

**47th Diocesan Convention
September 29 - October 1, 2022
Sheraton Anchorage Hotel Spa**

Positions open for election/nominations:

Commission on Ministry:

Interior Clergy position, Elected

Term: 3 year

South Central Lay position, Elected

Term: 3 year

Southeast Lay position, APPOINTED

Term: 3 year

Standing Committee:

Seat # 7: Arctic Coast Clergy

Term: Liturgical Year C, 2025

Seat # 8: South Central Clergy

Term: Liturgical Year C, 2025

Seat # 9: Interior Lay position

Term: Liturgical Year C, 2025

Disciplinary Board:

- * No more than three (3) seats may be filled by people who live in the same Deanery.

Seat A: Clergy position, not deanery specific

Term: 5 year

Seat F: Lay position, not deanery specific

Term: 5 year

FIT (Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment) Committee:

Seat C: Lay position, not deanery specific

Term: 4 year

Seat #3: APPOINTED (NO Action Req)

Term: 4 year

General Convention Deputies:

Each Deanery shall Nominate (2) Clergy & (2) Lay

Full Delegation - 4 Clergy & 4 Lay -elected at Convention

Louisville, Kentucky; July 2024

Episcopal Diocese of Alaska
 Diocesan Positions Currently Held, as of September 2022

		<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Commission on Ministry:</u>			
Arctic Coast	Clergy	The Rev. Carrie Oktollik	48th, 2023
	Lay	vacant	49th, 2024
Interior	Clergy	The Rev. Marilyn Duggar	47th, 2022
	Lay	Allan Hayton	48th, 2023
South Central	Clergy	The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron	49th, 2024
	Lay	Sarah Stanley	47th, 2022
Southeast	Clergy	The Rev. Jan Hotze	49th, 2024
	Lay	Michael Rowcroft	47th, 2022
Vocational Deacon	Clergy	The Rev. Barbara Zimmerman	48th, 2023

Standing Committee:

Seat #1: Arctic Coast	Lay	Austin Swan, Sr.	48th, Year A, 2023
Seat #2: Interior	Clergy	The Rev. Betty Glover	48th, Year A, 2023
Seat #3: Southeast	Clergy	The Rev. Julie Platson	48th, Year A, 2023
Seat #4: South Central	Lay	Sandy Solenberger	49th, Year B, 2024
Seat #5: At Large	Appointee	Nancy Burke	49th, Year B, 2024
Seat #6: Southeast	Lay	Don McConachie	49th, Year B, 2024
Seat #7: Arctic Coast	Clergy	The Rev. Mary Norton	47th, Year C, 2022
Seat #8: South Central	Clergy	The Rev. Lauran Pifke	47th, Year C, 2022
Seat #9: Interior	Lay	Mabel Vent	47th, Year C, 2022

Disciplinary Board:

Seat A:	Clergy	The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron	47th, 2022
Seat B:	Lay	Mary Alice McKeen	48th, 2023
Seat C:	Clergy	The Rev. Jan Hotze	49th, 2024
Seat D:	Lay	Chele Bifelt	50th, 2025
Seat E:	Clergy	The Rev. David Terwilliger	51th, 2026
Seat F:	Lay	William "Sky" Stemmons	47th, 2022
Seat G:	Clergy	The Rev. Marilyn Duggar	50th, 2025

FIT (Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment) Committee:

Seat A: Elected	Lay	Bella Schjenken	49th, 2024
Seat #1: Appointed		vacant	49th, 2024
Seat B: Elected	Clergy	The Rev. Wilson Valentine	50th, 2025
Seat #2: Appointed		Charlotte White	50th, 2025
Seat C: Elected	Lay	Maggie McKay	47th, 2022
Seat #3: Appointed		The Rev. Mary Norton	47th, 2022
Seat D: Elected	Clergy	The Rev. Julie Platson	48th, 2023

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Names submitted for Nomination: as of September 21, 2022

Commission on Ministry

Interior Clergy:

