



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 _____

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.

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

**Addendum to Nomination Form
Lay Deputy to General Convention**

**Susan “Lillian” Hardaway
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Alexandria**



About me

A native of the South Carolina upstate, I am grateful to now call Virginia home. I was raised in the Episcopal Church, growing up attending each of the congregations served by my parents, both Episcopal priests. Now, I have taken up my own work in the Church as a lay professional. I am deeply committed to the work of lifelong Christian formation, in huge part because of the Church’s formative impact on my life, first in childhood and now adulthood. I am also passionate about the work of global partnerships and world mission, influenced by my time living in Ecuador, Haiti, and Argentina. On a more personal note, something that brings me joy is visiting new state and national parks. During the early days of the pandemic, I visited all 47 state parks in South Carolina; now, I am making my way through the 41 state parks across the commonwealth of Virginia! My spouse, Thomas Alexander, and I live in Alexandria with our dog and two cats.

Why do you wish to serve?

I feel called to serve as a deputy to General Convention from the Diocese of Virginia because I feel that I might be able to offer my own gifts to the faithful work of governance. The work of lifelong formation and relationship-building will be central for the Episcopal Church’s as we face the challenges ahead in these coming years. I hope that my own experience in these areas, as well as my love for the governance of the Church, will be of service to the General Convention and to the Diocese of Virginia.

Why are you qualified?

I believe that I am qualified because of the breadth and depth of experience that I bring, from the local parish to the denominational level of the Episcopal Church, and from continental United States, to dioceses in Province IX and outside of the Episcopal Church altogether. In all of my work, I bring a collaborative spirit, a strong work ethic, an eagerness to learn, and a love of Christ that, I hope, would be of service to the General Convention and to the Virginia deputation.

Education

B.S. in Language and International Health (emphases in Spanish and Community Development), Clemson University, 2019

Additional studies at Blas Pascal University in Córdoba, Argentina, 2019

Languages

English, Spanish (conversational), Haitian Creole (conversational)

Employment

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, VA

Minister to Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, 2021–present

Christ Episcopal Church, Greenville, SC

Assistant Director of Youth Ministries, 2020–2021

Gravatt Camp and Conference Center, Aiken, SC

Marketing and Development Intern, 2019
Summer Camp Counselor, 2016

Clemson Engineers for Developing Countries

Haiti Project Management Intern, 2018–2019
Director of Current Operations, 2017–2018

The Diocese of Upper South Carolina

Asset Map Data Collection Intern, 2018
Peer Minister, Canterbury of Clemson University, 2017–2018

Youth World, Quito, Ecuador

Quito Quest Host Team, 2017

Church Service

Local

Ongoing activity as a Christian formation lay professional, including: planning and teaching Sunday school offerings for children and youth of all ages, supporting families in their life of faith in the Church, leading youth Bible studies, leading retreat offerings, leading mission trips and pilgrimages, youth ministry leadership development, organizing community outreach projects, preaching in family worship services, leading weekly preschool chapel services, and more.

Diocesan

Member, Nominating Committee for the IX Bishop of Upper South Carolina, 2020–2021
(appointed by Standing Committee of Upper South Carolina)

Member, Commission for Christian Formation, Diocese of Upper South Carolina,
2017–2018 (appointed by Bishop of Upper South Carolina)

Rector, Vocare (#8), Diocese of Upper South Carolina, 2016

Wider Church

Member, House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church, 2022–present
(appointed by the President of the House of Deputies)

Member, Episcopal Youth Event Mission Planning Team, 2013–2014