

# 2016 Diocesan Delegate Nominees

## St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church

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### Gregory Anderson



Gregory is a cradle Episcopalian but has explored other faith traditions over the years. He currently serves as: sub-Dean of the Deanery; on the Vestry and as Junior Warden; on the Altar Guild, as a worship leader, acolyte and as a lecturer. He is also participating in the 4 year program Education for Ministry (EfM), and is in his 2nd year. He is a member of the Order of Saint Vincent and is currently secretary of our chapter of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew. He is excited about the future of The Episcopal Church in the U.S., in Fort Worth and especially at Saint Martin's.

Gregory is employed as a Systems Advisor for FedEx. He is a certified Texas Master Naturalist and in his limited time off he volunteers occasionally as a docent at the Fort Worth Nature Center. He is passionate about music, cooking, native plants, homestead farming and sustainable living. He has a small scale poultry and dairy farm in SE Wise County.

### Susan Kleinwechter



Hello, I'm Susan Kleinwechter and I'd like to serve St. Martin-in-the-Fields as a diocesan delegate. I'm lifelong and passionate Episcopalian and a member of St. Martin's for over 20 years, where I've raised two kids to adulthood, taught Sunday School for 10 years, facilitated EYC for four years, helped with VBS for at least seven years, and guided our church into more modern communications in the last four years.

Professionally, I'm an independent contractor in communications and photographer. I contract with the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth for communications, managing their social media, publishing content on their website, and administering email and collaborative technical accounts. I've served on the diocesan communications committee for six years and worked to strategically shift the diocese to use more modern communication methods. At St. Martin's I serve as Communications & Publications coordinator, assisting our staff in communications, managing our website, and connecting people to our church using social media. I'm active in the professional association Episcopal Communicators, where we work to strengthen the community of communicators, foster development of communications expertise, and advocate and educate for the ministry of communications.

I've been a part of five diocesan Conventions, serving with communications and technology, and I've served as an alternate then delegate in the last three Conventions. I was elected in 2014 as a representative from our deanery to Executive Council and served on the council for a year. I understand that the work of Convention is done throughout the year at deanery meetings and in committee work, not just at Convention each November. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve as a delegate, and if elected, I will prepare, research, and make informed decisions in matters before our diocese, and I will keep St. Martin's leaders informed about what's developing in the diocese.



## **Becky Snell**

Becky Snell has attended St. Martin-in-the-Fields since 1997 and has served in many different ministries here. She is requesting the honor of representing St. Martin's at the 2016 Fort Worth Diocesan Convention in November. For the last five years she has participated at convention either as a delegate of St. Martin's or has worked the convention for the Diocese as Head of the Elections Committee or a member of the Nominations Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

## **Linda Snow**

I was born and raised in Jackson, MI and was baptized in the Methodist church as an infant. I attended college there and received my nursing degree. I married Carl Snow, Jr. in 1966, have two children, and two grandchildren. We moved to Texas to be close to them.

I have been in nursing for 40 years working in emergency department, surgery, home health, a discharge planner in an acute brain and spinal cord injury rehab department, and finally as an administrator of an assisted living center. I am now retired.

We moved to Florida in 1981 and attended the Methodist Church there for many years. In 1999 we visited & then joined St. Barnabas Episcopal church in DeLand, FL and in 2000 we were confirmed at the Cathedral in Orlando. I joined the Daughters of the King in 2004, was a Lay Eucharist Visitor for many years and was on the vestry at St. Barnabas.

Here at St. Martin's I attend the Wednesday morning Bible study, Education for Ministry, the Outreach Committee, and the Communications Committee, which has led me to volunteer to continue the history and archives of our church. In addition, I am the head of our chapter of the Daughters of the King.

I have been an alternate to the 2015 diocesan Convention, and would like to be a delegate this year. I am also a representative from our deanery to the Executive Council for the diocese.

I would like to represent you as a delegate, to help spread Christ's kingdom and to be a service to our church.

## Nancy Wieden



I am a lifetime Episcopalian. I grew up in Houston and at St. Martin's, Houston, where my mother was instrumental in the founding of the church.

After graduation from the University of New Mexico, I moved to Dallas and became deeply involved with the Church of the Transfiguration. As a member of the vestry I was active in outreach programs working with the homeless while raising three boys and holding down a job in the construction industry.

In later years, I spent a brief time worshiping in the Roman tradition before returning to my roots as an Episcopalian. I had been active at St. Stephen's in Beaumont and St. Cyprian's in Lufkin before coming to St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

My interests include working with outreach programs, parish management and overall parish life. I have the time needed to devote to a position on the vestry and would also like to be considered to be a delegate for the diocesan Convention.

## Joel Walker



Born into a Methodist family in northern New Jersey more than half a century ago, I was introduced to the Episcopal Church in 1962. I earned a degree in mathematics in 1966, and then spent two years in the U.S. Army.

Five years and two daughters later, the family moved to Fort Worth where we attended St. Christopher's where I was confirmed as a member of the Episcopal community. In 1991 we found St. Martin's, which has been our church home ever since.

Over the years, my service to St. Martin's has been as a special shopper and cook for events around the church and an extra hand whenever there was work to be done in the parish or in the community. I served as Green Team coordinator for a number of years, and have served on the vestry for a total of 11 years to date. In addition I have worked with the committee for the Festival in the Fields program and have been both an alternate and a delegate to the deanery and diocesan Convention since before the reorganization of the diocese.

After the year off the vestry required by church canons, I am ready to again join the vestry if elected, and am also hoping to continue to serve St. Martin's in the future as a delegate to the deanery and the diocesan Convention.