



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

November 17-19, 2021, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**

The Rev. Daniel Vélez-Rivera is Vicar of Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church ~ Iglesia San Gabriel in Leesburg, VA. In his thirteen years of ordained ministry he has focused on integrating Latinos into the communion of The Episcopal Church, fully living into our congregational motto: "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You". Daniel has created bilingual worshipping communities in the Dioceses of Massachusetts Virginia.

He wishes to serve as deputy to General Convention because he has attended every convention of The Episcopal Church since he was ordained, beginning with the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention in Anaheim CA. In the past three conventions he volunteered to assist the deputies of color with summaries of all resolutions impacting Asia Americans, Native Americans and Latino Episcopalians. His work with deputies of different dioceses included explaining the financial impact and implications of said resolutions; the logistics and strategies of writing, editing and presenting resolutions; and coaching speakers to present or defend their positions on GC resolutions. Daniel has read, summarized and reported on hundreds of resolutions for deputies at the last three General Conventions so he understands the strategic, political, logistical, and theological implications of the work of a General Convention. Daniel now wishes to represent the diversity of voices in the deputation of Diocese of Virginia.

In addition to his ministry in the Diocese of MA and VA, Daniel was an interim priest in the Diocese of MD. He served as a consultant to the Rev. Canon Anthony Guillén, missioner for Hispanic Ministries of DFMS (the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church). He has been appointed to several boards, task forces, and commissions of the Episcopal Church in the areas of strategic planning, evangelism, church planting and congregational redevelopment.

Daniel firmly believes in being part of the fabric of a community and inviting his congregation to do the same. In Leesburg he has served on the board of the Arc of Loudoun – an organization serving people with learning disabilities and their families; he was appointed to the Loudoun County Human Services Task Force for Strategic Planning; he is presently a bilingual chaplain at INOVA Loudoun Hospital and bilingual chaplain to the Leesburg Town Police. He is a member of the Leesburg Daybreak Rotary Club.

For the Diocese of Virginia Daniel was appointed to the Task Force for Racial Reconciliation, he was appointed to the Diocese of Virginia's Suffragan Bishop's search committee, and he presently serves on the board of Shrine Mont. He has served on the resolutions committee for two diocesan conventions.

Daniel was appointed by the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention to the Task Force on Church Planting and Congregational Redevelopment, he was appointed by the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention to the Executive Council Committee on Strategic Planning (2009); he currently serves on the board of the Episcopal Evangelism Society; he served on the board of Episcopal Service Corps; and on the Advisory Council for the Rev. Canon Anthony Guillén (Latino-Hispanic Missioner of DFMS).

Daniel is married to Parker Gallagher, his partner of twenty-three years, who introduced him to the Episcopal Church in 1996. He earned a master's in Divinity and master's in Social Work from Boston University and served on the Dean's Advisory Board of Boston University School of Theology from 2010 to 2018. Daniel was the founding board president of a tuition-free Episcopal middle school for girls, Esperanza Academy, in Lawrence, MA. In his free time Daniel enjoys his family and friends, cooking, eating, golfing, practicing Bikram and Vinyasa yoga, gardening, travel, music, dancing, reading and learning.

Daniel's favorite scripture is Mark 10:27: "With God all things are possible". He feels that in this verse there is mutual divine accountability between us and God. God unconditionally gives God's abundant love for all of Creation and that as recipients of God's abundance we commit to love God above everything and our neighbors as ourselves.



