

Nominees for Council 2010

Executive Board

Two clergypersons and four laypersons are elected for three-year terms. Retiring incumbents Mrs. Patricia Brooke, Mrs. Cathy Chatham, Mrs. J. B. Townsend, Mr. Mike Horridge, and the Revs. Rick Dunham and Michael Marsh are ineligible.

Description of duties: The Executive Board is required to meet two times a year, but usually meets more often. The Board functions similar to a parish vestry, including preparing the diocesan budget and submitting it to Council for approval. The Executive Board appoints several committees, including the Finance Department and the Nominating Committee. It approves the designations regarding the World Mission funding opportunities (budget line item 1b). Members of the Executive Board serve as liaisons to the various departments and commissions of the diocese. A knowledge of (and experience in) ministries representing the breadth of the diocese is an asset to persons who serve on the Executive Board.

CLERGY

The Rev. Steve Bilsbury – Asst Rector, Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – Steve is very organized and energetic with an ability to see the larger picture. He has worked in the corporate world before at MCI and AT&T managing global account teams and millions of dollars before becoming a priest so I feel he has a good feel for budgets and the board setting. Steve is



dedicated to the mission of the Diocese and has a willingness to put in the extra efforts to see it through when needed.

Local Church Activities – Assistant Rector, World Religions teacher at St. James Episcopal School, World Mission-India, Coastal Bridges (out of poverty) Steering

Committee

Diocesan Activities – World Missions, Happening Committees

Length of time in Diocese – 2 years

Nominated by – Kelley Kimble and the Rev. Chris Roque

The Rev. Faith Bledsoe – Rector, St. Francis, Victoria

Qualifications – Faith comes with an ability to listen and hear multiple stories, a heart for compassion, and hope for the church.

Local Church Activities

– Rector; prior to ordination in 2002, Faith served as a vestry member, Eucharist Minister, Pastoral Care Coordinator, EFM mentor, Council delegate, teacher and musician.

Diocesan Activities – Faith has served the diocese as a member of the Nominating Committee; the Continuing Education Committee; Camp Capers and Mustang Island Family Camp Chaplain; Reconciliation Committee Supporter and retreat leader.

Length of time in Diocese – 7 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee



The Rev. Philip Cunningham – Assistant Rector, St. John's, McAllen

Qualifications – Very organized; responsible; strong leader; experienced in business administration

Local Church Activities



– Priest; Sunday school teacher; Vestry; School Chapel

Diocesan Activities – Involved in planning and implementing Diocesan Council in 2009
Length of time in Diocese – 1 ½ years
Nominated by – The Rev. John Badders

The Rev. C. Earl Mahan – Rector, St. Matthew's, Edinburg

Qualifications – In his sixteenth year of ordained ministry, Father Mahan has served congregations in both urban and rural settings, large and small. Biblically and sacramentally grounded, he strongly supports the direction and guidance of the leadership of the Diocese of West Texas. He brings gifts of patient



counsel and a listening ear, before making any statement or decision that may have wider ramifications.

Local Church Activities
– Rector, St. Matthew's Church and School, Edinburg

Diocesan Activities
– Dean of the Rio

Grande Valley Convocation; Mustang Island Conference Center Program Committee; Chaplain Camp Capers; Chaplain Mustang Island Family Camp; Cursillo Spiritual Director; Reconciliation Commission participant.

Length of time in Diocese – 4 years
Nominated by – Vestry member at St. Matthew's

The Rev. Charles Sharrow – Vicar, St.



Paul's, Brownsville

Qualifications
– Leadership; bi-cultural; a missionary spirit

Local Church Activities – Pastor; mission; teacher

Diocesan Activities
– Evangelism Committee; Continuing Ed Committee; Spiritual

Director – Happening/Mustang Island Family Camp; missions to Honduras, Argentina, India.
Length of time in Diocese – 15 years
Nominated by – The Rev. Richard Speer

The Rev. Matthew Wise – Asst. Rector, Church of Reconciliation, San Antonio

Qualifications – Perspective of 30 year old – the ones we are trying to reach; great creativity; excellent communicator; passionate about ministry.



Local Church Activities
– Leads Adult Ed program; leads ministry to young adults and families

Diocesan Activities – Dean/Chaplain Camp Capers; music leader at diocesan events.

Length of time in Diocese – 30 years
Nominated by – The Rev. Robert Woody

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Kathreen Ackerman – Our Saviour, Aransas Pass

Qualifications – Servant leadership; some of the modicum of success Our Saviour now enjoys can be attributed to leadership decisions Kathreen made as Bishop's Warden in 2001 and 2002.



