

Report of the Nominating Committee Council 2009

In preparation for the **105th Annual Diocesan Council**, to be held at the Convention Center in McAllen on February 19-21, 2009, the diocesan Nominating Committee submits these nominees. For details on the constitution and canons governing these elections, go to www.council-dwtx.org.

The Nominating Committee for the 2009 Council of the Diocese of West Texas, appointed by the Bishop, is as follows:

The Rev. Michael Hoffman, Chair (Previous Year)
Mr. John Warren, Co-Chair (Previous Year)

The Rev. Charles Woehler, Central Convocation
Mr. Mike LaMar, Northern Convocation
Mrs. Melanie Klotzman, Eastern Convocation
The Rev. Jerry Sneary, NE Convocation
The Rev. Paul Frey, Western Convocation
Mr. Brian Humphreys, Valley Convocation
The Rev. Andrew Thayer, Southern Convocation

Nominees for Council 2009

Trustees of the Episcopal Church Corporation

Elect 1 Clergy and 1 Lay for a 3 year term

CLERGY

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

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

Local Church Activities – Rector, Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi; 8 ½ years as a parish priest; 6 as a rector; Archdeacon of Diocese of West Texas

Diocesan Activities – Archdeacon; Chair - Continuing Ed Committee; Chaplain Family Camp; Chaplain-Water Well Ministry, Honduras; Dean of Northern Convocation; Director – Cursillo and Happening; Alternate Deputy to Provincial Synod; Lay Ministry Commission

Length of time in Diocese – 5 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. David G. Read – Rector, St. Helena’s, Boerne

Qualifications – David brings a lifetime of experience in the diocese and previous experience on diocesan committees.

Local Church Activities – Rector, St. Helena’s, Boerne

Diocesan Activities – Currently: Chair-Dept. of Camps & Conferences (1996-present); Trustee of the Episcopal Church Corp. in West Texas (2006-present); Diocesan Secretary (2007-present); General Convention Deputy (2000-2009); Diocesan Development Committee (2006-present); Previously: Diocesan Executive Board; Dean-Central Convocation and Eastern Convocation; Congregational Development; Spiritual Director: Happening, Vocare, Cursillo; Standing Committee (2 times); Stewardship consultant

Length of time in Diocese – 43 years in West Texas; 10 years at St. Helena’s

Nominated by – Vestry

The Rev. Stockton Williams, Rector, St. Peter’s, Kerrville

Qualifications – Experience as an attorney; experience leading two capital campaigns for expansion of church properties.

Local Church Activities – Rector, St. Peter’s, Kerrville; Chaplain, Hill Country Chapter-OSL; Board, Kerrville Rotary; Secretary, Central Kerrville Development Corp.; President, Christian Assistance Ministries; President, Kerrville Ministerial Alliance; Retreat Leader, Laity Lodge; Kairos; Emmaus; Cursillo and Happening

Diocesan Activities – Diocesan Spiritual Director-Happening; Cursillo Secretariat; Lay Ministry Committee of Commission on Ministry; Chaplain at Camp Capers and Dean of Mid-Winter; Evangelism Committee; Board Member, Bishop Elliott Society; National Happening Board; Previously on Nominating Committee and Dean of Northern Convocation

Length of time in Diocese – 7 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Andrew Thayer

LAY

Mr. Robert R. (Rusty) Biechlin, member of St. Thomas, San Antonio

Qualifications – Rusty is an attorney so he is familiar with legal issues that may come up. He also is interested in and informed of the issues that deal with property and finances.

Local Church Activities – Vestry; Sr. Warden; member and chairman, Board of Directors St. Thomas School; lay reader; Council delegate

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese – life; parish – 11 years

Nominated by – Vestry

Mr. Mark Browning, member of St. John's, McAllen

Qualifications – Mark is gifted in finance, investments, land and property sales and investments.

Local Church Activities – Vestry; School Board President; lay Eucharistic Minister; Lector; Stewardship speaker; Stewardship Committee; men's ministry

Length of time in Diocese – 16 years

Nominated by – The Rev. John Badders

Mr. John Warren, member of Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – John is a dedicated Christian leader in his church, community and the Diocese of West Texas. He is well informed and knowledgeable concerning church matters and polity. John is detailed, oriented and follows through. His faithfulness to the work of the church is recognized and commendable. As a faithful steward, as well as a lawyer, he is well suited to be a candidate for a trustee of the Church Corporation.