- ***Susan Mitchell, St. John's, Eagle; Holy Trinity, Circle**

South Central Lay:

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Standing Committee

Seat #7 – Arctic Coast Clergy:

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Seat #8 South Central Clergy

- ***Lauran Pifke*, Holy Spirit, Eagle River**

Seat #9 Interior Lay:

- ***Eliza Winfrey*, St. Matthew's, Fairbanks**

Disciplinary Board

Seat A - Clergy: (5yr term)

- ***Dawn Allen-Herron*, St. Mary's, Anchorage**

Seat F - Lay: (5yr term)

- ***Peg Fisher*, All Saints, Anchorage**

FIT Committee (Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment):

Seat C - Lay:

- ***Maggie McKay*, St. Mary's, Anchorage**

(*) indicates nomination by deaneries.

Thank you to all the nominees for accepting the nomination.

Submit Names for Nomination, by September 26, 2022, 2:00pm, on-line at:

<https://episcopalak.org/event/2022-convention-and-clergy-conference/>

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General Convention Deputies (Louisville Kentucky, July 2024)

Clergy Deputies (elect 4)

- ***Gordon Blue***, Holy Trinity, Juneau
- ***Marilyn Duggar***, St. Mark's, Nenana
- ***Katherine Hunt***, Christ Church, Anchorage
- **Mary Norton**, St. George's in the Arctic, Kotzebue
- ***Julie Platson***, St. Peter's by the Sea, Sitka
- ***Bessie Titus***, St. Barnabas', Minto

Lay Deputies: (elect 4)

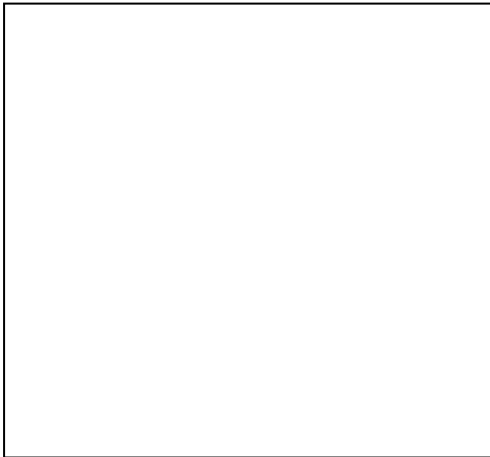
- ***Dan Hall***, St. Brendan's, Juneau
- ***Allan Hayton***, St. Matthew's, Fairbanks
- ***Bobby Jefts***, St. Bartholomew's, Palmer
- **Adam Lees**, St. Mary's, Anchorage
- ***Maggie McKay***, St. Mary's, Anchorage
- ***Loyd Platson***, St. Peter's by the Sea, Sitka
- ***Irene Sherry***, St. Barnabas', Minto

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**Episcopal Diocese of Alaska
Nominee Profile Form**



Committee/Commission of Nomination:

Commission on Ministry

Interior Clergy

Nominee's Information:

Name: Susan Mitchell

Clergy

Church/Parish: St. John's, Eagle AK

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

Standing Committee

Seat #8: South Central Clergy

Nominee's Information:

Name: Lauran Pifke

Clergy

Church/Parish: Holy Spirit, Eagle River

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

I serve as rector at Holy Spirit, Eagle River. I enjoy doing whatever I can to help with the work of this diocese and to further the building of the Kingdom of God in our world.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

Standing Committee

Seat #9: Interior Lay

Nominee's Information:

Name: Eliza Winfrey

Lay

Church/Parish: St. Matthew's, Fairbanks

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

I am very involved in church and the community of Fairbanks. I am on the Alaska Native Education Board here in Fairbanks and NEC board. I love beading, teaching my Alaska Native culture, being around people, fish camp, berry picking, subsistence living, sitting by campfire drinking my tea and enjoying the great outdoors of the land.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

Disciplinary Board
Seat A - Clergy

Nominee's Information:

