

In preparation for **104th Annual Diocesan Council**, to be held at the Municipal Auditorium, San Antonio, on February 21-23, 2008, 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 2008 Council of the Diocese of West Texas, appointed by the Bishop, is as follows:

The Rev. Ramiro Lopez
Chair (Previous Year)

Mrs. Linda Jordan
Co-Chair (Previous Year)

Mr. John Harrison
Central Convocation

The Rev. Mary Margaret Mueller
Northern Convocation

The Rev. Faith Bledsoe
Eastern Convocation

Mr. Rob Schneider
Northeastern Convocation

Mrs. Kelley Bartell
Western Convocation

The Rev. Michael Hoffman
Valley Convocation

Mr. John Warren
Southern Convocation

Nominees for Council 2008

Standing Committee **Elect 1 Clergy and 1 Lay**

CLERGY

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

Gifts and Talents -- Deep life of prayer; wisdom, discernment, listening, commitment to the Church.

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Continuing Education Committee, Nominating Committee, Evangelism Committee.

Length of time in Diocese – 5 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Michael Marsh and the St. Francis Vestry

The Rev. Scott Brown – Rector, St. Alban's, Harlingen

Gifts and Talents – Enthusiasm and a heart for all God's people.

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board, Program Committee for Camps and Conferences, Camp Capers Dean, Editorial Board for Church News

Length of time in Diocese – 9 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

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

Gifts and Talents – Demonstrated leadership, creativity, twenty years in ordained ministry serving Episcopal Church; service to larger Anglican Communion in Newfoundland and worldwide mission work.

Local Church Activities – Has twice served as rector of parishes

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board (Diocese of TX); Trustee of St. Stephen's School; Trustee, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest; Clergy and Compensation Committee (Diocese of Maryland)

Length of time in Diocese – 3 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Ramiro "Ram" Lopez – Rector, St. George, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Experienced in a wide array of diocesan activities; passion for the life and vitality of the Episcopal Church; ability to work with multiple generations – especially youth and young adults.

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board; Chair, Camp Capers Program Division; Chair, Nominating Committee; Alternate Deputy to General Convention; Trustee, University of the South; Recovery Ministries; Camp Capers Site Committee; Camp Capers Dean/Chaplain; World Mission Division

Length of time in Diocese – 25 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

LAY

Blaine Bennett, member of St. Philip's, Uvalde

Gifts and Talents -- Leadership experience, deep spirituality

Local Church Activities – Past Sr. Warden, Vestry, Choir member, School Board, Council Delegate, Sunday School Teacher

Length of time in the Diocese – 20+ years

Nominated by – Senior Warden, St. Philip's, Uvalde

J. David Enos, member of St. Andrew's by the Sea, Port Isabel

Gifts and Talents – A lifetime membership in the Episcopal Church in different parts of the country; organized; good people skills; former Plant Manager during working years.

Local Church Activities – Vestry member, past Senior Warden, Lay Reader (lector), Lay Eucharistic Minister, Council Delegate, leader in all church sponsored fund raising events

Length of time in the Diocese – 6 years in Del Rio, 10 years in Port Isabel

Nominated by – The Rev. Philip Taylor, Rector

Marilynne Herbster, member of St. George, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – The gift of servanthood, prayerful discernment, compassion, hospitality.

Local Church Activities – Council Delegate, choir member, Daughters of the King

Diocesan Activities – Lay Ministry Committee

Length of time in the Diocese – 25 years

Nominated by – Mrs. Patricia Fullen Whitehouse

Betty Mosty, member of St. Peter's, Kerrville

Gifts and Talents – Commitment to my personal faith and to the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church.

Local Church Activities – Bible study leader, Sr. Warden (x2), VCS director (x5), ECW past president, Happening Parish Coordinator (x3), School Board member, J2A mentor, Lenten Speaker, Council delegate (x15), Stewardship chairman

Diocesan Activities – Cursillo team member (x10), past president Cursillo Secretariat, Stewardship committee, Stewardship of Creation, Courtesy Resolutions Committee (x3), Executive Board, and Honduras vet mission trip (x3)

Length of time in the Diocese – 30+ years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Executive Board
(Elect 2 Clergy and 4 Lay)

The Rev. Adrian Amaya, Rector, St. Philip's, Beeville

Gifts and Talents – Good preacher and public speaker; can teach difficult concepts to varied audiences; connected to both the traditions of the Church and pop culture; writes very well across disciplines; loves to work with children and young adults; very computer savvy; quite the cook.