Local Church Activities – Past vestry member; Senior Warden, parish Chancellor; past board member and Chancellor-St. James Episcopal School; parish Cursillo rep; member and chairman, parish mission society; board member and chairman, Board of Trustees-Cliff Maus Village trust; parish endowment board member; council delegate

Diocesan Activities – Cursillo Secretariat team and rector; council balloting and vendor committees co-chair; Nominating Committee; Bishop's Charge committee; Executive Board; alternate deputy, General Convention 2006 and 2009

Length of time in Diocese – 32 years

Nominated by – Vestry

Executive Board

Elect 2 Clergy and 4 Lay for a 3 year term

CLERGY

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

Qualifications – David has solid leadership skills, financial insight, and understanding of the business side of church business at the national, diocesan, and parish levels. Under his tenure, St. James has grown, expanding its budget, endowments, and parochial school

Local Church Activities – Rector, St. James', Del Rio; active in the Del Rio community; has served on the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce Bilateral Committee (US/Mexico); past president of the Bethel Center, an agency serving the poor in Del Rio with emergency assistance, and other community concerns.

Diocesan Activities – Former Dean of the Western Convocation; Nominating Committee, World Missions committee; Evangelism committee; Dean at Camp Capers; Chaplain at Camp Capers and others.

Length of time in Diocese – 9 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Paul Frey

The Rev. Willie Davila, Vicar, Reconciliation, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – Various; to this board an insight and perspective of small congregations and how the organization structure of the Diocese can better function and support the same.

Local Church Activities – Vicar, Reconciliation, Corpus Christi

Diocesan Activities – Past member of the Executive Board, Standing Committee, Chairman of the Hispanic Commission, member of other boards and commissions in the Diocese

Length of time in Diocese – 38 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Paul Frey

The Rev. Doug Earle, Rector, St. Paul's, San Antonio

Qualifications – Doug is rector of a parish that sits at the epicenter of the greatest development change in San Antonio history. The parish has undergone dramatic transformation with a new school, community outreach ministries, and younger congregant base. As an Anglo Catholic High Churchman in one of the most inclusive and progressive congregations in the diocese, he will bring a different perspective to congregational development and program than has been represented over the years. His experience includes service in over 13 congregations in the diocese (as vicar or interim rector/ vicar), six years directing College Ministry and serving as Chaplain, as well as ten years as Rector of the parish.

Local Church Activities – Rector, St. Paul's, San Antonio; School Board Chairman; San Antonio Gay-Lesbian and Friends.

Diocesan Activities – Commission on Episcopal Schools; Communications committee; Commission on Ministry (1990-1996, Chair 1993-1996); Trustee of the Church Corporation

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-34 years; Parish-9 years

Nominated by – Vestry

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

Qualifications – Michael has a passion for extending the Kingdom of God and growing the Body of Christ, as well as a deep respect and love for the Diocese of West Texas.

Local Church Activities – Vicar, St. Peter and St. Paul, Mission, TX

Diocesan Activities – Chair, Nominating Committee; active in Happening; Dean at Camp Capers

Length of time in Diocese – 2 years

Nominated by – Bishop’s Committee

The Rev. Cristopher Robinson, Rector, Epiphany, Kingsville

Qualifications – Young and energetic; committed to the Diocese; active in various aspects of diocesan life.

Local Church Activities – Rector, Epiphany, Kingsville

Diocesan Activities – Dean and Chaplain at Camp Capers; Episcopal Schools Commission; diocesan coordinator for emergency evacuation housing

Nominated by – The Rev. Chuck Woehler

The Rev. Jonathan Wickham, Asst. Rector, St. Mark’s, San Antonio

Qualifications – Diverse experience in diocesan ministry and administration; collaborative decision maker; openness to new ideas, people and opportunities; a desire to strengthen the ministry of the church and the diocese.

Local Church Activities – Lay: Council Delegate, professional Youth Minister; lay Eucharistic Minister; lay reader; Sunday School teacher; music team member;

Ordained: Assistant Rector, St. Mark’s, San Antonio; Episcopal School Chaplain, liturgy coordinator; pastoral care; preaching; teaching

Diocesan Activities – Deputy for Youth/Young Adult Ministry and Director of Camps and Conferences (2004-2006); Bishop’s Happening Movement board; Happening Spiritual Director; Camp Capers Dean and Chaplain; Member of the Camps Development Committee; Board Member of Christ Chapel at Texas State

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-13 years; Parish 2 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Michael Chalk

LAY

Mrs. Kathreen “Kathy” Ackerman, member of Our Saviour, Aransas Pass

Qualifications – Kathy has served as a council delegate many times and is very aware of diocesan business. She is a many term Bishop’s Committee member and has served as Bishop’s Warden and clerk.