Name: Dawn Allen-Herron

Clergy

Church/Parish: St. Andrew's, Petersburg

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

Dawn is priest for St. Andrews, Petersburg as well has a priest at St. Mary's in Anchorage. She is deeply committed to the Alaskan Diocese. Dawn is well respected throughout Alaska. She has served the Diocese in a variety of capacities. She also wears lovely shoes and boots.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

Disciplinary Board

Seat F - Lay

Nominee's Information:

Name: Peg Fisher

Lay

Church/Parish: All Saints, Anchorage

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

I am a lifelong Episcopalian; I am currently serving on All Saints' Vestry as Clerk and have served two terms on the Standing Committee with my last year as President. I have a love for the Church and its mission.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

FIT Committee
Seat C - Lay

Nominee's Information:

Name: Maggie McKay

Lay

Church/Parish: St. Mary's, Anchorage

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

Hello! I'm Maggie McKay. My family includes my husband Ross and my two energetic boys, Charlie and William and our hound dog Pete. My family has been members of the Saint Mary's family for the past 11 years. Originally, I fell in love with the tradition and soul of the liturgy, especially the choir and organ.

At Saint Mary's I have worn many hats over the years: Sunday school, Budget Committee, Long Range Planning, Planned Giving Committee, Community Building, Vestry and Gardening. I am also a member of the FIT Committee, serve on South Central Deanery and attended Diocesan Convention as a delegate.

Everyone has their calling, and I really enjoy learning more about the business side of the church and seeing how all the pieces fit together.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy: Clergy

Nominee's Information:

Name: Gordon Blue

Clergy

Church/Parish: Holy Trinity, Juneau

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

Priest at Holy Trinity in Juneau. Father Gordon also served in Kodiak and Sitka. Gordon chaired the Commission on Ministry as well as serving many committees in the Diocese and Deanery. He is well informed and has substantial leadership skills as well as great faith.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy: Clergy

Nominee's Information:

Name: Marilyn Duggar

Clergy

Church/Parish: St. Mark's, Nenana

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

As a priest serving at St. Mark's Nenana, Marilyn has an understanding of mission and ministry in the interior, a valuable perspective. She also serves as the Diocesan Treasurer. Marilyn is a compassionate, giving and dedicated servant of God. She is very active in her community and the Episcopal Church, with a love of both.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy: Clergy

Nominee's Information:

Name: Katherine Hunt

Clergy

Church/Parish: Christ Church, Anchorage

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

I have served the Diocese of Alaska for over 30 years. First as a member of the laity and then for 22 years as a member of the clergy. I have designed and implemented ministries for all ages, serving at the parish, deanery and diocesan levels. I have co-authored educational material for small congregations throughout the country. I bring a passion and energy for building relationships between churches and growing God's Kingdom one person at a time. I worked for EfM for 25 years and I love helping others develop their ministry and relationship with God. I am passionate about how our faith informs our positions and beliefs. As a Deputy to General Convention I will bring our Alaskan voice to our National Convention.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy: Clergy

Nominee's Information:

Name: Mary Norton

Clergy

Church/Parish: St. George's-in-the-Arctic, Kotzebue

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

Resident of the Arctic Coast for 40+ years; active member of Epiphany Church, Kivalina (5 years) followed by St. George's-in-the-Arctic, Kotzebue, as a musician, worship leader, church committee member, deacon and priest; member over the years on the diocesan Property, FIT, Constitution and Canons, and Standing committees, and a deputy to General Convention in 2018 & 2022. I look forward to continuing to serve at the diocesan level and beyond as a voice for and a representative of the Arctic Coast and our other small churches.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy: Clergy

Nominee's Information:

Name: JULIE PLATSON

Clergy

Church/Parish: St. Peters-by-the-Sea, Sitka

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

I was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada in 2001 and served there before being called to serve at St Peter's in Sitka, in March 2015. I've always been strongly rooted in whatever community I have lived in, and I love to engage, and encourage others to be engaged, in collaborative opportunities and ministries in our neighborhoods. I would love to have the opportunity to attend the next General Convention, to be part of the conversation and energy and movement of the Spirit throughout the wider church, that is opening our hearts and minds to envision a church at work in the world, that embodies healing, diversity, and transformation of people's lives, through the love of God, made known to us, in Jesus.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy: Clergy