Local Church Activities – Rector and Ex-Officio member of the St. Philip's School Board

Diocesan Activities – Bishop's Happening Movement, Discernment committee since 2006, Representative to Province VII (2005), Environmental Stewardship Committee, Christian Faith in Action Committee (Prison Ministry), Spiritual Director and Assistant Spiritual Director of Cursillo weekends, Spiritual Director of Kairos weekends held at two Texas Department of Criminal Justice Facilities, Spiritual Director and Assistant Spiritual Director of Diocesan Happening events, Dean and Chaplain of Camp Capers summer camps

Length of time in the Diocese – 13+ years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. David P. Chalk, Rector, St. James Church and School, Del Rio

Gifts and Talents – Global perspective, orthodox faith, national experience

Local Church Activities – Rector of 125 year old parish and Rector of 55 year old school

Diocesan Activities – Evangelism, World Mission, Dean, Cursillo Spiritual Director, Examining Chaplains, Diocesan Missionary, Camp Capers dean and chaplain

Length of time in the Diocese – 8 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Paul Frey, Rector, Christ Church, Laredo

Gifts and Talents – I have a passion for mission and evangelism and a desire to reach people who are the majority population in our part of the world. I believe that the next stage of our growth as a Diocese depends upon reaching that group.

Local Church Activities – As the parish pastor, involved in many parish activities. As part of my involvement in the Laredo community, I am active with the South Texas Food Bank, our local Habitat for Humanity affiliate, the ministerial association and the Daybreak Rotary Club.

Diocesan Activities – Dean at Camp Capers for many years, Executive Board, the Evangelism Committee, Trustee of TMI -- The Episcopal School of Texas, former Dean of the Western Convocation

Length of time in the Diocese – 10 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

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

Gifts and Talents – Leadership and a dedication to the Diocese of West Texas

Local Church Activities – Vicar

Diocesan Activities – Nominating Committee and Happening Board

Length of time in the Diocese – 12 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Ram Lopez

The Rev. Canon John Padgett, Rector, Eastern Convocation Partners in Ministry

Gifts and Talents – Leadership, discernment experience, 26 years in the Diocese

Local Church Activities – Rector/Vicar of eight small churches, active in Cursillo, Diocesan Council, Order of St. Luke Healing Ministry – Chaplain

Diocesan Activities – Cursillo Diocesan Spiritual Director, National Episcopal Cursillo Committee (1999-2001), Diocesan Evangelism Committee

Length of time in Diocese – 26 years

Nominated by -- Nominating Committee

The Rev. Cristopher Robinson, Asst. Rector, St. Thomas, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – A talent for big-picture or prophetic thinking, gifts of administration and organization and a history of successful management (was a consulting engineer before seminary)

Local Church Activities – Assistant Rector

Diocesan Activities – Dean and Chaplain at Camp Capers

Nominated by – Parishioner – Nancy Springer-Jakubovic

The Rev. Les Spear, Vicar, St. Luke's, Cypress Mill

Local Church Activities – Vicar

Diocesan Activities -- Board of Directors for Native American and Indigenous People (Diocese of Dallas), clergy for Province VI (Diocese of South Dakota)

Length of time in the Diocese – 4 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

LAY

Susan Alwais, member of St. George, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Leadership, organization, discernment

Local Church Activities – Council Delegate, choir, former Vestry, Daughters of the King Vice President

Length of time in the Diocese – 43 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Ram Lopez

Kelley Bartell, member of St. Philip's, Uvalde

Gifts and Talents – Leadership, organization, willingness to serve

Local Church Activities – Senior Warden, Vestry, School Board, Lay Reader, Council delegate, Cursillo team member

Diocesan Activities – Nominating Committee, Trustee of Church Corporation

Length of time in the Diocese – 15 years

Nominated by – Rector, St. Philip's, Uvalde – The Rev. Michael Marsh

Robert Browning, member of Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – Lifelong commitment to the Lord and his Church, well known community leader, excellent discernment skills, faithful and engaged family man.

Local Church Activities – Senior Warden, Head of Search Committee, Treasurer, Capital Campaign leadership, Diocesan leadership, Council Delegate, Deputy to General Convention 3 times.

Diocesan Activities – Various diocesan committees, council delegate, General Convention deputy 3 times

Length of time in the Diocese – 67 years

Nominated by – Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd – The Rev. Ned Bowersox

Gary Chambers, member of St. Mark's, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Leadership and communication skills, ability to hear all sides of an issue, belief in education and instruction for all ages, ability to provide structure and process to issues needing resolution

Local Church Activities – Senior Warden, Vestry, Council Delegate, Parish Stewardship Campaign Chair, Usher, Breakfast Crew leader, Vestry Discernment Committee, Preschool Concept Committee chair

Length of time in the Diocese – 16 years

Nominated by – Vestry – St. Mark's, San Antonio

Jim Hawthorne, member of All Saints', Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – Spiritual depth and knowledge of the tradition, servant leader, servant heart, many years of vestry experience in two churches, administration, follow through.

