



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

November 17-19, 2022, 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.**

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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  
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The Rev. Martin Geiger

Standing Committee Nomination Biography - 228th Annual Convention

I have served as Assistant Rector at Christ Church, Winchester since July of 2019. My ministry there has included work with formation for all ages, particularly with youth, building deeper connections between our outreach ministry and the partner organizations we work with in Winchester, and the work of parish life and connection. My time in Winchester has also been marked by the work of adaptation needed to respond to the pandemic and to restart all of our ministries as the congregation has regathered in person. I have been grateful for the faithfulness of the



congregation and their willingness to do ministry in new ways, and deal with the changes of the last three years. I also serve on the board of the Society of St. Mary Magdalene, an ecumenical society of Christians devoted to supporting one another in a shared rule of life, and the work of evangelism.

My own path into the Episcopal Church has been sustained throughout by the church's ministry with youth, college students, and young adults. I discovered the Episcopal Church while I was a student at Cornell University, and fell in love with the way it combined a deep sense of tradition and a commitment to openness and inclusion. Over time I found myself involved in every aspect of campus ministry at Cornell. After college, I spent two years with the Episcopal Service Corps in St. Louis, participating in racial justice and community organizing work, and interning in both church and nonprofit settings. I served as an intern for diocesan youth ministry with the Diocese of Missouri, and also helped with diocesan convention planning and logistics. The Diocese of Missouri helped guide me through my discernment for priesthood, and offered me support as I completed my M.Div at Virginia Theological Seminary. While in seminary, I participated in a Lilly Endowment-funded grant at my field education parish exploring new directions in young adult ministries.

I came to VTS not knowing much about the Diocese of Virginia, and I have been grateful to stay in the diocese, and compelled by its deep concern for work with youth, its pursuit of racial justice, and the deep love it has for Jesus. I was appointed to the Standing Committee in July of 2022, and have been compelled by the concern and care the committee takes in doing its work, and in their work to offer prayerful advice to the bishop and the diocese.

My hope in running for a full three-year term is to continue to bring my perspective as a young, gay priest, my experience with ministries for youth and young adults, and my love for the Episcopal Church and this diocese. I would be grateful to give back through this form of service.