



## 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  
Fax: 804-644-6928 E-mail: [bmartin@thediocese.net](mailto:bmartin@thediocese.net)

**(The Rev.) Jay Morris**  
**Clergy Nominee for Deputy to General Convention 2024**

VTS Supervisor for Contextual Ministry/Field Education, 2021—present  
Diocesan Executive Board, 2020—2022 (member of budget working group, 2020—2022)  
Regional Council: secretary, 2018—present  
Diocesan Executive Board, 2014—2016 (chair of budget working group, 2015—2016; member, 2014)  
Diocesan Annual Convention: Committee on Budget (chair, 2016—2017; member, 2020—2022)  
Diocesan Annual Convention: Committee on Resolutions (chair, 2018—2019; member, 2013—2015 & 2017)  
Diocesan Task Group on R-8 [Diocesan Properties & Assets]: chair, 2014—2017  
Diocesan Committee on Stewardship (chair for two years under Bishop Lee and under Bishop Johnston; member, 2006—2017; stewardship mentor for several parishes and leader for various diocesan workshops on stewardship)

Bishop Goff, Bishop Johnston, and Bishop Lee have appointed me to several leadership positions on matters of finance, resolutions, governance, and stewardship of our various resources. My service with our diocese has focused on building budgets that can help ministry thrive at diocesan and parish levels alike, on proposing canonical changes to allow for greater representation on the Executive Board, on implementing the R-1a resolution about the new Virginia Plan for Covenantal Giving from the 2021 Annual Convention, and on developing a framework for our new fund for clergy retreat scholarships. In my present parish, I have increased our opportunities for worship (for example, by adding a Sunday evening service), worked closely with Christian formation for adults and youth, expanded exponentially our community outreach (especially with our food ministries), and led the way in constructing a new building for Christian formation and fellowship at well over \$3,000,000 cost while working to retire the construction debt ahead of schedule.

This ministry within our diocese and within the parish have given me experience, insight, and wisdom about the needs and opportunities available to us in these changing times—even with transition in leadership and challenges all around us—that could help shape our next General Convention. I bring experience in working collegially, in valuing the insight that comes from listening to others and engaging with them, and in recognizing the wisdom of looking long-term. Our new bishop and our diocesan deputation may benefit from this background, as I have served in a variety of congregations over the years with different sizes and strengths and having seen how the work of General Convention can affect us all. I hope to contribute my gifts and perspective to our work together.

