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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 _____

Your church's Clergy Signature: _____

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.

The Rev. Joshua D. Walters
Rector, St. John's Church, McLean

Education:

BA with Honors in History, Indiana University
MDiv, The General Theological Seminary

Ordination History:

Diaconal Ordination: 20 June 2006

Priestly Ordination: 20 January 2007

The Right Rev. Catherine Waynick; Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis

I arrived at St. John's McLean and the Diocese of Virginia in late August 2019, and very soon after that, the pandemic hit. St. John's has weathered the vicissitudes of the pandemic. We have had incredible, powerful moments of God's clear presence, and we have had the difficult challenges that many parishes are also facing. We have experienced holiness and grace in our multiple offerings of Sacred Ground where parishioners have become facilitators themselves. We are beginning a process of creatively using our campus in new, relevant ways for both the parish family as well as the wider community. What has sustained me and my parish during this time has been our clear call to be flexible, to try things out, to not get too attached to the results, and to try, try again. This has resulted in new office models and management, opportunities for digital learning and new in-person worship offerings fully utilizing our facilities, both indoor and outdoor. As has always been the case since my ordination, parishes are at their best when striving to meet the needs of a changing religious landscape in a localized setting; a healthy balance of honoring tradition and raising up innovation.

Prior to my call to St. John's, I served for seven years in the Diocese of Rochester, where I was rector of Christ Church in Pittsford, New York; a programmatic-sized parish in a first-ring suburb of Rochester. In my time there I served a three-year term on Diocesan Council. Prior to that I served three years as rector of Grace Church and Day School in Massapequa, New York in the Diocese of Long Island, where I was appointed to the diocesan ecumenical council and briefly served as president of my local interfaith association. Following seminary my first call was to be curate and then associate rector of Christ Church in Winnetka, Illinois, I was on the board of trustees for Canterbury Northwestern University.

I grew up on a 170 year-old family farm in southwestern Indiana, and became an Episcopalian while attending Indiana University. During my time there I served on the student leadership team for Indiana University Campus Ministry and on the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church Bloomington, Indiana. I love my family, my dogs, and the study of history. I crave the outdoors from long walks and hikes, to camping and gardening, to just sitting on the deck with a book. I hope I can give back to this diocese a measure of what God and the Episcopal Church has given to me in my life and vocation.

