



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

The 227th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia

November 11-13, 2021, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA

Related Organizations Nomination Form

Nominee for:

Diocesan Missionary Society

Virginia Diocesan Homes

Trustees of the Funds

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Has the nomination been endorsed by the Related Organization? YES: yes

NO: _____

Are you a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia? YES: yes NO: _____

Your church's Clergy Signature:

Shirley Smith Graham

Additional Information to be provided (please use a separate sheet to answer the following questions)

Professional/Educational Background:

Church Involvement – Local, Diocesan, National:

Pertinent skills you bring to this work:

Why do you wish to serve?

Signature _____

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Date

9/7/21

PLEASE NOTE: Nomination forms must be received no later than the close of business on **Friday, September 10, 2021** in order to be reviewed by Annual Convention. Please send completed nomination forms to: Secretary of the Diocese, 110 W. Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23220 Fax: 804-644-6928 E-mail: bmartin@thediocese.net

227th Nomination Form—Virginia Diocesan Homes

Application of Laura D. Lafayette

Professional/Education Background:

BA, College of William & Mary, 1987

Post Graduate Work—Yale Divinity School, University of Virginia

CEO, Richmond Association of REALTORS & Central Virginia Regional MLS

(As part of my role as CEO of RAR/CVR MLS, I currently serve as the ED of our nonprofit, the Partnership for Housing Affordability. I plan to cede this role to a PHA staff member in January of 2022 and return to the PHA Board of Directors.)

In the past 20 years, I have served on the Boards/served as Chair of the Board of the following: Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity; the Better Housing Coalition; Housing Virginia (now Housing Forward Virginia); Homeward; and the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust. Currently, I serve as a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Housing Commission, and I serve on the Board of ACTS—Area Congregations Together in Service (a provider of emergency rental/utility assistance.)

Church Involvement—Local, Diocesan, National

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Missions & Outreach Leadership Team, Chair, 2017 & 2018

Ten Year Master Plan Team, 2018 – 2019

Project Oversight Team, 2019 – 2020 (The ministry team tasked with oversight of our “Living Community”—our unsuccessful attempt to develop affordable senior housing/Neuro-Diverse housing on our land.)

Vestry, 2019 – 2021

Senior Warden, 2021

Pertinent skills you bring to this work:

Given my 28 years at the Richmond Association of REALTORS and my many years of service with housing nonprofits, I have knowledge of both the private housing market and the work required to produce affordable housing units. I work extensively with local and state policy makers to create environments in which our housing nonprofits can be successful. During the last three years at Christ Church as we sought to develop affordable housing, I have learned a great deal about how to have these conversations and seek to move this process forward within a faith community. I like to think strategically; and I always seek to serve in a collegial, collaborative manner. This is incredibly hard work, but joyous as well.

Why do you wish to serve?

I believe that in the next 20 years (and beyond) many faith communities will need to think through how best to utilize their assets (land and buildings) for the greater good of their surrounding community and the furtherance of God's vision of a beloved, inclusive, reconciled community. I believe VDH can play a key, supportive role in these conversations of discernment and the action steps that come out of them. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the VDH Board—to learn from my Board colleagues and to contribute to VDH's evolving role in the life, work, and witness of the Episcopal Church.