



## The 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia

November 17-19, 2022, Crystal City Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia

### Elected Position Nomination Form

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Position Sought:

STANDING COMMITTEE \_\_\_\_\_ GENERAL CONVENTION \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE III \_\_\_\_\_

Order: LAY \_\_\_\_\_ CLERGY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 **no later than Tuesday, November 1, 2022** to:  
Secretary of the Diocese, 110 W. Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23220  
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The Reverend Amanda Kotval  
Biographical Sketch for General Convention Clergy Deputy Election

Raised outside the Church, Amanda discovered her Christian faith as a young adult, and quickly found a home in The Episcopal Church. She was confirmed in 2008 at Trinity, Fredericksburg, and became involved in parish leadership very quickly. In each position she found herself, God kept calling her into step forward into something new, which led to several years in discernment for ordained ministry. In 2016, Amanda and her young family left Fredericksburg for Alexandria, where she attended Virginia Theological Seminary and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in May of 2019, and then ordained to the priesthood in September of 2019.

Amanda has experience serving the church on the national, diocesan, and parish levels. On the national level, Amanda was appointed to serve as the Co-Chair of the General Convention Task Force on the Opioid Epidemic, a group that was established by legislation Amanda contributed to and shepherded through the legislative process at General Convention 79 in 2018. Her work in the creation of that piece of legislation, and the complicated work of getting it through the legislative process at a previous General Convention give her insight into the workings of General Convention and an experienced understanding of how to get things done in that unique context. She is also well-connected to colleagues and deputies in other dioceses through several professional organizations and believes these connections would be a gift to our diocesan deputation.

In our diocese, she serves as a member of the Executive Board (representing the Charlottesville region), where she belongs to the budget working group. She also serves as a member of the Committee on Priesthood, where she has the great privilege of walking with others who are discerning a call to serve in Christ's church as a priest. These roles give Amanda a rich understanding of the state of the Church in our diocese in this moment, as well as the direction in which the Church is moving based on her work with folks who are being called by God into the priesthood.

At St. Paul's, Ivy, Amanda currently serves as Associate Rector. In addition to her priestly duties of preaching, leading worship, teaching, and providing pastoral care, Amanda's ministry portfolio centers around forming Christian community and welcoming those who are new to the Christian Church and/or to The Episcopal Church. In her parish, she has designed a new process for evangelism, newcomer welcome, and newcomer incorporation that has shown much fruit, even through the years of the pandemic.

As someone who came into the Episcopal church as an adult, from a mostly unchurched background, Amanda is passionate about welcoming others into Christian community and nurturing discipleship within the Church. She believes these two priorities are urgently needed in the wider Episcopal church, and she would be happy to bring her experience in these ministry areas into the larger conversation at General Convention.

Amanda currently lives in Crozet with her husband, two teenage boys, and two Airedale Terriers. In her free time, she enjoys finding quiet places to pray in the mountains, and she also loves to watch her boys in their athletic pursuits – one runs cross country, and the other rows on the high school crew team.

