



The 228th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia

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

Elected Position Nomination Form

Position Sought:

STANDING COMMITTEE _____ GENERAL CONVENTION _____ PROVINCE III _____

Order: LAY _____ CLERGY _____

Name: _____

Address _____

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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.

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

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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.

I was raised in the Presbyterian Church, but as a young adult I drifted away from the church as young people often do. When My wife Martha and I found ourselves ready to find a church home, we were drawn to the Episcopal Church.

In the late nineties we began attending Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown Virginia. We attended confirmation classes and became confirmed members of the Episcopal Church.

In 2007 we moved to New Kent Virginia and joined St. Peter's Parish Church. My wife and I became active members of that church where she served on the Altar Guild, and I served on the Stewardship Committee. I also served as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. I was later elected to the Vestry at St. Peter's and served as Junior Warden, and the next year as Senior Warden. After completing my service on the Vestry I was elected to serve as a Lay Delegate to the 225th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. It was that experience that gave me a broader understanding of our Church, its Canons, and how decisions made on the diocesan level affect individual parishes, and more importantly, its congregants. It seems counterintuitive to say that a larger gathering of diverse views made my church experience more personal, but it did.

In 2021 my wife and I transferred our membership to St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Richmond Virginia. We were attracted to St. Thomas' primarily due to their Food Pantry Ministry. We have both been volunteers at the St. Thomas' Food Pantry since joining the church. Since joining St. Thomas' I have regularly served as an Acolyte, and currently serve as the chair of the Finance Committee. This year I was elected to serve on the Vestry. I currently serve in that role.

My various roles within the Church have served to deepen my love for the Episcopal Church. It is not only the theology of the Church that draws me to it, but also its history and structure. I am a trial lawyer by profession and am naturally drawn to the structure and Canons of the Church, and how they are important in expressing our shared theology and mission. I believe that this interest, coupled with my experience in and love for our Episcopal Church makes me a qualified candidate for election as a Deputy to the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church.



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