

2017 Vestry & Diocesan Delegate Nominees

St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church

Alphabetical list



James Bedell - Vestry Nominee - A cradle Episcopalian, I was baptized at birth and became an acolyte when I was about 9 years old. The church has always been a major part of my life.

Upon graduation from high school I attended and graduated from William Jewell College with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and minors in Psychology and Music.

My career began with Macy's Midwest division for ten years as Store Operations Manager, dealing with staffing, budgeting and expense control. My next position was with Malan Management Company as an Area Shopping Center Manager for 23 strip shopping centers in Kansas, Missouri and Southern Illinois. Once again I was responsible for budgeting and expense control and added maintenance and lease compliance for each of these properties. After 3 years I joined Kravco Company. I worked as General Manager of a 2,000,000 square foot mall. There, in addition to normal duties, I added a second level to the mall and was responsible for the construction and daily activities of the 1,600 construction workers.

My adult church life started at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City. In the late 1970's I was honored to be part of the process of proof reading for the "new" text of The Hymnal 1982, primarily dealing with theological emphasis. Later in the process I participated in workshops pertaining to "The marriage of text and tunes." After the green light was given to the hymnal, I held a few seminars to help introduce some of the new hymns to the parish. Moving to Denver, CO, I transferred my membership to St. John's Cathedral. While there, for a few years I participated on the subcommittee to the Liturgical Commission working on pairing hymn texts to the Lectionary. I then became an acolyte and chalice minister for approximately 11 years. At St. Martin's I am an usher, greeter, chalice bearer and director for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

My career experience coupled with my church experiences are varied in nature. I would be honored to use my background as a member of the vestry and will work hard to move our church into the future while maintaining our traditions of the past.



MaryBeth Butler - Vestry & Delegate Nominee - I was born in Houston to a family of Episcopalians, and grew up at Ascension Church, where I was an acolyte and nursery worker. (I also have a string of "perfect attendance" Sunday School pins, which you definitely are likely to get if your mom is the director of Christian Ed!)

I completed two English degrees at Texas A&M University, and have served on vestries at St. Francis, College Station and Annunciation, Lewisville. I love being a part of St. Martin's, a place where I truly believe newcomers are made to feel part of the family. The intergenerational nature of many of our activities is very important to me.

I was honored to be a delegate to Diocesan Convention this year. I serve at the altar as worship leader, chalice bearer, and acolyte. I am also a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, a role I've had in each church I've attended as an adult. I have completed two years of

Education for Ministry (EFM) and look forward to completing the rest soon! I'm very excited to be coordinating the new Refugee Ministry, which kicks off this year.

Professionally, I retired in 2016 from the State of Texas, after a satisfying career in international education. I now work with my husband and son in our family business, STRIPES Parking Lot Service, Inc. Eventually I hope to return to school for an MSW degree and do hospice work.

Personally, I love to read, cook, knit, play with my two Maltese dogs and with my 2 1/2 year old granddaughter. I ride a Triumph trike motorcycle and am a founding member of [RevGalBlogPals](#), a group that supports women in ordained ministry.



Adam Jarrett - Vestry Nominee - I am honored to be considered for the Vestry. My family and I have been attending St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church now for the last two years. We found St. Martin's to be a warm, open minded, accepting and inclusive church community. We completed the information card found in the pew back pocket upon the first visit. Later that day we had a knock at the door, were greeted by a church member, provided with a gift bag which included homemade blueberry bread and information about the church. I was so impressed and felt warmly welcomed by this. The church had many ministries to be involved with and we were very pleased with the children's ministries. We were strongly encouraged to keep attending and at each service were so warmly greeted by the Radical Hospitality Team. When we received our name badges within the first couple of weeks, we knew that this was the church. We had the opportunity to learn more about the church during a welcoming reception / dinner for new comers.

I was born in Huntington, West Virginia, have lived in Oklahoma, New York City, various cities in Texas and now call Colleyville my home. I was raised in a Holiness Church of God, and then attended and was baptized in a Baptist church; I always wanted to find a church home like St. Martins. I was confirmed here at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

I have been employed in healthcare for 36 years. I graduated St. Mary's School of Radiologic Technology, in Huntington, West Virginia. I attended The University of Oklahoma Radiation Therapy program. I currently maintain licensure in both Radiologic Technology and Radiation Therapy. My career has always been centered in the oncology setting. I spent 15 years as a Radiation Therapist, where I administered radiation treatments to cancer patients. I was encouraged by managers to advance and was afforded the opportunity to hold various supervisory and management roles during my work life. I have held the current position as Practice Director for Texas Oncology for 17 years. I am responsible for a staff of 135 employees, and manage the offices for 21 physicians, including two cancers centers, and two additional medical oncology-only facilities.

At St. Martin's I have served as a member of the quiet committee, a discernment committee, assisted with sack lunches for Union Gospel Mission, and have been involved with several other events that were held. I recently served as an acolyte. I enjoy being involved here. I love and cherish the spiritual worship opportunities for my family and daughter, Victoria.

I believe in the mission and ideals of this church. If chosen to be a member of the Vestry I would faithfully and wholeheartedly serve to the very best of my abilities. Using life and spiritual experiences, I would continually work to seek God and discern God's will through prayer for St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church. I would be would do my best to fulfill my position and term, and always accept tasks, responsibilities or duties as they are presented to me. If I am not chosen, I will continue to serve on various committees and will always look for other ways to serve and help St. Martin's fulfill its mission, vision and values.



Susan Kleinwechter - Delegate Nominee - Hello, I'm Susan

Kleinwechter and I'd like 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 five years. Professionally, I'm an independent contractor in communications and a 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 seven

years and worked to strategically shift the diocese to use more modern communication methods. At St. Martin's I serve as communications director, 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 six diocesan Conventions, serving with communications and technology, and I've served as an alternate then delegate in the last four 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 - Delegate Nominee - 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 2017 Fort Worth Diocesan Convention in November. For the last six 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 - Delegate Nominee - 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 was elected in 2016 to serve on the Vestry.

I have been an alternate to the 2015 diocesan Convention, and a delegate to the 2016 Convention. I have also served as a representative from our deanery to the Executive Council of the diocese.

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



Joel Walker - Delegate Nominee - 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 12 years to date. In addition I have worked with the committee for the Festival in the Fields and have been both an alternate and a delegate to the deanery and diocesan Convention since before the reorganization of the diocese.

I am hoping to continue to serve St. Martin's as a delegate to the deanery and the diocesan Convention.