



## The 226<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia

November 14, 2020

### Elected Positions Nomination Form

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name, Location \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**



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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](mailto:bmartin@thediocese.net)

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

I am a lifelong member of St. James's Richmond, where my late father was the rector from 1957-78. I was educated at St. Christopher's School (K-12). I graduated from the University of Virginia in 1979, and earned my Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation in 2000.

I also grew up "on the Mountain" at Shrine Mont. We attended the Family Conference every summer. As a teenager I attended Choir Camp and St. George's, served as a St. George's counselor, and was a Shrine Mont staff member. Our two adult children who attended Shrine Mont Camps and served as counselors at St. Elizabeth's. Daughter Lissie has been on the staff at St. George's and currently assists with St. Elizabeth's. My wife and I were founding members of the Shrine Mont Transfiguration Society (for planned gifts), and I am a current member of the Shrine Mont board.

My service at St. James's has included teenage youth group leader, a term on the vestry, Lay Eucharistic Ministry, every member canvas, planned giving committee, Baptism Guides program, Region delegate, Convention delegate (currently on the Committee on Constitution and Canons), and 35 years as a member of a men's bible study. I recently stepped aside after coordinating the latter group for 12 years because we have moved to Kilmarnock. I still participate in the St. James's group and I have co-founded a similar group at Grace Kilmarnock. In 2019 I secured the largest planned gift in another rural parish's history. They had no prior relationship with the donor.

Professionally, I have over 30 years of work experience in financial services and non-profit fund raising, including a tenure as the Alumni Director at St. Christopher's. I have a deep working knowledge of charitable gift planning techniques. I currently serve as a Trust Representative and Registered Representative at VCB Financial Group in Kilmarnock and Richmond.

I feel called to this role in the Diocese because I think we face some challenging times racially and fiscally. My father was a priest during the Civil Rights era and the Vietnam War. I have always been keenly aware of the stain of racism in this country, and I grew up three houses east of the Jeb Stuart monument. I watched black students walk by that edifice for years en route to still-segregated Maggie Walker High School. In the 1990's I served as deputy Director of Richmond Renaissance, a racially balanced public/private partnership that accomplished some good things for the City. Recently I was the first white member of the Ridley Scholars Board at the University of Virginia. Over the years have I gained invaluable insights about listening openly and demonstrating mutual respect, and earning trust before moving to action. We also face financial challenges at every level. My skills in investments, insurance, and all aspects of nonprofit fund raising could be an asset to the Bishop and other leaders in the Diocese. If elected, I would be honored to serve.