



The 226th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia

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Elected Positions Nomination Form

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Position Sought: Standing Committee, Clerical Order

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Please provide a biographical sketch for publication, including elected or appointed positions or ministries held at the parish, provincial and/or national church level and highlighting why you would like the position and believe you are qualified. Please include a digital photograph with the nomination form.

I am a lifelong Episcopalian, raised in a military family, with church experiences in many dioceses and locations. I love the Episcopal Church, it's where I learned that I was a beloved child of God, and where I learned to love Jesus. As my family moved from one station to another in the US and Germany, and my living environment shifted every 18 months to 2 years, the Episcopal Church and the language of the liturgy stayed the same. The liturgy speaks deeply to my soul.

I hold BSEd and MEd degrees in Special Education from Southwest Texas State University, with specializations in Specific Learning Disabilities and Autism and Behavior Management, and I taught for 5 years before going to seminary. While in college, I served the Canterbury Ministry as a Peer Minister for 3 years. It was there that I had early inklings of a call to ordained ministry, but that wasn't really what women did then and I was not encouraged. After college I attended St. Matthew's in Kenedy, TX, and served as Junior and Senior Warden. While in Kenedy I understood that I was called to ordained ministry. I went to a new school district to teach, and served as Youth Minister at St. Andrew's, Seguin, TX (Pecan Capital of Texas).

I went to VTS in 1989 and graduated in 1993. I met my husband Russell while at VTS. He is also a life-long Episcopalian. We met at St. Luke's, Fort Hunt Road, where he attended while stationed in DC with the Coast Guard and I did my seminary field work. We are the parents of 3 young men ages 16-22.

I served churches in Texas, Alaska, Mississippi and Virginia:

- St. James, Del Rio, Texas-Seminarian Intern-1991-1992
- Trinity, Juneau, Alaska-Deacon, Curate, Interim Rector-1993-1995
- Mediator, Meridian, Mississippi-Assistant-1996-1997
- St. Francis of Assisi, Philadelphia, Mississippi-Vicar-1996-2001
- Harrisonburg, Virginia-Campus Missioner-2001-present
 - Long Term Supply-Christ Church, Luray, VA-2012-2013
 - Long Term Supply-St. Stephen and the Good Shepherd, Rocky Bar, VA-2016-present

Committees and Other Service:

- Higher Education-Diocese of West Texas
- Vocare Director-Diocese of West Texas
- Southeast Deanery-Diocese of Alaska
- Camp Director for the Southeast Deanery-Diocese of Alaska
- Chaplain to the ECW-Diocese of Mississippi
- Executive Board-Diocese of Mississippi and Diocese of Virginia
- Young Priest Initiative Co-Chair-Diocese of Virginia
- Chaplain to Shrine Mont Camps-Diocese of Virginia
- Director of St. Elizabeth's Camp, Shrine Mont-Diocese of Virginia
- Fresh Start Facilitator-Diocese of Virginia
- Chair of the Interfaith Chaplains, JMU
- Basic Needs Advisory Board, JMU

I love this diocese and I love God. In the midst of these challenging times in our church, and in our society, I think that my ability to listen well, and practice collaborative leadership, seeking common vision and understanding will be of good use. With experience in education, parish, and diocesan systems, I have a good understanding of how systems can work well together. Several people have approached me to serve on the Standing Committee over the years, and I think I would serve the Church well in this capacity.



Mail, fax or e-mail completed form to: Secretary of the Diocese, 110 W. Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23220 Fax: 804-644-6928 E-mail: bmartin@thediocese.net

Nominations must be received **no later than close of business on Tuesday, October 27, 2020**