



## Information from Nominee

### *Educational Background:*

M.Div., Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA 2011  
B.A. (English), North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, NC 2001  
B.A. (History), North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, NC 2001

### *Professional Background (Pre-Seminary)*

Historic Sites Interpreter, North Carolina Division of Archives and History, Somerset Place State Historic Site, 2006-2008  
High School English and History Teacher, Lawrence Academy, Merry Hill, NC 2001-2006

### *Professional Development*

CREDO-ROC (For Recently Ordained Clergy) 2013 and 2014  
Preaching Excellence Program I, 2011

### *Church Involvement*

Lay Involvement Diocese of East Carolina

Sr. Warden, Galilee Mission Episcopal Church, Creswell, NC  
Presiding Officer, Washington/Tyrrell Episcopal Ministry (A Yoked Ministry of 4 Rural Episcopal Churches)  
Diocesan Stewardship Committee  
Diocesan Historic Properties Committee  
Diocesan Executive Committee and Deanery Representative

### *Church Involvement since ordination*

Assistant to the Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA 2011 – 2013  
Associate to the Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA 2013 – Nov. 2014  
Rector, Ware Episcopal Church, Gloucester, VA Nov. 2014 – present

### *Pertinent Skills you bring to this work:*

First and foremost, seeing this "work" as a calling and therefore a ministry. I have had extensive experience with small, rural churches and a large, vibrant church community in Arlington, VA, which enables me to be conversant with many issues, both challenging and rewarding, that churches from along the spectrum face. One of the great strengths we have in our tradition is the parish/diocese relationship, and I work hard to nurture that relationship (which in many regards is essential to the work of the Standing Committee). Skills sets I bring are in listening, encouraging others to find and identify their gifts to the benefit of the whole, and in seeking collaborative resolutions to issues.

### *Why do you wish to serve?*

As I noted above, I sense this as a calling. I wish to serve our diocesan family and assist our leadership as needed and desired. I hope to work with parishes that may need assistance from the Standing Committee and to participate in the life of the national church as appropriate for this committee. I feel that my experience with small churches and large churches would be beneficial to a diocese that has a wonderfully diverse assortment of parishes.