Local Church Activities

– Bishop's Committee; Eucharistic Minister; Council delegate; Parish Representative to the Board of the resale shop and Tri-County Christian Services.

Length of time in Diocese – 44 years – Diocese; 10 years - Parish

Nominated by – Bishop's Committee, Our Saviour



Esther Bell – Messiah, Gonzales

Qualifications – Esther is a passionate Christian woman who both prays and gets things done. Her gifts are servant leadership, encouragement and administration. Esther has a heart to serve

Jesus and the ability to work with people of varying views in a positive way.

Local Church Activities – Lay Eucharistic Minister; Vestry clerk, volunteer Secretary and Newsletter Editor; Cursillo; Council delegate

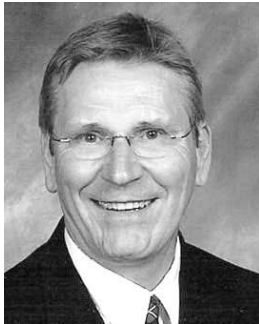
Diocesan Activities – Christian Ed Committee; Cursillo Secretariat; Coordinator of National Cursillo Conference in October; in the past served as Deputy to General Convention, member of the Standing Committee and member of the Executive Board

Length of time in Diocese – 55 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Randy Melton

Blaine Bennett – St. Philip’s, Uvalde

Qualifications – Administrative; creative thinker; strategic – able to see and formulate a variety of strategies related to an issue.



Local Church Activities

– Vestry, Senior Warden, Lay Reader, Sunday School Teacher (adult and youth), Organist, Council Delegate, School Board member (public and church).

Diocesan Activities –

Alternate Deputy for Church Synod; Council delegate on numerous occasions.

Length of time in Diocese – 15 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Mike Marsh

Bernie Brauer – All Saints, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – Broad administrative experience; leadership; man of God.



Local Church Activities – Vestry, Discernment Committee, Stewardship Committee, Finance Committee, Usher, Senior Warden.

Diocesan Activities – Mustang Island Conference Committee

Length of time in Diocese – 15+ years

Nominated by – John Otto and the Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus

Gary Chatham, All Saints, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – Over 40 years involvement in mission and ministry in the Diocese of



West Texas; major event planning and execution; deep faith and commitment to inclusivity and hospitality; extensive experience in church operations at parish, diocesan and national levels.

Local Church Activities

– Lay Eucharist Minister;

Senior Warden; Vestry; Council Delegate; Strategic Planning Chair; EFM graduate; Hospitality Committee; Co-coordinator and Design Team Chair of LifeStreams (Rite III Service); Music leader; Christian Ed Chair; Co-Chair – Diocesan Council for host parish

Diocesan Activities – Diocesan Refugee coordinator, founder – CARMN (Central American Refugee Ministry Network) – a national church project; Co-founder – Episcopal Youth for Social Action; Team Member – Cursillo, Happening, Vocare

Length of time in Diocese – 45 years

Nominated by – John Otto and the Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus

Kim Dozier – Trinity Church, Pharr

Qualifications – Kim has good leadership abilities. She has a desire to serve her Lord Jesus. Kim has a background in management for a large company.



Local Church Activities

– She is an active leader for the local Daughters of the King chapter. She serves as a Lay

Eucharistic Minister, usher and oversees the parish Sunday School. Kim leads a group of parishioners who do missionary work at Mabel's Free Clinic in Progreso, Mexico. Kim is involved with the Good Samaritan Community Service initiative in the Rio Grande Valley and serves as a youth specialist for the after school program in Pharr.

Length of time in Diocese – 3 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Scott Penrod

Sara Edwards – St. Andrew's, Seguin

Qualifications – Sara has been a strong leader within the parish of St. Andrew's. She has served on the Vestry and is an active leader of the Christian formation programs as well as in other programs of the Church.



She is highly motivated and interested in the operations of the Diocese and has served as a council delegate several times. She has the knowledge and judgment to make a highly effective Executive Board member.

