

St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church

2018 Vestry Nominees (pick 4)

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2018 Delegate Nominees (pick 6)

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Alphabetical List - all nominees (updated 1/5/2018)



Christopher DeClerk - Vestry & Diocesan Delegate Nominee

Christopher and his family joined St. Martin's in 2015, after moving back to the DFW area from Hanover, NH, where Christopher was a Vestry member at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Raised in a very Catholic household and community, he was drawn to the Episcopal Church for the liturgical familiarity and the welcoming congregations. Christopher and his husband Aaron were married in 2010 and have been together 15 years. They adopted their sons, Jordan and Logan in 2013. Christopher was received, Aaron was confirmed, and Jordan and Logan were baptized on Palm Sunday 2014. Christopher served St. Martin's as a delegate to the 2017 diocesan Convention.

Christopher works for the University of North Texas System as the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Total Rewards, where he leads the Compensation, Benefits, and HR Information Systems functions. He also teaches for UNT Dallas, University of Phoenix, and American Public University. He brings more than 20 years of Human Resources and operations experience working with diverse teams and bringing people together.

In addition to prior vestry experience, he has been a board member for The United Way Working Bridges Program in Lebanon, NH, The Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire in White River Junction Vermont, and the Wind's House in Oklahoma City. He is currently serving as the Charter Organization Representative for St. Martin's with Boy Scout Troop 937 and is active with his younger son's Cub Scout pack as well. He has a passion for helping others, especially the most vulnerable.



Sharon Dudek - Vestry Nominee

My name is Sharon Dudek. I am married to Robert and we are parents to Robby, who is 14, and twins Mitchell and Alyssa, who are 12. Robert and I were both raised Catholic, and were raising our kids Catholic as well. However, a few years ago we started having our doubts that the Catholic Church was the right fit for our family. It was important to us to find a church that is welcoming and affirming. In 2016, we made our first visit to St. Martin's, and we immediately felt at home. In 2017, Robert and I were received into the Episcopal Church, and Robby was confirmed.

In the time that we have been attending St. Martin's, I have enjoyed volunteering for Vacation Bible School, helping out at the Union Gospel Mission for City Week, teaching Sunday School, participating in Service Sunday, and getting involved with Band of Moms. Our three kids truly enjoy their time with EYC, and they have also spent time volunteering at the Union Gospel Mission and helping out with VBS and Service Sunday.

I have a degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Texas, and was a public school teacher before becoming a mom. I have been homeschooling my kids for the past seven years. Over the years, I have spent time volunteering as a Girl Scout Leader, American Heritage Girls Leader, PE teacher, homeschool co-op teacher, and religious education teacher. For many years, I was a member of Mid-Cities Mothers of Multiples, and volunteered my time serving as VP of Fundraising, VP of Programs, and VP of Parties. I enjoy reading, cooking, and camping and traveling with my family.

My family and I love St. Martin's, and I would love the opportunity to serve our church in a useful and effective way. I hope to use the skills I have gained as a wife, mother, teacher, and volunteer to help strengthen and grow St. Martin's, and would be honored to serve on the Vestry.



Keen Haynes - Vestry & Diocesan Delegate Nominee

In my twenty-year career as a U.S. Marine I learned the importance of working together as a team to accomplish goals. I have a "Can Do" attitude which I feel would be a positive asset to the Vestry. I am a former member of the Dioceses of San Diego Executive Council, where I worked with the Stewardship and Disaster Preparedness ministries and the Bishop's Development Committee. I served on the Bishop's Committee at Saint Thomas of Canterbury in Temecula, CA for four years, two of which were as Junior Warden. As committee chair of the Stewardship ministries, I helped Saint Thomas of Canterbury follow the guidelines of the Diocesan Mission Plan, where focus was not only on the Fall Stewardship Drive, but bringing awareness to the stewardship areas of: Health, Community and the Environment throughout the year. For three years I served as Co-Chair for the Fall Stewardship Drive at Saint Thomas and was elected three times as a delegate to the Dioceses of San Diego Diocesan Convention. At St. Martin-in-the-Fields I currently serve as an usher, am a member of the Holy Mowers and have been asked to serve as a member of a discernment committee. I would consider it an honor to serve the Vestry in any capacity, but would particularly welcome an opportunity to work with the Stewardship Ministry.



Susan Kleinwechter - Diocesan Delegate Nominee

Hello, I'm Susan Kleinwechter and I'd like to serve St. Martin-in-the-Fields as a diocesan delegate. I'm a 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 eight years, and guided our church into more modern communications in the last six 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 eight 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. In my communications roles, I pay attention to and seek out information about the wider Church, shifts in demographics, shifts in culture, and opportunities for the Episcopal Church to connect with, invite, and serve people in new ways.