Local Church Activities – Bishop’s Committee; Lay reader; Council delegate; President of the ECW; serves on the Ecumenical Thrift Shop Board and the Board of the Outreach Center; founding member of the local DOK Chapter.

Diocesan Activities – Nominee for diocesan offices several times

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-40 years; Parish-10 years.

Nominated by – Bishop’s Committee

Ms. Esther Bell, member of Messiah, Gonzales

Qualifications – Esther has worked in a variety of administrative positions in her own profession (some high level) and also through the Cursillo Secretariat; she has wide experience throughout the diocese. Esther has a heart to serve Jesus and the ability to work with people of varying opinions.

Local Church Activities – Lay Eucharistic Minister; Cursillo; Vestry (currently Vestry Clerk); intercessor; volunteer secretary; National Cursillo Secretariat Newsletter Editor; Parish Newsletter editor; active in two 4th day groups

Diocesan Activities – Christian Ed Committee; Cursillo Secretariat (current and past); Lay Ministry Committee; Executive Board; Standing Committee; Deputy to General Convention

Length of time in Diocese – 54 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Randy Melton

Mr. Michael Davies, member of St. John's, McAllen

Local Church Activities – Vestry member; Director of local food pantry; Council Delegate; Ex-School Board Member; ALPHA Team; Adult Sunday School teacher; Youth Sunday School teacher; Cursillo Movement (team member); active with youth Happening events; 2009 Council Committee Chair

Diocesan Activities – Happening Board Member (incoming Board Chairman)

Length of time in Diocese – 7 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Michael Hoffman

Mrs. Grace Faulkner, member of Trinity, Victoria

Qualifications – Grace has shown leadership and dedication in multiple levels of church work during her 40+ years as an Episcopalian.

Local Church Activities – Vestry member; EfM graduate; Pastoral Care Chaplain; Parish Life Committee Co-chairman.

Diocesan Activities – Victoria Community of Hope Coordinator

Length of time in Diocese – 10 years

Nominated by – Vestry

Ms. Amanda Hagy, member of Resurrection, San Antonio

Qualifications – Mandy is well organized. She has a heart for the church and for Jesus. She has experience working on a Diocesan staff (Youth Ministry in Fort Worth). She knows what it takes to run a successful program and the energy to accomplish her goals.

Local Church Activities – Youth Director; Liaison for military committee at diocese; church volunteer

Diocesan Activities – Military Service Committee

Length of time in Diocese – 18 months

Nominated by – The Rev. Chris Cole

Mr. William McMillen, member of St. Paul's, San Antonio

Qualifications – Bill is a devoted churchman with a broad background and variety of experience committed to helping the church grow into the future in new and exciting ways. Bill retired in 2006 after 38 years of federal service, both military and civilian, as a master linguist, foreign language instructor, and manager. For the last six years of his career, he was director of a government foreign language school with an ethnically and culturally diverse faculty and staff of 56, providing instruction in 12 foreign languages. Bill has always been active in the local community, wherever they lived. He was a Little League coach and an active Scouter for 17 years, serving as Cubmaster, Troop Committee Member, Troop Treasurer, and Woodcarving and Music Merit Badge Counselor. He often served his local parish as organist and choirmaster, and as a vestry member.

Local Church Activities – Vestry; Senior Warden; Finance Committee; Chairman, Capital Fund Campaign; Chairman, St. Paul's 125th Anniversary Jubilee Committee; Chairman, Soli Deo Gloria (music ministry support); Parish Choir, Assistant Organist; Council Delegate; Chairman of organ renovation committee

Diocesan Activities – Council delegate

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-13 years; Parish-5 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Doug Earle

Mr. Jeff Nordstrom, member of St. Mark's, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – As an executive, Jeff has long been interested in leadership issues. His own abilities were evident during his double tenure as senior warden. Jeff loves being a servant leader and follows through on projects. His peaceful demeanor and ready smile are reassuring. Good listening skills and articulate speech make him a valuable partner in addressing problems large and small.