Local Church Activities

– Vestry (2 terms);
Search Committee;

Council Delegate 2004-2009; Long Range Planning Committee; Coordinator of Children's Ministries; Editor of church newsletter "The Call" (4 years); Communications Coordinator for 40 Days of Purpose Campaign; Finance Committee; St. Andrew's Core Values Workshop Facilitator; Sunday School Teacher; Children's Chapel Coordinator

Diocesan Activities – Council Delegate 2004-2009

Length of time in Diocese – 35 years

Nominated by – Gil Merkle

Susan Johnson, St. Alban's, Harlingen

Qualifications – As an Oblate in the Order of Julian of Norwich and a Daughter of the King, Susan takes seriously her vows of prayer and service. As a long time member of St. Alban's and the Diocese of West Texas, she is dependable, knowledgeable and most of all faithful. Her experience on local, diocesan and national organizations within the Church make

her a strong match for the Executive Board. Susan has an MA in Christian Spirituality from the General Seminary in New York.

Local Church Activities

– Former Vestry member; former School Board member, former Alternate Deputy for General Convention. Currently serving on the Altar Guild, DOK, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Eucharist Visitor, Lay Reader, Council delegate.

Diocesan Activities – Previously served two terms on Executive Board, Former President of Women's Cabinet. Current member of the Commission of Women's Ministry and member of the Historical Commission. Nationally – Current President of Episcopal Women's History Project; Director of Operations for the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church; former member of the ECW National Board.

Length of time in Diocese – 38 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Scott Brown and the Vestry of St. Alban's

Cash Keith, St. Philip's, Uvalde

Qualifications – Cash is committed to the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of West Texas. Demonstrated leadership; understanding of the larger Church; analytical thinker; dependable; prayerful and growing in his spiritual life.

Local Church Activities – Vestry member; Junior Warden; Lay Reader; Chalice Bearer; youth mentor/leader.

Diocesan Activities – Delegate to Council

Length of time in Diocese – 3 ½ years

Nominated by – The Rev. Mike Marsh



Robert W. Thompson, St. Thomas, San Antonio



Qualifications – Bob brings 40 years of business management including five terms as CEO of different companies. He is an active participant in the Church at the laity level in his parish and at the Diocese of West Texas. He is willing to put in the time and effort necessary to work closely with our Bishops and is willing to undertake any assignments needed to perform the business of the Executive Board. Thompson's business experience, coupled with years of pastoral care and lay ministry will provide insight into both financial/management issues and congregational/clergy needs throughout the Diocese. Having worked closely with most of the diocesan staff and many parish staff and Clergy during his work in Disaster Relief, he will come into the committee with background and knowledge that will allow him to become a functioning member almost immediately. Lastly, we cannot forget his "immeasurable" help at the Bishop's Golf Tournaments for the past several years, many would have ended their rounds with more money in their pockets and less in the tournament coffers.

Local Church Activities – Bob has been at St. Andrew's, Seguin where he served under the Rev. Mike Chalk as a Lay Reader, a Licensed Eucharistic Minister and as the Director of Acolytes. At his current parish, St. Thomas, he serves as a Pastoral Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and member of the Outreach and World Missions committees. He is a founding member of the St. Thomas Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician and serves as a healing team leader on alternate Sundays. He has been a regular participant in serving the Eucharist at Independence Hill (assisted living) and feeding the homeless at St. Vincent de Paul. Thompson oversees scheduling of the Pastoral Lay Eucharistic Visitors and those who serve at Independence Hill. He is a 2nd

year student in EFM, a four year class of study in lay ministry. He also participates in projects to raise money for world missions and other needs as identified.

Diocesan Activities – Bob has been a member of the World Missions Committee for several years. In 2008, he served as the Diocesan Emergency Coordinator, representing the Diocese at state, regional and local levels during the busy hurricane season that year. As Chair of the Disaster Relief Task Force, he undertook publishing the Diocese Disaster Relief Handbook and resource guide in CD-ROM format so that copies could be printed at every congregation as needed. The handbook was also updated and published on the Diocesan website. He was a delegate to Diocesan Councils in 2007, 2008 and 2009. He has also served on the Arts Festival Committee in 2007 and 2009 and exhibited in both festivals.

Length of time in Diocese – 32 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Chuck Woehler and Vestry of St. Thomas

Robin Walker, St. Andrew's, Seguin

Qualifications – Robin has a deep love of the Episcopal Church and a solid understanding of how Diocesan ministry supports and strengthens the local parish. She understands issues of mission and evangelism, stewardship, insurance, and other aspects of parish and diocesan inner workings.



She is active in the local community and has served as a board member and volunteer in support of numerous nonprofit groups.

Local Church

Activities – Robin has served on the Vestry at Church of Redeemer, Eagle Pass; Christ Church, Laredo; St.

