



The 226th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia

November 14, 2020

Elected Positions Nomination Form

Name: _____

Position Sought: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Church Name, Location _____

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.

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**

NOMINATION STATEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE - LAY ORDER

Margaret Arnette Woody - St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA

Baptized member of the United Methodist Church in 1958 though 2000. Since October 2000, I have been an active parish member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. I arrived as a visitor wanting to volunteer for St. Thomas Food Pantry. Between 2000-2001, completed Faith and Fellowship and Gifts and Talents classes, and was “received” by the Bishop of the Diocese of VA, into the Episcopal Church.

Ever since I entered St. Thomas Episcopal Church, my focus has been Outreach Ministries: a newly formed Concerned Northside Congregations for elderly and mentally disabled adults, CARITAS Shelter Programs, YMCA Bright Beginnings, AA & Al-Anon, St. Thomas Day School, and St. Thomas Food Pantry — our most crucial ministry, especially during these COVID-19 Pandemic times. I also enjoyed volunteering with St. Peter’s Episcopal’s “Souls to the Polls” initiative, helping people without transportation to get to the Voter Registrar’s Offices to VOTE in our crucial 2020 Elections.

Still discerning whether God wants me to be a Vocational Deacon in the Episcopal Church; ever since I attended a Discernment Retreat at Richmond Hill VA with The Rev Andrew Terry and Liz Ward, in August 2015.

I also served as Outreach Liaison on the Vestry of St. Thomas Episcopal Church from 2017— 2020.

Completed the program of Education for Ministry (EfM) - Theological Education by Extension, administered by the School of Theology, The University of the South between 2015-2019. Completed a course in Trauma and Contemplative Healing Prayer (RAPHA) at Richmond Hill VA from September 2019 — August 2020.

Served as St. Thomas Episcopal’s Convention Delegate (2015—2018); serving as St. Thomas Episcopal’s Regional Delegate in Region XI (2015 – 2019) and St. Thomas Regional Delegate for Central Richmond Region X (2020—present).

Interested in Standing Committee because of the need for Racial Reconciliation and Healing in The Episcopal Church. Currently, participating in Bishop Porter Taylor’s course, “Episcopalians & Race: Civil War to Civil Rights” and feel that, as an Asian American, I can make a stand and help the church move in a positive direction.

