



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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Church Name, Location Saint George's Episcopal Church, Arlington

Has the nomination been endorsed by the Related Organization? YES: _____ NO: _____

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

Your church's Clergy Signature: _____

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 _____ Date _____

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

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Nomination Form
Kathie Panfil

Professional/Educational Background

Arlington Public Schools: Administrator/ principal (1980-2004)
Lecturer, University of Canberra, Canberra, Australia (1995-1998)
Peace Corps Venezuela 1964-66

Smith College	B.A.
University of Virginia	M.Ed.
George Mason University	Ph.D.

Church Involvement

Local: St. George's Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA (vestry, 2x); San Jose Liaison, EFM, Urban Abbey, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Virtual House Church, VOICE.

Diocesan: Committee on Congregational Ministries — continuing (Santa Maria); La Mision Latina; Dayspring Vision Team.

Pertinent Skills

As CCM's liaison to Santa Maria in Falls Church, I worked with its leaders over several years to explore building affordable senior housing on the adjacent lot. COVID stopped work on the project.

As a member of CCM, I have visited many churches with decreased congregations who have explored and sometimes found valuable ways to serve their communities.

As a member of the Dayspring Vision Team, I learned other ways that church facilities could serve others.

As a Board member of Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, I have learned about the need and process of providing more affordable housing in Virginia.

As a Board member in past years of ASPIRE and Edu-Futuro (non-profits addressing educational needs of low income families) I know the importance of stable, secure housing.

Why I Wish to Serve

First, it is because I would like to help address the need for affordable senior housing. I have been a volunteer working to meet housing needs in northern Virginia. I am aware of people who have worked in service industries, including my former co-workers in our schools, who struggle to afford homes in the communities they served. The Episcopal Church has long supported providing good places for seniors to live in

Virginia through Virginia Diocesan Homes, and I would like to contribute to those increasingly important efforts, particularly for those of low income.

Through CCM, I have met leaders in small congregations who have space in their church buildings or on their grounds which could be used to help their communities in various ways, sometimes through affordable housing, but as the CCM liaison to Santa Maria, I have also learned how complex the process is. I particularly would like to support efforts of VDH to mentor congregations exploring the possibility of senior affordable housing.

The experience I had at Santa Maria showed me how critical outside help is, although we never concluded the process. English proficiency is far from the only expertise we lacked. Thanks to Dick Juergens for his many long treks to Falls Church to advise us. Thanks to Nina Janapaul who advised and who introduced us to lawyers and local government officials. We also benefited from the advice of Jill Nordstrom who helped us connect with others. If VDH can expand such mentoring, it can help other congregations without the expertise needed.

In addition, I believe that VDH can play a critical role in enabling churches to address various other pressing needs in their communities. Exploring the possibilities is an exciting opportunity.