Andrew's, Seguin; Senior Warden, Vestry clerk, Stewardship Chair, Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School leader, Camp Capers counselor/art, Altar Guild, and search committee member. She has organized parish outreach activities

and events to bring the art community and the parish together.

Diocesan Activities – Council delegate 7 times and has served on the Bishop’s Disaster Response Committee.

Length of time in Diocese – 7+ years

Nominated by – The Rev. Paul Frey

Patricia Whitehouse – St. George, San Antonio

Qualifications – She is committed to prayer and working to make a stronger Diocese; has good leadership and organizational skills; has an understanding of what is going on in the Diocese and when/where she doesn’t understand she is eager to listen and learn.

Local Church

Activities – LEM; prayer team; council delegate; family ministry; Sunday School teacher, VBS director, Altar Guild

Diocesan Activities

– Has served on the Executive Board for two terms (6 years); Diocesan Altar Guild; Evangelism Department; Christian Education Department.

Length of time in Diocese – 61 years

Nominated by – Marilynne Herbster



Trustees of the Episcopal Church Corporation

One clergy person and one lay person to be elected for three-year terms. Retiring incumbents, the Rev. John Badders and Mrs. Kelley Kimble, are eligible.

Description of duties: The Episcopal Church Corporation holds title to the permanent funds and other property belonging to the diocese. It has authority to receive bequests and donations, and to sell or mortgage property to which it holds title. As such, Trustees should have an understanding of/interest in financial, real estate, and property matters. The Trustees work with the Bishop on designating certain restricted funds as they are needed in ministry. There is usually monthly contact needed with the Trustees, and a substantial amount of the Trustees business historically has been done via telephone and e-mail and confirmed at their quarterly meetings.

CLERGY

The Rev. David Chalk – Rector, St. James, Del Rio

Qualifications – In the 10 years David has been Rector of St. James, he has had many occasions to work with the Diocese in selling and receiving gifts of land.



Local Church Activities – Rector, teacher

Diocesan Activities – World Missions Committee, Examining Chaplains, Western Convocation Dean

Length of time in Diocese – 10 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Christopher Cole -- Rector, Church of the Resurrection, San Antonio

Qualifications – Chris understands the importance of a healthy Diocese and wants to contribute in a tangible way to its future.

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Currently serving on The Good Samaritan Community Services Board of Directors. In the Diocese of Oregon he served on the Commission on Ministry, the Triangle Lake Camp Board and Commission on Church Growth.



Length of time in Diocese – 1+ years
Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Robert McAllen, Vicar, Epiphany, Raymondville

Qualifications – Business Experience – Former banker; rancher; various investments; communication companies in Valley and Mexico

Local Church Activities – Vicar at Epiphany, Raymondville; council delegate many years, EFM Graduate, many lay positions prior to ordination

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board; Trustee, University of the South; Rio Grande Valley Advisory Board for Good Samaritan Community Services.

Length of time in Diocese – 75 years
Nominated by – The Rev. Richard Speer



Bennie W. Bock, II – St. John's, New Braunfels

Qualifications – Bennie has been incredibly involved in the whole life of this Church. As an experienced businessman and faithful participant in the financial life of this church, I believe he would make a great Trustee.

Local Church Activities – Over the last 27 years – Vestry; Lay Reader; Sunday School teacher; Council Delegate; Choir member; Rector Search Committee; Usher; Chairman,



Long Range Planning; Chairman, Property Acquisition Committee; Co-Chairman, Building Committee; Church Chancellor
Diocesan Activities – Appointed as Associate Chancellor of the Diocese in 2008
Length of time in

Diocese – Lifetime
Nominated by – The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

Michael L. Bridges – All Saints, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – Business sense; presence; leadership; political savvy; articulate and forthright in speech; integrity; business experience; wisdom.



Local Church Activities – Stewardship Chair; Usher; Finance Committee Chair; Vestry; Architectural Committee.
Diocesan Activities – Stewardship consultant – Annual Giving; Diocesan

Stewardship member for 7 years.
Length of time in Diocese – 20+ years
Nominated by – John Otto and the Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus

Bill Cline – St. Stephen’s, Wimberley

Qualifications – Experience as former church school trustee and chancellor; Bank director; Title Company owner; State Representative;



50 years Real Estate and Estate Planning law practice; 20 years City Attorney
Local Church Activities – Lay Reader since 1960; former Vestry member, Senior Warden; Council Delegate; Church School Trustee; Church School Chancellor

Length of time in Diocese – 14 years
Nominated by – Francis Savage

Brady Marcus Johnson – St. John’s, Sonora

Qualifications – He has his heart and faith in the right place to make decisions with long lasting benefits. Nearly 30 years as a professional banker will provide perspective from a businessman’s point of view which will be a strength in considering how to proceed with the business of the diocese and the church.