Local Church Activities – Vestry; Senior Warden; Stewardship leader; usher; leadership team for Sanctuary Capital Funds Campaign

Diocesan Activities – Council delegate several times

Length of time in Diocese – 22 years

Nominated by – The Rev. John Hardie and Vestry

Mr. Gregg Robertson, member of Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – Gregg has demonstrated strong leadership on a local basis, serving as Senior Warden and Search Committee Chair. Also, on a Diocesan level serving as Chair of Sub-committee for Camps and Conferences.

Local Church Activities – Senior Warden; Lay reader; Council delegate; Confirmation Class teacher; Council host committee; Rector Search committee; Capital Campaign committee

Diocesan Activities – Trustee, University of the South; Episcopal Church Foundation Board; Camps and Conferences Development Committee

Length of time in Diocese – 46 years

Nominated by – Mrs. Alice Sallee

Mr. Steve Roederer, member of St. John’s, New Braunfels

Qualifications – Longtime member in the Diocese of West Texas; extremely knowledgeable about computer systems and applications; loves his Lord and his Church

Local Church Activities – Bishop’s Committee; Treasurer; Lay Eucharistic Minister trainer

Diocesan Activities – Council delegate many times

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-27 years, Parish-5 years

Nominated by – Bishop’s Committee

Mr. Robert (Bob) Thompson, member of St. Thomas, San Antonio

Qualifications – Active and dedicated Christian; former CEO, 4 corporations; knowledgeable of Diocesan operations and funding.

Local Church Activities – Lay Eucharistic Minister; Pastoral Lay Eucharistic Visitor & Scheduler; Chair, World Missions Committee; Order of St. Luke; EfM; former Acolyte Director

Diocesan Activities – Chair, Disaster Response Task Force; member World Missions Committee; member Arts Festival Committee; Emergency Coordinator

Length of time in Diocese – 30 years

Nominated by – Vestry

Mrs. Rebecca (Becky) Warren, member of St. Peter’s, Rockport

Qualifications – I am confident that Becky has a solid awareness of the ministries and governance of this diocese and the larger church. Her active participation in a variety of parish and diocesan programs exemplifies her care for how we live out being the Episcopal Church in this corner of the world. I have come to know Becky best through her participation with St. Peter’s VBS program, our Community of Hope training sessions, the development of a Recovery Sunday program and the liturgy and music in our worship. She has a caring heart for children and families, as well as a social awareness of the realities that challenge the church as we attempt to minister in these areas of our life together.

Local Church Activities – Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi: Vestry; Choir; Mission Society; Sunday School teacher; organized and coordinated Kid’s Café at Cliff Maus Village; alternate council delegate. St. Peter’s, Rockport: Choir, Vacation Bible School; Community of Hope

Diocesan Activities – Recovery Ministries Commission (2003-present), co-chair in 2008; Secretariat, Rectora Cursillo #239; co-chair Diocesan Council Balloting Committee; co-chair Diocesan Council Vendor’s Committee

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-30+years; St. Peter’s-3 years; Good Shepherd-27years

Nominated by – The Rev. Jim Friedel

Mrs. Patricia Whitehouse, member of St. George, San Antonio

Qualifications – She is prayerful, organized, and very much aware of what is going on in the diocese. She listens and is able to make decisions on the basis of what she hears and learns.

Local Church Activities – LEM; Council delegate, prayer team; family ministry; Bible study leader; has served as youth and family minister; Sunday school teacher, VBS coordinator, Altar Guild.

Diocesan Activities – Has served two terms on the Executive Board; served on the Evangelism and Christian Education Departments; also served on the diocesan altar guild

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-Lifetime; Parish-35 years

Nominated by – Mrs. Marilynne Herbster

Standing Committee

Elect 1 Clergy and 1 Lay for a 3 year term

CLERGY

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

Qualifications – Ability to listen and hear multiple perspectives; deep understanding and practice of discernment; committed prayer life

Local Church Activities – Rector, St. Francis, Victoria; prior to ordination: Vestry, Rector Search Committee, EfM mentor, pastoral care committee, Eucharistic Minister.