Nominee's Information:

Name: Bessie Titus

Clergy

Church/Parish: St. Barnabas, Minto

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

It has been an honor to represent the Diocese of Alaska as Deputy for several General Conventions. As a "senior" Deputy I bring a lot of experience to this ministry and also have opportunities to serve in leadership positions on General Convention Committees. I am also blessed to serve St. Barnabas as clergy, the interior deanery as Dean and served on the Standing Committee.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy: Lay

Nominee's Information:

Name: Daniel Hall

Lay

Church/Parish: St. Brendan's, Juneau

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

As a life long member (since 1951) of the Episcopal Church in Alaska, and having served several terms on the Standing Committee and various positions in the Church, I am grounded in knowledge of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Alaska.

I have attended three General Conventions (2015, 2018, 2022) and served on the Dispatch of Business Committee in 2022.

Regardless of having a long history in the Church in Alaska and attending three conventions, not requirements for being a deputy, I do have the time, energy, and commitment to faithfully serve and represent the Diocese of Alaska and would like to do so again.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy: Lay

Nominee's Information:

Name: Allan Hayton

Lay

Church/Parish: St. Matthew's, Fairbanks

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

Allan was nominated by the Interior Deanery to serve as General Convention Deputy.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy: Lay

Nominee's Information:

Name: Bobby Jefts

Lay

Church/Parish: St. Bartholomew's, Palmer

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

I am the principal of Gruening Middle School in the Anchorage School District. I was introduced to the Episcopal Church as an undergraduate at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. My wife and I returned to the Episcopal Church around ten years ago, having been long time Southern Baptists. I enjoy distance running, cross country skiing, and riding my road bicycle. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that I am an avid college football fan, my team being the Georgia Bulldogs. I also enjoy reading in my spare time. My passion is giving back to the church community. By doing so I grow in my spiritual walk with God. My wife and I both would like to continue to serve the Episcopal Church in the Great Land.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy: Lay

Nominee's Information:

Name: Adam Lees

Lay

Church/Parish: St. Mary's, Anchorage

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

Adam is a lifelong Episcopalian, an eight-year Alaskan, and a recently minted Master in Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary. Known everywhere for his hat, he has served in many capacities in the diocese, including as a Sunday school teacher and Children's Minister at St. Mary's, as Dean of Southcentral Alaska, and as a deputy to General Convention in 2018 and 2022. He has a passion for a Spirit-filled church, the ministry of the laity, ecumenical ministries, evangelism and church planting, and connecting the uniqueness of Alaska - from muktuk and moose stew at diocesan conventions to the scrappy ways we do church - to the life of the whole church and vice versa. He would be honored by your continued trust in him to serve.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy: Lay

Nominee's Information:

Name: Maggie McKay

Lay

Church/Parish: St. Mary's, Anchorage

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy: Lay

Nominee's Information:

Name: Loyd Platson

Lay

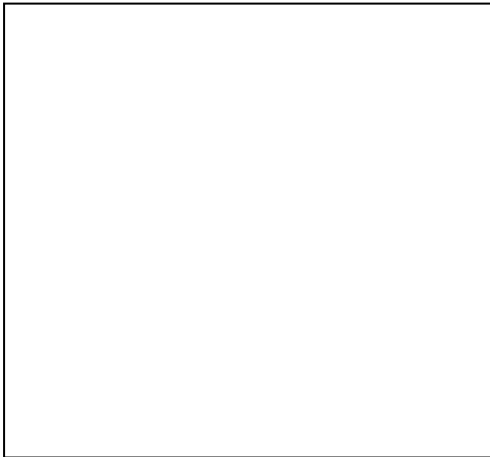
Church/Parish: St. Peters-by-the-Sea, Sitka

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

I have been very active in the Episcopal Church for approximately 17 years, serving as a senior warden (3 years) and junior warden (9 years) as well as serving on a number of church committees. I have been a delegate to Diocesan Convention several times and have been the Assistant Dean for the Southeast Alaska Deanery for more than three years.

