving and decision making,
- Humility (Recognizing I'm not always right)
- Listening with my heart (Not just hearing the words spoken)
- Sensitivity (Dealing with difficult situations in an appropriate manner)
- Confidentiality (Speaking about matters only with appropriate people at appropriate times and places)
- Understanding the judicial process (Who has the burden of proof? What is the standard of proof?)
- Understanding and creating policies and procedures
- Dealing with complex matters and concepts presented in writing or orally
- Organization
- Teaching (The role of the judge include helping everyone understand the basis for the decisions)
- Arbitrating (Resolving issues and making decisions binding on all parties)
- Mediating (Understanding and, as appropriate, bringing together parties with divergent views)

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

- Judge: Trial level (criminal cases only)
- Attorney: Prosecutor, defense counsel, legal advisor; manager of world-wide legal program with 700+ attorneys; conducted and reviewed investigations in criminal cases, collisions at sea; tort claims, injuries and property damage; interim appellate review of criminal cases
- Teacher/Trainer/Facilitator: Leadership development; management; resolution of organizational problems and issues; Promoting personal growth and development
- Ministry leader: JOBS! Ministry 25 years (a director 23 years)
- Naval Officer: Leadership; decision making; policy and procedures; setting up procedures for handling Department of Defense child abuse cases

Kevin Marshall
Restoration Anglican Church
Arlington, VA

Spiritual autobiography

I cannot remember not trusting in Jesus. My parents were Christians before I was born. When I was ten, they sat me down for a discussion, and I decided to be baptized. Since then, maturing in my faith has been more slow growth (in fits and starts) than drama. One memorable stage was attending my first Anglican church. Weekly communion was new, as was a liturgy. Being a young bachelor, I was usually late, so sat on the side, facing in. I found myself enthralled by watching the parishioners respond to the retelling of the Gospel by lining up to receive the bread and wine. I was filled with a new and strange love for others and God, often near tears. Another stage was marrying my wife, Heidi (and then adding four daughters from 2004 to 2011), which has rubbed my nose in my selfishness and taught me new depths of love, received and given. I have come more to live out my faith with others, rather than just in my head, by myself. We particularly enjoy our evenings, when Heidi and I pray with the girls: One of them leads, taking requests, praying them back, and reciting a collect; and we sing, trying to memorize as we go. Heidi and I also pray together as we end the day. We attended Truro for many years, and for the last three have attended Restoration, where we regularly host a home group.

Skills/gifting

My experience in parish and diocesan governance and in law (see below) has taught me judgment, discretion, awareness of others' interests, and the ability to use words carefully, clearly, and persuasively. As a vestry member and warden, I believe I contributed to Truro's remaining united as it left the Episcopal Church, including drafting the vestry's statement upon voting to recommend that Truro re-affiliate, which enabled a unanimous vestry vote. Both times that I chaired the diocese's constitution and canons committee, I produced unanimous committee reports on contentious issues. Being the father of four closely spaced daughters has also taught me many unexpected skills in conflict management and dispute resolution.

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

I have served on a vestry and as a warden (including through a change in rectors); twice chaired the diocese's constitution and canons committee; have been a delegate to synod several times (including the synod that established the diocese); and have been practicing law for many years. My legal experience includes clerking for two federal judges (on the U.S. Court of Appeals that includes Virginia and on the U.S. Supreme Court) and spending over three years in the U.S. Department of Justice as a supervisor in an office (Legal Counsel) that judges and advises throughout the Executive Branch. Since 2010, I have been a partner at the global Jones Day firm in D.C., in its appellate litigation group.

Kelly McFadden
The Falls Church Anglican
Falls Church, VA

Spiritual autobiography

I spent my formative childhood years attending a small Episcopal church outside of Boston. The Rector of our church loved the Lord and was committed to preaching the gospel when our Diocese was going in a very different direction in the 1990s. Our Rector was an influential figure in my spiritual life: because it was a small church, I knew him personally and he always took time to answer my questions. While I understood the core aspects of the gospel and gave my life to Jesus at a young age, I didn't understand the importance of discipleship and Christian community and felt lost and alone at my secular university. When I graduated from college and moved to DC, I prayed for a church home and the Lord brought me to The Falls Church. It was there that I first met the Holy Spirit and began to understand how to mature in my faith, to learn and study the Bible on my own, integrate onto the body of Christ, and develop a passion for worship and prayer. The Falls Church Anglican has been my church home for 14 years now.

Skills/gifting

I would bring to this position skills and giftings in: legal analysis (as discussed below, I am an attorney), discernment, an ability to evaluate complex information, a willingness to listen to others and to maintain an open mind, an understanding of the importance of strict confidentiality, and critical thinking.

Prior or current activities, responsibilities and/or experiences that might contribute to this position

I am an attorney, and while the Ecclesiastical Court is not a court of law, my complex litigation experience (involving confidentiality, procedural rules, and large volumes of evidence) would be useful for this position. In addition, I have

experience with University honor and student conduct systems. As an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania, I served as Chair of the University Honor Council, which oversaw hearings involving alleged student honor and conduct violations (jury panels were composed of a mixture of faculty and students). I have also been involved in numerous and diverse ministries as a member of The Falls Church Anglican ("TFCA"). Over the years, I have served as a youth group leader for junior high students, co-led a home group for young married couples, and co-led a bible study for mothers of infants young children as part of TFCA's women's ministry. I also have taken TFCA's yearlong healing prayer class and have served on TFCA's marriage ministry committee. In that capacity, I helped to organize a conference on marriage and healing prayer.

Youth Delegates who have been appointed to Synod

Our Canons provide for up to 4 youth delegate positions to be appointed by the Standing Committee. This year we have two youth delegates who have been appointed. No action by Synod is needed.

David Dunlap
Truro Anglican Church
Fairfax, VA

Please provide a short summary of your involvement at your church:

One of the most important ways I have grown as a Christian has been through my involvement at Truro Anglican Church. My family has attended Truro for most of my life and it has been a big part of the development of my faith in Jesus. My first connection with Truro was attending the Truro Preschool. This is how my family heard about Truro and began to attend church there. Later as I grew older I participated in many of Truro's youth activities such as WOW Worship for elementary age kids and Sunday School for teenagers. Perhaps the most significant experience I have in serving at Truro has been serving as an acolyte. I started serving in this role as an altar server when I was in 8th grade. The next year, I served as a torch carrier and for the last several years I have led an acolyte team as a crucifer. In this experience I have learned to lead and serve my church in a modest way. On Thursday evenings this fall I will be helping our youth pastor Wes Buckley to lead a small group bible study for younger kids at Truro. Truro Anglican Church has developed my Christian faith and given me several ways to serve the Lord.

Julianna Gedney
Immanuel Anglican Church
Woodbridge, VA

Please provide a short summary of your involvement at your church:

I have been a part of Immanuel Anglican Church for the past 3+ years. I was involved in several of the Children's Christmas Pageants. I have been an acolyte with the church for the past two years and have been a part of the lay readers several times. I was confirmed at Immanuel Anglican Church and have been part of their youth group for several years.