Diocesan Activities – Continuing Education Committee, Nominating Committee, Camp Capers Chaplain, Family Camp Chaplain

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-6 years; Parish-3 years

Nominated by – Vestry

The Rev. Patrick Gahan, Rector, St. Stephen's, Wimberley

Qualifications – Patrick has been ordained 20 years and is serving a second time as rector. Previously, he served as chaplain of Episcopal boarding schools, Executive Director of a worldwide missionary society, and has led short term missions in both Newfoundland and Vietnam. Before ordination he served as an Infantry officer in U.S. Army and a high school coach and teacher. Patrick has been married to Kay for 33 years and they have 3 adult children.

Local Church Activities – Rector, St. Stephen's, Wimberley; formerly Trustee of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest; Trustee of St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Austin, TX; member of Executive Council in the Diocese of Texas; member of the Clergy Benefits and Compensation Committee in the Diocese of Maryland.

Diocesan Activities – Examining Chaplain; Chairman of the Bishop's Address to Council; Dean of the Northeast Convocation.

Length of time in Diocese – 3.75 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. James Murguia, Rector, St. David's, San Antonio

Qualifications – Leadership qualities and a deep appreciation for the Diocese

Local Church Activities – Rector, St. David's, San Antonio

Diocesan Activities – Cursillo teams; Camp Capers Dean; Executive Board; Vocare; Trustee-TMI-The Episcopal School of Texas; Standing Committee; Deputy and alternate to General Convention; Examining Chaplains; World Mission Division

Length of time in Diocese – 34 years

Nominated by – Vestry

The Rev. David G. Read – Rector, St. Helena's, Boerne

Qualifications – David brings a lifetime of experience in the diocese and previous experience on the Standing Committee.

Local Church Activities – Rector, St. Helena's, Boerne

Diocesan Activities – Currently: Chair-Dept. of Camps & Conferences (1996-present); Trustee of the Episcopal Church Corp. in West Texas (2006-present); Diocesan Secretary (2007-present); General Convention Deputy (2000-2009); Diocesan Development Committee (2006-present); Previously: Diocesan Executive Board; Dean-Central Convocation and Eastern Convocation; Congregational Development; Spiritual Director: Happening, Vocare, Cursillo; Standing Committee (2 times); Stewardship consultant

Length of time in Diocese – 43 years in West Texas; 10 years at St. Helena's

Nominated by – Vestry

The Rev. Andrew Thayer, Rector, St. Bartholomew's, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – Energy; passion; creativity; intelligence; excellent communication skills and a deep love for God.

Local Church Activities – Rector, St. Bartholomew's, Corpus Christi; preacher, teacher, pastor, Capital Campaign 08; Fine Art Camps; St. B's Academy

Diocesan Activities – Dean of Southern Convocation; Nominating Committee; Dean for Camp Capers and Family Camp

Length of time in Diocese – Lifetime- raised at Camp Capers; sent to Sewanee by Bishop Folts; ordained; served at St. Mark's, San Antonio; currently at St. Bartholomew's, Corpus Christi

Nominated by – Mr. Drew Cauthorn, Chancellor and Vestry of St. Bartholomew's

LAY

Ms. Elizabeth Evans, member of St. Paul's, San Antonio

Qualifications – She has a passion for ministry of all people and feels strongly about strengthening and uplifting the ministry of the ordained orders. She is committed to the church and loves ministry in all its myriad forms. Liz is a highly organized person, with attention to detail, and an ability to prayerfully reflect on issues that come before her.

Local Church Activities – She is currently a lay reader, head of the prayer writers group, co-chair of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Webmaster for the parish website. In the past she has served on Vestry (two terms), chairman of the Education Committee (8 years), coordinator for the Eucharistic Visitors (2 ½ years), Council Delegate (5 terms), teacher for both Adult and Children's Sunday School, member of the parish choir and cantor, and member of the Liturgy Committee. She has completed the four year EfM course under mentor Jennifer Wickham and Community of Hope training at St. Mark's, San Antonio under Demi Prentiss.

Diocesan Activities – She has served on the Education Committee for over 2 years and served on the Diaconate Study Group.

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-49 years; Parish-15 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Doug Earle

Mrs. Marilynne Herbster, member of St. George, San Antonio

Local Church Activities – Council delegate and alternate in past years; Daughters of the King; Choir member

Diocesan Activities – Past Lay Ministry Committee member

Length of time in Diocese – 26 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Ram Lopez

Mrs. Elizabeth Nisbet, member of Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

Qualifications – Liz has a depth of knowledge and experience of the Diocesan issues as well as the issues confronting TEC. She is often lauded for her sound judgment when presented with difficult decisions.

