



## 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.**

Thomas M. Keithly  
St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station

I've been an Episcopalian since high school, when I discovered St. Nicholas Church as I was growing up in the San Fernando Valley, north of Los Angeles. I loved the message, traditions, and warmth of the church. Now, many years later, I can say the Episcopal Church has made all the difference in my life, guiding my family and my faith.

I spent nearly 30 years in the U.S. Navy and during those travels experienced the life of many Episcopal congregations and church programs and was active in committees and choirs.

Settling down in Northern Virginia, we quickly got involved with the Church of the Good Shepherd, Burke. There I served on the Finance Committee and on the Vestry. My wife, Pat, and I helped create and organize a very popular Interactive Service which ran for about 10 years and featured lively music, drama, and participation by all ages. We enjoy making music and were lucky to also work with John Baker at St. Aidan's, Alexandria, to start a program of weekly Celtic Sunday services, where we now play on a weekly basis.

More recently, I was on the vestry at St. Peter's in the Woods in Fairfax Station. This included serving as Senior Warden (for 3 years!). Together with our rector, we initiated an aggressive and successful Capital Campaign to expand and beautify our building. Our congregation is thriving and we expect construction to start in the next few months. With the diocese, I'm serving as an Intake Officer under Title IV. My spiritual life has been greatly enhanced by participation in Education for Ministry. I'm a big fan of Shrine Mont and major supporter of the summer camps, where our kids – Ed and Sara – were on the staff at St. George's Camp for several years.

Like many, I feel a sense of dedication to the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Virginia. I think the future holds great things for all of us. I would welcome the opportunity to apply my time and talents to supporting our new bishop.