My background and passion is community health and wellness with a focus on youth, especially substance misuse prevention. I Direct a prevention coalition and have been in prevention/health/ wellness for over 47 years. I believe the church is integral to the health of communities and must engage with the community, in the community, where people live and work.

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Nominee Profile Form**



Committee/Commission of Nomination:

General Convention Deputy

General Convention Deputy Lay

Nominee's Information:

Name: Irene Sherry

Lay

Church/Parish: St. Barnabas', Minto

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

The Episcopal Diocese of Alaska
47th Diocesan Convention
Brief Committees Overview of those open for Election/Appointment

Commission on Ministry:

Summary of Responsibilities: Assist the bishop in matters pertaining to the needs for the Ordained Ministry including enlistment and selection of persons for the Ministry, and in the guidance and pastoral care of all Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders, Deacons and Priests, administering examinations required by Canon for Ordination and continuing education. Assist the bishop in challenging, training, and providing continuing education of the Laity for its ministry.

Commitment needed: attend regular teleconference (10-12 annually), receive and disburse documents (preferably electronically), meet face to face for a 2-3 day meeting at least once a year. No member may at the same time be a member of the Standing Committee.

Standing Committee:

Summary of Responsibilities: Serve as a Council of Advice to the Bishop. Exercise Ecclesiastical Authority in the absence or disability of the Bishop. Act as the reviewing body in the selection, examination, and ordination of persons for Holy Orders. Advise and consent to the purchase, construction, encumbrance, and disposition of real property of the Diocese. Implement actions assigned by the Convention of the Diocese, including the regular review and oversight of the budget.

Commitment needed: attend regular teleconference (6-8 annually), receive and disburse documents (preferably electronically), meet face to face for a 2-3 day meeting two/three times a year. No member may at the same time be a member of the Commission on Ministry or Disciplinary Board.

Disciplinary Board:

Summary of Responsibilities: The Disciplinary Board handles complaints and cases of clergy misconduct and other matters set forth in Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church including the Trial of any Priest or Deacon of the Diocese.

Commitment needed: Be available to meet via teleconference and/or in person should a case/need present itself. Unless there is an active case this committee typically does not meet. No member may at the same time be a member of the Standing Committee. No one serving the diocese as chancellor, vice-chancellor, advisor, conciliator, church attorney, intake officer or investigator may serve on the Disciplinary Board. No more than three (3) seats may be filled by people who live in the same Deanery.

FIT (Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment) Committee:

Summary of Responsibilities: Oversee the on-going grants and operating budget funding provided by the FIT Endowment. Manage the granting process including distributing, advertising, and evaluating annual grant applications for the multiple grant cases. Review the spending allocation annually and make recommendations for approval to the Standing Committee.

Commitment needed: attend regular teleconference (4-6 annually) , receive and disburse documents (preferably electronically), meet face to face for a 2-3 day meeting at least once a year.

General Convention Deputies:

Summary of Responsibilities: Provide representation for the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska to the General Convention of The Episcopal Church. General Convention is held once every 3 years, with a gathering of deputies and bishops throughout the Episcopal Church. Each diocese is entitled to a deputation of 4 Clergy and 4 Lay. Deputies are voting members of the House of Deputies. They discuss, debate, pray and vote on matters, including resolutions, motions, canonical changes and other such issues brought before the House of Deputies. Commitment needed: attend regular teleconferences prior to General Convention, review all pre-convention material, join the Deputy email list serve (optional), travel to and attend General Convention which is held at a site in the lower 48 in the summer for **12-14 days** once every 3 years. In 2024 it will be in Louisville, Kentucky, in July 2024.