Local Church Activities – Vestry (4 terms); Senior Warden, Junior Warden (2 terms); Executive Committee; Finance Committee; Church Endowment Outreach Committee; Foundation Board-COGS; President, Women of the Church; St. James Episcopal School Board; Cliff Maus Village Board of Directors; Stewardship Committee; Council delegate (10 times); Tri-Chair; DWTX Council, 2002.

Diocesan Activities – Executive Committee; Foundation Board (now serving 2nd time); Co-chair, Mustang Island Conference Center Committee; Search Committee for Camps & Conferences Director

Length of time in Diocese – 39 years in Diocese and Parish

Nominated by – Mrs. Alice Sallee

Mr. Ron Tribo, member of St. Helena's, Boerne

Qualifications – Ron brings a wealth of experience in the parish and diocese and an active faith to offer for this ministry.

Local Church Activities – Search Committee Chair; Vestry; Treasurer; Lay reader; Men's Bible Study; Stewardship

Diocesan Activities – Chair, Compensation Committee; Trustee-TMI-The Episcopal School of Texas; Executive Board, Diocesan Finance Committee; Diocesan Insurance Committee; Mission Engagement Committee

Length of time in Diocese – 15 years +

Nominated by – The Rev. David Read and Vestry

Trustees of TMI – The Episcopal School of Texas

Elect two persons – either Clergy or Lay – for a 3 year term

Mrs. Jane Ahuero, member of St. George, San Antonio

Qualifications – Administration; Faith; Leadership; Mercy

Local Church Activities – Council delegate; former Vestry; Choir; Newcomer Ministry; Volunteers Coordinator

Diocesan Activities – Central Convocation representative for Women's Commission of the Diocese of West Texas

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-30 years; Parish-15 years

Nominated by – Ms. Jennifer Endsley

Mr. Jonathan Cluck, member of St. Helena's, Boerne

Qualifications – Jonathan is an active member of St. Helena's, a 1976 graduate of TMI and an active alumni with a desire to see TMI continue to grow and thrive in its mission.

Local Church Activities – Vestry; Lay reader; Sunday School teacher; Evening Prayer leader; Acolyte Coordinator; Active at St. Luke's, San Antonio before moving to Boerne

Length of time in Diocese – Lifetime

Nominated by – The Rev. David Read and Vestry

Mr. Steve Denney, member of St. Thomas, San Antonio

Qualifications – Attended private military high school; 22 years military service in the Army; retired Colonel; 25 years business experience in San Antonio; Graduate USMA (West Point)

Local Church Activities – Lay reader; Vestry; Council delegate; PLEV, EfM graduate; World Mission Committee; Missionary (short-term) to Russia

Diocesan Activities – World Mission Committee; Russia Belarus Idea Exchange Group

Length of time in Diocese – 25 years

Nominated by – Vestry

Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Houck, member of St. Helena's, Boerne

Qualifications – Faith; enthusiasm; educator; graduate of TMI; creative thinker; dedication; loyalty

Local Church Activities – Youth leader; member of 20's and 30's group; substitute Sunday School teacher

Diocesan Activities – Teacher at Camp Capers; former Camp Capers summer staff counselor

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-25 years; Parish-2 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Captain Christopher Roque, Rector, St. John's, Sonora

Qualifications – Chris is a life long Episcopalian and native of the Diocese of West Texas. He has always supported and affirmed the ministry and education of TMI. He majored in history with a concentration in military history and was a four year Army Scholarship Cadet and color guard commander which endears him to the military heritage at TMI. He has a strong affinity for the posterity and work of TMI and affirms their life within the diocese and the greater church.

Local Church Activities – Rector, St. John's, Sonora; Asst. Rector, St. John's, McAllen; Former Junior Warden at St. John's, New Braunfels; TLU faculty sponsor to Canterbury On Campus in Seguin, TX; Adult EYC sponsor to St. John's, New Braunfels; three time member of mission teams to Honduras; worship team member, St. John's, New Braunfels

Diocesan Activities – Province VII Delegate for DWTX; Coordinator, Diocesan Disaster Response Taskforce; Board member, Good Samaritan Community Services-Rio Grande Valley; Cursillo Assistant Spiritual Director; Camp Capers Chaplain

Length of time in Diocese – Lifetime

Nominated by – The Rev. Michael Hoffman

The Rev. Charles Sharrow, Vicar, St. Paul's, Brownsville

Qualifications – Daughter, Rebecca, graduated from TMI in 2005 and he has an interest in how TMI can continue being a source of Christian discipleship for future leaders.

