



The 228th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia

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Elected Position Nomination Form

Position Sought:

STANDING COMMITTEE _____ GENERAL CONVENTION _____ PROVINCE III _____

Order: LAY _____ CLERGY _____

Name: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Church Name, Location _____

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.

I currently serve as rector of St. Thomas Episcopal church in the Ginter Park area of Richmond, where I have been for five years. I was baptized in the Methodist Church but my earliest memories of church are from the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Richmond where my parents joined when I was a child. As a youth I was very active at St. James's in the Fan District of Richmond, where we moved when I was 10. As a young adult I worked as a counsellor at St George's Camp at Shrine Mont as well as the Shrine Mont kitchen staff.

My first professional career was as a lawyer in Richmond. My practice primarily focused on cases that originated in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations courts of Richmond and the surrounding counties. My main focus was on criminal defense cases.

Later in life I re-embraced an earlier call to ordained ministry. I attended Union Presbyterian Seminary where I received a Masters of Divinity followed by a year at Virginia Theological Seminary in the Anglican Studies program there. I was ordained as a priest in 2011 and served as vicar at Church of Our Saviour in Montpelier before coming to St. Thomas.

I have served on the Standing Committee of the Diocese and am currently on the diocesan disciplinary board. I have been very active in recovery ministries in the Episcopal Church as well. I am also a spiritual director.

I will bring to my service as a delegate to the General Convention a lifetime of dedication to the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia. My background as a lawyer has enlivened my interest in serving. I feel that I can represent the diocese with true commitment and intelligent leadership if I am chosen to serve.

