



## 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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Standing Committee Nomination Bio Statement  
The Rev. Dr. Noelle York-Simmons  
Rector, Christ Church, Alexandria

Noelle was born, raised, and educated in Atlanta, Georgia, where she was involved in diocesan-level youth ministries throughout high school. After obtaining an MDiv and diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley at Yale, she was ordained by The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander to the diaconate in December 2003 and priesthood in August 2004. She returned to Atlanta for 12 years to work as the senior associate rector at All Saints' under The Rev. Geoffrey Hoare. At All Saints', she served as the college chaplain to Georgia Tech and Georgia State, then led the program areas of Adult Formation, Evangelism, and Global Mission and co-founded an Episcopal Service Corps residential program for young adults.

While canonically resident in the Diocese of Atlanta, she served on the Commission on Higher Education, Task Force on Parental Leave, Task Force on Campus Missioners, Commission on Liturgy, Task Force on Clergy Education, and served as the Dean of the Mid-Atlanta Convocation.

Noelle obtained her Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Interpretation and Proclamation from Candler School of Theology in 2017 and has published essays for the Feasting on the Word (Wesminster/John Knox 2010) and Faith and Leadership (Duke University 2012).

More recently, she has served as the chaplain to the Royal School of Church Music's summer treble program (Duke University 2019), a conference presenter at the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (Leadership in Times of Crisis 2019), and a panel guest for CEEP's COVID online series (2020-2021).

Noelle began her rectorate at Christ Church in the fall of 2016 and after six full and rich years concentrating exclusively on parish ministry, she is ready to share her gifts for organization and thoughtful discernment with the Diocese of Virginia in this season of self-discovery and new leadership in the Diocese.

She has two teenaged children that attend St. Stephen and St. Agnes School, where her husband Kevin teaches high school history. She is a proud soccer mom, five-time marathoner (with two more on the 2023 calendar!) and a consummate spiritual pilgrim.