Local Church Activities – Search Committee for new Rector 2008; Real Estate Development Committee for Church Property 2009; Audit Committee/Finance Committee; Delegate to Council 2007; Discernment Committee regarding the possibility of starting a St. John’s School 2009.

Length of time in Diocese – 11 years
Nominated by – The Rev. Chris Roque

Kelley Kimble – St. Philip’s, Uvalde

Qualifications – Kelley is currently serving as a Trustee of the Church Corp. and would like to continue serving in this capacity. Her background is a BBA from the University of Texas in finance and her law practice; prior to the bench, was in real estate, banking and finance.

Local Church Activities – Two terms as Senior Warden; past Treasurer; School Board; Lay Reader; Vestry; Council delegate; Sunday School teacher; Cursillo and Happening.

Diocesan Activities – Currently serving as a member of the Nominating Committee, Trustee of Church Corp; Executive Board and deputy to 2009 General Convention.



Length of time in Diocese – 20+ years
Nominated by – The Rev. Mike Marsh

Trustees of TMI – The Episcopal School of Texas

Two persons, either clergy or lay, and communicants of the Diocese, are elected for three-year terms. Retiring incumbents, the Rev. John Hardie and Mr. Bruce Davis, are eligible.

Description of duties: The Board of Trustees is responsible for communicating the needs of the school to the Diocese and to gather resources in support of the school at the direction of the Board of Governors. The Trustees meet 3-4 times a year on average, at the campus of TMI.

Edward Jay Foreman – Trinity Church, Victoria

Qualifications – Jay has 22 years experience in Episcopal Schools. His knowledge of the financial challenges facing those schools, and the education needs of the students, is extensive. As Headmaster, he has engaged those needs by involvement in a wide variety of leadership



from fundraising to technological upgrading. Jay is also committed to a strong relationship between Episcopal Schools and the Church at large.

Local Church Activities – Member of Trinity Church, Victoria; attends Vestry meetings to report on Trinity School. Has been a Vestry member and Junior Warden at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Lubbock.

Diocesan Activities – Member of Episcopal School Commission; Headmaster Trinity Episcopal School, Victoria (10 years); SAES Board member (9 years); SAES Standards Committee member (9 years); 22 years service in Episcopal Schools (10 years in Lubbock and 2 years in Amarillo)

Length of time in Diocese – 10 years
Nominated by – The Rev. Kevin Dellaria

Cheryl L. Johnson – Trinity Church, Victoria

Qualifications – As a business owner, Senior Warden and member of the Trinity Episcopal School Board, Cheryl possesses formidable networking and leadership skills. She exhibits a strong sense of loyalty and commitment to each endeavor she undertakes. The mother of two young girls attending an Episcopal school, Cheryl appreciates the unique challenges such schools face to provide excellent education in difficult economic times.



Local Church Activities – Vestry (Senior Warden – 2009); Board Member – Trinity Episcopal School; Board Member – Habitat for Humanity; Publisher – Trinity Episcopal Church newsletter; Council delegate

Length of time in Diocese – 15 years

Nominated by – Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church

Joseph L. Maverick – St. Stephen's, Wimberley

Qualifications – Background in finance and commercial real estate lending; degree in Finance – Texas A&M 1957

Local Church Activities – Vestry (2



terms); Treasurer, School Board Treasurer (2 terms); In the Diocese of Texas – Vestry (2 terms), Junior Warden, Treasurer.

Diocesan Activities – (Diocese of Texas – Finance Committee)

Length of time in Diocese – 19 years

Nominated by – Francis Savage

Triana Sames – Christ Church, Laredo

Qualifications – Triana is a parent of David, currently a high school boarder at TMI. She has served on the board at the United Day School in Laredo. She is an educator by training and work experience. She cares deeply about education and about the spiritual formation of young people.



Local Church Activities – Triana has served on the Vestry, the Altar Guild, in the Women’s ministry, as a Youth sponsor, and in many other parish volunteer capacities.

Diocesan Activities – Diocesan Mission trip to the Diocese of Southeast Mexico in 2006.