I've been a part of seven diocesan Conventions, serving with communications and technology, and I've served as an alternate then delegate in the last five 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 once a year at Convention in November. I'm prepared to assist our diocese to function well and fearlessly in a changing church. 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. Thanks for your consideration.



Ed McGlaston - Vestry & Diocesan Delegate Nominee

As a child, I began my Christian beliefs and education in the Baptist Church in Bellingham, Massachusetts. When I became an adult, my employment with The Coca-Cola Company brought me to Baltimore in 1970. It was there that I joined Memorial Episcopal Church in the historic Bolton Hill neighborhood where I lived. I have been an Episcopalian ever since.

In 1995, my family and I moved to Kansas City where I joined Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. During my time in Kansas City, I served a three-year term on the Vestry at Grace and Holy Trinity. I retired from Commerce Bank in Kansas City in 2008 and my family and I moved to Keller, Texas.

I joined St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church in 2010. I have served as a greeter and an usher at St. Martin's since 2013. I usually attend the 8:30 am Sunday service, and I enjoy the lively conversation at Tap into Theology.

I believe that my education and work experience will be helpful to the Vestry at St. Martin's. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Finance. My work experience includes retail banking, soft drink marketing, sales and distribution, and work with natural gas and electric utilities.



Chris Mullaney - Vestry Nominee

Christopher (Chris) Mullaney is married to Courtney Mullaney and dad to three children: Elliott, Brooklyn, and Kellen. He was raised in a Baptist church in the mid-cities, and after a hiatus from religious life for quite some time, he and Courtney began searching for a church home for their family in 2012. They found that the Baptist and United Methodist churches in the northeast portion of Tarrant County didn't mesh well with their beliefs or desire for a more traditional worship style. After Courtney did some extensive research, they both decided to visit St. Martin's and after only one Sunday, Courtney looked at Chris and said, "I think we've found our church." Chris was received into the Episcopal Church in the spring of 2014 and was part of the Search Committee for a new rector for St. Martin's. Chris served as a Sunday School teacher for teens, works with the Holy Mowers and makes lunches for Union Gospel Mission on Service Sundays.

Chris works as a Criminal Justice Teacher for Keller High School and is a former Texas Peace officer. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas. Outside of work, Chris enjoys time with his family, spending time with friends, attempting to work out and exercise, and enjoys brewing beers and ciders and sharing them with friends.



Ike Ogbue - Vestry Nominee

At work, Ike is a British architect. At home, he's a husband and father of two teenage boys. At church, well, that's a longer story that spans continents.

In London, England, he was a visible, but quiet member of congregations. He attended St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, and St. Paul's, Mill Hill, occasionally helping out with charity work. It was, however, during his time in Africa that he actively took part in the life of the church. He was one of the leaders of a soup kitchen in Lagos, Nigeria where every Saturday, up to 1,000 hot meals were prepared and distributed to the poor and destitute in the slums of Lagos – to both Christians and Muslims.

Having moved to Dallas, he joined us, and is involved in Service Sundays, preparing pack lunches for the Union Gospel Mission in Fort Worth. His wish is to be part of the body of people that helps steer our church into the future – more evangelical, more earning, more sharing, more giving. Ike served as a Vestry liaison to our stewardship program this year.



Becky Snell - Vestry & Diocesan Delegate Nominee

I wish to be elected to represent and serve the people of St. Martin-in-the-Fields as a Vestry member beginning in 2018. Our family began our journey at St. Martin's in August of 1997, when we moved to the Keller area. My first engagement as a member of this body was sitting on the floor of the nursery and learning I was a member of the Christ Child Guild and how we assisted the children and parents along with the nursery. Since then I have been involved in many, but not all, of the ministries here at St. Martin's. I currently serve as an acolyte, lay Eucharistic minister, lector, greeter, delegate to diocese convention, worker in the memorial garden, and one of the schedulers that support the calendars for lay ministries here at St. Martin's.

Serving as a Vestry member I wish to provide increased transparency to the congregation and actively support our ministries both for our worship and also for the greater community. I have previously served on St. Martin's Vestry 3 years ago and feel ready to commit to the time and effort to work for the goals of the people of St. Martin's and our community. Thank you for your consideration.



Garrison Sutton - Vestry Nominee

Garrison Sutton is a computer network engineer from Austin, TX. An Episcopalian from the age of five, he lived in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas and in San Antonio before moving to Austin to attend the University of Texas. He majored in English, minored in Spanish and still speaks Spanish conversationally. After graduating from the University of Texas, he now manages cloud computing networks for IBM.

His wife, Julie, is a Mathematics Professor at the University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson. He and Julie have a preschool aged daughter named Marlowe. Their family lives in North Richland Hills, a few miles down the road from the church.

Garrison enjoys playing computer and board games, writing fiction, and is an avid student of the Bible. He is passionate about children's upbringing, education, and music. He gives thanks for the opportunity to be considered for one of these

positions.



Joel Walker - Diocesan 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.