



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

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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.



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

Nominee for Lay Delegate to General Convention
Continuation Sheet for Nominee: Margaret P. Jones

Professional Background:

Director, Office of Architectural & Engineering Services, Retired (11/2022)
Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Education: BS, Virginia Tech; Project Management Certification, University of Richmond
Education for Ministry, completed 1994

Diocesan Involvement:

Diocesan Convention Delegate (1999-2023)
Region X Delegate (1999-2017)
Central RVA Region Delegate (2018-2022)
Region X President (2001-2017)
Central RVA President (2018-2021)
By-Laws Committee for Central Richmond Region
Lay Representative to the Executive Board for Central Richmond Region (2022- 2024)

Parish Involvement:

Life-long Episcopalian
Member of St. Mark's Richmond, since 1998. Service has included work as Vestry member, both Junior and Senior Warden, Finance Ministry, Parish Life Ministry, Education Ministry, greeter, lay reader, food pantry and feeding ministry. Also participated in Reading Stars Program, Vacation Bible School and as a Sunday School teacher.4711

Statement of Interest:

Like many of you, I am very concerned about the state of our nation and world, and the apparent lack of caring, empathy and civility. I firmly believe that the way forward requires the love of Christ and the involvement of the church. I am recently retired and now have more time to give. Through the work and witness of the Episcopal church, I believe we change lives and make a difference. I have been involved on a local and diocesan level and would be honored to represent our diocese on a national level. I recognize that the effort goes beyond the attendance at General Convention, and would be pleased to do the work required.

Skills and qualifications:

By training and experience I am a good listener, and an analytical and empathetic decision maker. I have spent my professional life in the field of construction – as a project engineer, project manager, program manager and an office director. One of the things that you learn very quickly in this field is that things are seldom as simple as they seem. A single decision impacts numerous activities and can have unintended (an often very costly) consequences. As a project planner and design manager, I also know that you need to listen to everyone's voice – sometimes the quietest person in the room can have a resounding impact on a design and the functionality of a project.

I have a great love for the Episcopal Church. I have a long service with the church and have spent more that 20 years in the Diocese of Virginia. I am aware of our strengths and weaknesses, but I also know of our love for each other and the world, and our continuing efforts to overcome those issues and grow in faith. I am constantly amazed at the way God moves within the world.

Finally, I do not have an agenda. When matters are under discussion, I respect and consider the opinions of others, listen to what they say and appreciate our differences.