Length of time in Diocese – 20+ years

Nominated by – The Rev. Paul Frey

The Rev. Charles Sharrow – Vicar, St. Paul’s, Brownsville



Qualifications – Discernment, prayer, leadership, bi-cultural, a missionary spirit

Local Church

Activities – Rector, mission, teacher

Diocesan Activities

– Evangelism Committee, Continuing Ed Committee, Spiritual Director for Happening and Mustang Island Family

Camp, missions to Honduras, Argentina and India

Length of time in Diocese – 15 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Richard Speer

Charles A. Stephens, II – St. Thomas, San Antonio

Qualifications – Charles and his family have been involved with TMI since 2000. They have been strong supporters of TMI and its relationship with the Episcopal Church. Their daughter, Maggie, went to St. Thomas, St. George and graduated in 2004 from TMI. Their son, Scott, also went to St. Thomas, St. George and graduated in 2006 from TMI. Their youngest daughter, Seeley, went to St. Thomas and will graduate from TMI in 2014.

Local Church

Activities – The



Stephens Family have been active members of St. Thomas since 1986. Charles has served several terms on the St. Thomas Vestry, until he became Chancellor of St. Thomas for approximately 13 years.

Charles has also been a Council delegate and assisted in developing the relationship between the Diocese and St. Jude’s Ranch for Children. He is also involved with the St. Thomas Men’s Meat Burning and has served as an Usher for over 20 years.

Length of time in Diocese – 23 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Chuck Woehler

Trustee – University of the South

One clergy person to be elected to a three-year term. Retiring incumbent, the Rev. Ripp Hardaway, is eligible.

The Rev. Michael Hoffman – Vicar, St. Peter and St. Paul, Mission

Qualifications – Michael holds two degrees from the University of the South; the first from the College of Arts and Sciences (2000) and the second from the School of Theology (2005). In earning both degrees, he has spent seven years living on the Mountain and has a heart for Sewanee. Michael has maintained strong relationships with current faculty and staff from the college and the seminary. Michael's wife Amy is currently a lay



Trustee.

Local Church Activities – Vicar

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board; Camp Capers Site Committee; Diocesan Youth Committee

Length of time in Diocese – 13 years

Nominated by – Clergy

The Rev. Chris Roque – Rector, St. John's, Sonora

Qualifications – Alumni Class 2005: University of the South – School of Theology; Consultant for a New Day on Racial Reconciliation;



member of the Visiting Committee on Curriculum Review; founding member of Sewanee Society of our Lady of Walsingham; former University of the South Reserve Police Officer. He has also served as a Captain of the TLU Police Department and is a Police Officer for the City of Sonora.

Local Church Activities – Rector, St. John's, Sonora; Asst. Rector, St. John's, McAllen; former Junior Warden, St. John's, New

Braunfels; TLU faculty sponsor to Canterbury on Campus in Seguin; Adult EYC Sponsor to St. John's – New Braunfels; three time member of mission teams to Honduras; DWTX Mexico Veterinarian Mission Team; Worship Team Member, St. John's, New Braunfels.

Diocesan Activities – Province VII Delegate; Director of Diocesan Disaster Response Commission; TMI Trustee; Cursillo Assistant Spiritual Director; Camp Capers Chaplain; Nomination Committee for Council 2010; former Board Member of the Good Samaritan Community Service in the Rio Grande Valley.

Length of time in Diocese – Lifetime

Nominated by – The Rev. Chuck Woehler

The Rev. Matthew Wise – Asst. Rector, Church of Reconciliation, San Antonio

Qualifications – Perspective of 30 year old – the ones we are trying to reach; great creativity; excellent communicator; passionate about ministry.



Local Church Activities – Leads Adult Ed program; leads ministry to young adults and families

Diocesan Activities – Dean/Chaplain Camp Capers; music leader at

diocesan events.

Length of time in Diocese – 30 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Robert Woody

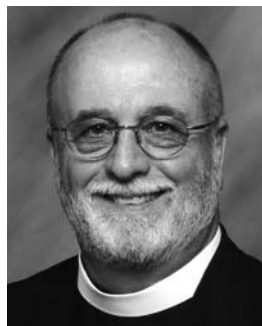
Standing Committee

One clergy person and one lay person to be elected for three-year terms. Retiring incumbents, the Rev. John Hardie and Mrs. Helen Schnelzer, are ineligible.

Description of duties: The Standing Committee meets about three times a year and serves as a Council of Advice to the diocesan bishop. Among its responsibilities are granting or withholding consents to the election of bishops throughout the Episcopal Church and interviewing seminarians and recommending to the bishop whether or not they be made candidates for ordination. In the event that the office of bishop is vacant, the Standing Committee serves as the Ecclesiastical authority for the diocese.