Local Church Activities – Vestry/Bishop's Committee, Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister, EFM Mentor, Church School adult classes, Council Delegate, Trustee of Cliff Maus Village Trust.

Diocesan Activities – Council Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Diocesan workshops

Length of time in the Diocese – 35 years

Nominated by – Parish Discernment Commission

Brian Humphreys, member of St. Alban's, Harlingen

Gifts and Talents – Integrity, humility, honesty and faithful

Local Church Activities – Vestry, Treasurer, School Board, Usher, Council Delegate

Length of time in the Diocese – long time

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

BJ (Betty Jansky) Kershaw, member of Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – Organizational skills and a deep and strong love of the Episcopal Church

Local Church Activities – Vestry member (x2), Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Council Delegate, Stewardship Chairman, Easter Egg Ladies Chairman, President WOC, Corner

Board Chairman, President Jenette Hammer Guild, President John W. Sykes Guild and member of Rector's Search Committee.

Diocesan Activities – Stewardship Committee and Council Registration Chair

Length of time in Diocese – 23 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Leslie L. Kingman, member of Christ Church, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Background in accounting, organizational skills, desire to serve the Diocese

Local Church Activities – Vestry and Executive Committee member, Council Delegate, Confirmation leader, Sunday School teacher, Diocesan Council Co-Chairman, Ellison Fund Committee, Treasurer, Missions Committee, Ugandan Mission Team

Diocesan Activities – Diocesan Council Co-Chairman

Length of time in the Diocese – 21 years

Nominated by – Rector, Christ Church, the Rev. Chuck Collins, Mr. John Harrison

G. Granger MacDonald, member of St. Peter's, Kerrville

Gifts and Talents – Expertise/Experience in financial management

Local Church Activities – Senior Warden, Rector Search Committee, Vestry (6 years), Council Delegate (8 years)

Diocesan Activities – Nominating Committee, Council Delegate

Length of time in the Diocese – 13 years

Nominated by – Vestry, St. Peter's, Kerrville

Curt Mowen, member of St. Luke's, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Leadership, team formation, organizational skills

Local Church Activities – Vestry, Lay Reader, Council Delegate, Mission Board

Diocesan Activities – Texas Water Ministry, Honduras Water Ministry, Texas Water Mission

Length of time in the Diocese – 13 years

Nominated by – Interim Rector, St. Luke's, the Rev. Ray Cole

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

Gifts and Talents – Thoughtful leadership, organized, extensive business background, member of Board of Director's for Homeport Federal Credit Union, personable, good listener, collaborative, faithful

Local Church Activities – Vestry, Senior Warden, Stewardship leader, Usher, Council Delegate, leadership team for Sanctuary Capital Funds Drive

Length of time in the Diocese – 21 years

Nominated by – Vestry and Rector, the Rev. John Hardie

Kay Roeh, member of St. Francis, Victoria

Gifts and Talents – Kay brings a fearless voice for the voiceless, a heart committed to meeting the needs of others, a commitment to clear communication and a reliable work ethic. She takes the gospel command to love our neighbor seriously.

Local Church Activities – Vestry, Council Delegate, Outreach Committee Chair
Length of time in the Diocese – 31 years
Nominated by – Rector, St. Francis, the Rev. Faith Bledsoe and the Vestry

Garry Schnelzer, member of Christ Church, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Management (former Diocesan Canon), experience in working within the Diocese and the wider Anglican Communion

Local Church Activities – Vestry, Mission Committee, Habitat

Diocesan Activities – Former Canon to Diocesan Bishop, Assistant Diocesan Treasurer (6 years) TMI Trustee (3 years), Coordinator of Men’s Retreat (9 years), World Mission Committee

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Duncan Sutherland, III, member of Trinity, Victoria

Local Church Activities – Vestry (two terms), Sr. Warden (2007) Council Delegate numerous times, Lay Reader, Vestry Rep Trinity School Board, Ex Officio Rep for School Executive Board, EFM Graduate, EFM Co-mentor, Adult Sunday School leader, mid-week Bible Study facilitator, Search Committee member, Chaplain.

Length of time in the Diocese – 20 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Pat (Fullen) Whitehouse, member of St. George, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – The gift of prayer, understanding and knowledge of scripture, decision-making, compassion, hospitality, teaching

Local Church Activities – LEM, VBS coordinator, Youth Director, Altar Guild, Sunday School teacher, Council delegate, small group leader, Director of family ministry, office staff

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board (2 terms), Diocesan Altar Guild, Evangelism Department, Christian Ed Department

Length of time in Diocese – 59 years

Nominated by – Rector, St. George, the Rev. Ram Lopez

Trustees of the Church Corporation
(Elect 1 Clergy and 1 Lay)

CLERGY

The Ven. Milton Black, Archdeacon, Diocese of West Texas

Gifts and Talents – A passion for mission and ministry, guided by strong gifts of leadership and administration developed in parish ministry and business.