Local Church Activities – Vicar, St. Paul's, Brownsville; Love INC, President

Diocesan Activities – Evangelism Committee (4 years); Continuing Education Committee 2005-08; Alternate, Diocesan Synod 2008; Camp Capers Chaplain 2001; Medical Mission Chaplain 2003, SOMA Team leader to Honduras 2003.

Length of time in Diocese – 14 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Michael Hoffman

Trustee – University of the South

1 Lay elected for a 3 year term

Mrs. Amy Hoffman, member of St. Peter and St. Paul, Mission

Qualifications – Amy has been involved with Sewanee in three different capacities; first as an undergraduate student, later as a seminary spouse, and then as an employee of the University. These experiences give her a unique perspective.

Local Church Activities – Adult Bible Study Leader; Jr. High Sunday School Teacher

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-4years; Parish-2 years

Nominated by – Bishop's Committee

Mrs. Scotty Macdaniel, member of St. Luke's, San Antonio

Qualifications – Scotty graduated from Sewanee with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 2003. While living in Austin and San Antonio, she has supported Sewanee's Admissions and Associated Alumni offices to ensure the University's reputation in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas remains high and positive. Since moving back to San Antonio in 2006, Scotty has consistently attended the Sewanee Club of San Antonio gatherings. She also has been a frequently requested speaker for area Sewanee recruitment events for prospective students. Her professional background in development and fundraising has been put to use recently during her service on the Alumni Gift Committee, which solicited donations to the 2009 Sewanee Annual Fund.

Local Church Activities – Scotty has attended St. Luke’s Church since she was 3 years old. Growing up, she was an active, regular participant in Sunday School, youth group and the acolyte program. Since moving back to San Antonio in 2006, she has become involved in a variety of activities, including co-chairing the Fall Parish Festival, volunteering with Vacation Bible School, and attending St. Luke’s young adults events. Perhaps her most significant involvement has been in developing a partnership between St. Luke’s youth and the youth who participate in the MODELO program at Good Samaritan Community Services. This partnership was designed to encourage friendships between two groups of young people who otherwise might never meet. Scotty also was an ongoing member of a committee at St. Luke’s that launched a first-ever fundraiser to foster the partnership, which netted more than \$30,000 that will be used to underwrite activities between the two groups.

Diocesan Activities – As the full-time Development Manager for Good Samaritan Community Services, Scotty is responsible for ensuring the viability and responsiveness of one of the most critical mission and outreach activities of the Diocese of West Texas. In every way, the success of Good Samaritan is catalytic to wide, positive community perception throughout the Diocese. Scotty also organized and supervised the 2008 Youth Day, in coordination with the annual Council meeting. Over 100 youth from around the Diocese came to Good Samaritan Community Services and completed a critical beautification and safety project in the outdoor play area, which is used by over 1,000 children and youth per year. With Scotty’s leadership, Diocesan youth experienced the benefits of community service and got to know and worked closely with young people served by Good Samaritan. The exchange of ideas and an enhanced appreciation for one another was well received by the Diocesan youth and many have asked to complete a similar project in 2009. Finally, Scotty has assisted Bob Thompson in developing a comprehensive disaster relief response for the Diocese of West Texas. As the Volunteer Coordinator for this effort, Scotty is responsible for developing and, whenever needed, deploying the Diocese’s volunteer manpower to assist in the aftermath of natural disasters occurring anywhere in the region. Scotty and Bob are developing and refining a database of willing volunteers that is searchable by geographic area or expertise.

Length of time in Diocese – 24 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Ms. Lindsay K. Young, member of St. Francis’, San Antonio

Qualifications – Lindsay is currently serving as a Trustee. She brings experience, enthusiasm and commitment to this position. Her wide ranging experience of the Church coupled with her experience as a Trustee make her an excellent fit for this continuing position.

Local Church Activities – Search Committee, St. Francis, SA; Vestry, St. Francis, SA; Praise and Worship Team, St. Francis, SA

Diocesan Activities – Current Diocesan Trustee-University of the South; former Senior Staff and Junior Staff member, Camp Capers; former Happening staff member

Length of time in Diocese – Diocese-Lifetime; Parish-4 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Patrick Ormos