CLERGY

The Rev. John Badders – Rector, St. John’s, McAllen



Qualifications –

Experienced in diocesan and national church; ability to work with others toward consensus.

Local Church Activities

– 46 years in this diocese; Rector; as a layman – Vestry, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Lector, LEM, Chair of Bishop’s Committee, Cursillo.

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board, Standing Committee, Trustee of Church Corp., Finance Committee, Cursillo Spiritual Director

Length of time in Diocese – 46 years

Nominated by – Vestry of St. John’s, McAllen

The Rev. Milton E. Black, Jr. – Rector, Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – Milton has a passion for mission and ministry, guided by strong gifts of leadership and administration developed in both parish ministry and business.

Local Church Activities

– Rector 7 years; parish priest 9 ½ years; Alternate Deputy to General Convention; St. James Episcopal School Board.

Diocesan Activities –

Archdeacon; Alternate Deputy to General Convention; 4 years as Chaplain to Family



Camp; Dean of Northern Convocation; TMI Board member; Diocesan Development Board; Alternate Deputy to Provincial Synod; Water Well Mission; Cursillo and Happening Spiritual Director

Length of time in Diocese – 6 years

Nominated by – Vestry of Good Shepherd

The Rev. C. Earl Mahan – Rector, St. Matthew’s, Edinburg

Qualifications – In his sixteenth year of ordained ministry, Father Mahan has served congregations in both urban and rural settings, large and small. Biblically and sacramentally grounded, he strongly supports the direction and guidance of the leadership of the Diocese of West Texas. He brings gifts of patient counsel and a listening ear before making any statement or decision that may have wider ramifications.

Local Church Activities

– Rector

Diocesan Activities –

Dean of the Rio Grande Valley Convocation; Mustang Island Conference Center Program Committee; Chaplain, Camp Capers; Chaplain, Mustang Island Family Camp; Cursillo Spiritual Director; Reconciliation Commission participant.

Length of time in Diocese – 4 years

Nominated by – Dawn Goldammer, Vestry Member, St. Matthew’s



The Rev. Michael K. Marsh -- Rector, St. Philip's, Uvalde

Qualifications – Prayer-centered life, wisdom, thoughtfulness, commitment to the Diocese and the Episcopal Church



Local Church Activities

– Rector

Diocesan Activities

– Executive Board; Examining Chaplains; Discernment Committee; Nominating Committee; Camp Capers dean and

chaplain; Trustee to University of the South.

Length of time in Diocese – 17 years

Nominated by – Kelley Kimble

commitment to the Anglican Communion of the Episcopal Church and the Mission and Ministry of the Diocese of West Texas. He is a Christian with 31 years in this Diocese, active leadership in both his local church as well as in the Diocese. His activities at St. Thomas include both leadership and service ministries. He has proven through his involvement in



elected and appointed positions his commitment to the Diocese of West Texas.

Local Church Activities

– Vestry (6 years);

Senior Warden (2 times);

Vestry Representative

to St. Thomas School (2

years); Co-Chair Capital

Funds Drive; Choir

member (5 years); Chair

of the Greeter Ministry (7 years); Chair Golf Ministry (6 years); Chair First Faith Alive for St. Thomas, San Antonio; Team member of 10 other Faith Alive programs; Delegate to Council (14 years); Chair of Lay Compensation-Policy and Procedures Manual; Sunday School Presenter; Chair of St. Thomas Episcopal School Golf Fund Raiser; Chair of the Long Term Visioning Task Force for the Future Development of St. Thomas; member of Rector and Music Director Search Committees; Co-Chair of Adult Retreat Programs; member of Men's Bible Study Program; Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and the SAMM Shelter.

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board (6 years); Executive Board representative to the Finance Committee and Camps and Conferences Ministries; Member of Clergy and Lay Compensation Committee; Member of the Mustang Island Development Committee; Founder and Chair/Co-Chair of The Bishop's Golf Classic – Scholarships for Youth; Board of Director of Morningside Ministries; Treasurer of the Board for Morningside Ministries; Presenter of Core Values Workshop; member of the Finance Committee; Church Consultant for Growth and Financial Solvency; Chair of Mission and Ministry Sub-Task Force on Ministries; Stewardship Consultant for Diocese of West Texas; Member of Faith Alive Programs and DWTX Committee.

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Marilynne Herbster
– St. George, San Antonio

Qualifications – The gift of servant hood; prayerful discernment; compassion; hospitality.

