

Nominees for Vestry 2026



Leigh Ann Johnson McDowell: I feel called to facilitate and foster greater cooperation between the church and the scouts; to continue to help make the church a place where peace, solace, love, and comfort can be found; and support the work we do in the community to spread God's love to those less financially, emotionally, and socially supported.

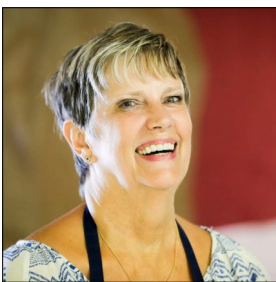


Keen Haynes: Retired from the United States Marine Corps where I served in multiple leadership roles, I now work as a Software Engineering Manager. After my father's death in 2010, I found myself drifting back to the Church I had abandoned as a teen. I became active at St. Thomas in Temecula CA, serving as an usher, member of the Bishop Committee, delegate to the Diocesan Convention where I was elected to the Executive Council of the Diocese of San Diego. During my time on the council, I contributed to several sub-committees, including the Disaster Recovery Committee. A little over nine years ago, after moving to Fort Worth, God led my family and I to St. Martin's,

a community that welcomed us with love and compassion from the very beginning. I am actively involved as delegate, usher and chalice bearer. I have served on the Vestry as both the Junior and Senior Warden, as well as on the Executive Committee in the Episcopal Church in North Texas. Currently, I serve on the Executive Board of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and as a member of the Mission Subcommittee. Additionally, I have participated on three discernment committees, chairing two of them. These experiences have equipped me with valuable skills and insights that I believe would serve me well as a member of the Vestry.



Carlissa Puckett: For a while now I have considered applying for vestry membership, but have hesitated because I travel frequently. After speaking to Father Alan about the availability of accommodations I've decided to take advantage of the current opportunity to serve. I have previously served in the vestry at St. Paul's Cathedral (Springfield, IL) and Trinity Episcopal (Mattoon, IL). I've enjoyed the experiences and feel I have skills to share, but more importantly I want to be part of the important work of making sure our church survives and thrives - spiritually, financially, and communally.



Linda Seeber: I believe that I am a good candidate for vestry. I have been a member of St. Martin's for 27 years and I am a cradle Episcopalian. I have served on the vestry at this church twice before and have seen many changes in those years. I am a member of the Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Quiet committee and with the help of the outreach program I am the connection to Union Gospel Mission in Fort worth for the Angel tree, coat drive and clothing donations. I am excited about the vision that our church has and the inclusive nature of our Diocese, church and congregation. I look forward to the future with great anticipation.



Michael Yackira: My wife, Renee, and I joined St. Martin's in April 2023, having moved here from Nevada. From the time we started attending, we have seen the commitment that our church has to each other, to the community, and to its mission. St. Martin's means it when we say "all are welcome." I am a lector and a chalice bearer. I serve in the choir and on the finance committee, where I am the chair of the Endowment sub-committee. I have served on the vestry of three other churches and have been Senior Warden twice. I have been the treasurer as well. It would be an honor to serve on the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.