



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

I grew up Roman Catholic and had been unchurched for about six years when I was invited to an Episcopal Church. I knew I was home when I experienced that first Eucharist and learned about the via media of the Episcopal Church.

Ordained to the priesthood in 2013, I served as priest-in-charge at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Keansburg, NJ; the parish in 2012 had taken over running a soup kitchen serving more than 3,000 meals each month. From 2013-2017, we successfully applied for and received \$450,000 in grant funding to continue that ministry. In the Diocese of New Jersey, I was an elected member of the Finance Committee and Diocesan Council, and the Board of Missions.

Elected as Rector of Historic Beckford in 2017, I am the first woman and gay person to serve in this position. I served as a Resourcing God's Mission Task Force member in the Diocese of Virginia. I am currently a member of the Committee on the Diaconate and the Dean of the Southern Shenandoah Region. In addition, I have served on and currently chair the Committee on Related Organizations.

Serving small churches throughout my ordained and lay ministries has given me an understanding of how our small churches can significantly and positively impact our community. As a result, I have sought to create collaborative partnerships in the local community.

My professional background includes experience as a senior staff member to a City Council member in Philadelphia. My experience in bringing diverse voices to many different tables has made me passionate about God's mission of creating disciples of Christ and enabling the work of the Holy Spirit. Serving as a deputy to Province III would allow me to bring my deep desire to listen and learn from others' experiences and my knowledge of legislative processes and advocacy to the Episcopal Church on Province level.



Education:

M.Div. & Spiritual Direction Certificate, The General Theological Seminary

M.P.A., Finance and Administration, Columbia University

B.S., Sociology, Rosemont College