Local Church

Activities – Council Delegate; member of the Choir, Daughters of the King; parish administrator at St. George.

Diocesan Activities – Past Lay Ministry Committee member (appointed)

Length of time in Diocese – 27 years

Nominated by – Pat Whitehouse



Mike Horridge – St. Thomas, San Antonio

Qualifications – Mike is a recognized leader in the Diocese and our Church. He cares about the direction of TEC and our Diocese. We understand the importance and need for strong leadership who support our Bishops. Mike desires to help the Diocese and support our Bishops. We believe his experience in Diocesan and St. Thomas activities and leadership positions will be a valuable asset to the Standing Committee. Mike brings a strong

Length of time in Diocese – 31 years
Nominated by – The Rev. Chuck Woehler

Ella Mason – All Saints, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – Ella is a born leader-listener-wise woman; her resume speaks to her talents. Coordination at local and state levels of training



and facilitation are her areas of expertise.

Local Church Activities
– Bishop’s Committee for 3 churches; Delegate to Diocesan Councils (7 times); 15 years in Vestry and renewal projects; EFM, Cursillo. Ella is presently on our Vestry and is instrumental in our

LifeStream Service.

Diocesan Activities – 7 times elected to Diocesan Council; Cursillo

Length of time in Diocese – Lifetime

Nominated by – The Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus

Barry McBurnett – Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – Calm; calming demeanor; sense of humor; careful deliberator; supportive family; faithfully dedicated servant of the Lord; a listening spirit.

Local Church Activities
– Former Vestry; Junior Warden; Alternate Delegate to Council; Music Ministry; Active in Church Music Program; member of Rector Search Committee; serving on



150th Anniversary Committee; Chair of 2010 Council music; Bible study; active in Cursillo Group Reunion (16 years)

Diocesan Activities – Active in Cursillo movement; has been on 9 Cursillo teams since 1993; alternate delegate to Council 2006 and 2007.

Length of time in Diocese – 37 years

Nominated by – Vestry of Good Shepherd

Ronald G. Morrison – St. John’s, New Braunfels

Qualifications – Ron is a faithful member of this church who has taken a lead role in restarting the church after the split. He has great experience in leading the church and



would be a wise leader as the Diocese moves forward in ministry.

Local Church Activities
– Bishop’s Warden; Choir; Bishop’s Committee

Diocesan Activities
– Delegate to Council; Diocesan Men’s Retreat – Hammer & Nails; Abide in Me Diocesan Conference

Length of time in Diocese – 13 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

Paula A. Nersesian – Trinity Church, Victoria

Qualifications – Paula has been gifted with a natural talent for insight and leadership across a wide spectrum of issues. Over the years she has been thoroughly involved with parish life while also engaging in a variety of community activities. Her commitment to the needs of others, both medical and otherwise, has given her a deep understanding of the diversity of human experience; an understanding



she brings to all of her leadership roles.

Local Church Activities
– Formerly – Altar Guild and Christian Formation Chair; Board President – Trinity Episcopal School; Adult Formation instructor; EFM Graduate. Currently – Lay Eucharistic Visitor; Lay Reader;

Community of Hope; President – Daughters of the King; Godly Play instructor; Sunday Morning breakfast; Friends of Trinity Episcopal School; Vestry member; Chair – Stewardship Committee.

Diocesan Activities – Council Delegate; Recipient – St. George’s Medal

Length of time in Diocese – 15 years

Nominated by – Vestry of Trinity

Martha Monier Steves – St. Mark’s, San Antonio

Qualifications – Martha has considerable knowledge of the Episcopal Church at the National, Diocesan and Parish level. Since she has served very effectively as a Senior Warden several times, she would also provide wise counsel to the bishop.



Local Church Activities
– Sunday School teacher;
Choir member 20+ years;
Daughters of the King;
Women of St. Mark’s

Past President; Lenten Luncheons; Vestry member; Senior Warden; served on numerous stewardship committees and Vision 2000 and REJOICE Capital Campaigns. Currently Planned Giving Chair, serving on Decorations Committee, Discernment Committee, Discipleship for Leadership Committee, Work+Shop Advisory Board, Eucharistic Minister and Lector.

Diocesan Activities – Delegate to Councils, Executive Board, Department of Finance, Nominating Committee, Leadership Committee, Co-Chair Bishop Lillibridge’s Consecration Service.

Length of time in Diocese – Lifetime
Nominated by – Vestry of St. Mark’s