Local Church Activities – Spent the last seven and one-half years as a parish priest; five of which as a rector.

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

Length of time in the Diocese – 4 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Don Lee, Vicar, Church of the Ascension, Montell

Gifts and Talents – Incumbent, extensive experience and interest in continuing, is oversight leader of our Water Ministry in Honduras

Local Church Activities – Recently retired from Diocesan office, very active Vicar of the Church of the Ascension, Montell

Diocesan Activities – On record at the Diocese, former Archdeacon

Length of time in the Diocese – 30 years

Nominated by – Bishop’s Committee

The Rev. A. Russel Matthews, Rector, Annunciation, Luling

Gifts and Talents – Former stock broker, Canon to the Ordinary, Director of Economic Development City of Luling, 18 years experience in corporate world before attending seminary, former Trustee of the Church Corp

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board, Church Corporation, Standing Committee, Finance Department, Investment officer for the Diocese, Camps and Conferences, Commission on Ministry.

Length of time in the Diocese – 46 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

LAY

Mark Browning, member of St. John’s, McAllen

Gifts and Talents – Director of trust services for Southwest Region at Texas State Bank. Mark is gifted in finance, investments, land and property sale and investment

Local Church Activities – Vestry, School Board President, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Stewardship speaker, Stewardship Committee, men’s group

Diocesan Activities – always willing to serve

Length of time in the Diocese – 15 years

Nominated by – Rector, St. John’s, the Rev. John Badders

Kevin P. Hanna, member of All Saints, Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – Common sense, organized, positive attitude, love for Man and God

Local Church Activities – Vestry, Discernment Commission, Spiritual Formation, Worship

Length of time in the Diocese – 42 years

Nominated by – All Saints’ Discernment Commission

Dee Haven, member of All Saints, Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – Experience as a trustee and other diocesan level activities; leadership and consensus builder

Local Church Activities – Vestry, Treasurer, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Finance Chairman, Eucharistic Minister, Youth leader, Building committee, Men’s group President
Diocesan Activities – Executive Board, Council Delegate, General Convention Alternate, Church Corporation Trustee, Vision 2000 Steering Committee, Finance Committee, Mustang Island Site Committee, Camps & Conferences Committee, Mission Engagement Committee
Length of time in the Diocese – 38 years
Nominated by – Vestry Discernment Committee

Herb Hill, member of Christ Church, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – 25 years of business/accounting background
Local Church Activities – Vestry Treasurer
Diocesan Activities – Executive Board, Trustee of Church Corporation, Board member and Treasurer of Good Samaritan Center
Length of time in the Diocese – 48 years
Nominated by – Christ Church Vestry, Mr. John Harrison

Rob Schneider, member of Church of the Holy Spirit, Dripping Springs

Gifts and Talents – Extensive experience in real estate, lending and business law as well as church governance and finance
Local Church Activities – Bishop’s Committee, Bishop’s Warden, Lay Reader, Chalice bearer, Council Delegate, EFM (2 years)
Diocesan Activities – Constitution & Canons, Congregational Development, Nominating Committee, Lay Ministry, Bishop Coadjutor Task Force for Small Churches, L.A.N.D. graduate, Cursillo team member
Length of time in the Diocese – 49 years
Nominated by – Vicar, the Rev. Nancy Coon

Trustees of TMI

(Elect 2 persons either Clergy or Lay)

Jane Ahuero, member of St. George, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Administration, faith, leadership, mercy
Local Church Activities – Council delegate, Vestry, Choir, Newcomer Ministry, volunteers coordinator
Diocesan Activities – Central Convocation Representative for Women’s Commission for the Diocese
Length of time in the Diocese – 30 years
Nominated by – Parish

The Ven. Milton Black, Archdeacon, Diocese of West Texas

Gifts and Talents – A passion for mission and ministry, guided by strong gifts of leadership and administration developed in parish ministry and business.
Local Church Activities – Spent the last seven and one-half years as a parish priest; five of which as a rector.

Diocesan Activities – Archdeacon, Chair of Continuing Ed Committee, Chaplain Family Camp, Chaplain Water Ministry Honduras, Spiritual Director Cursillo and Happening, Dean of the Northern Convocation, Alternate delegate to Provincial Synod, Lay Ministry Commission
Length of time in the Diocese – 4 years
Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Paul Frey, Rector, Christ Church, Laredo

Gifts and Talents – I have a passion for mission and evangelism and a desire to reach people who are the majority population in our part of the world. I believe that the next stage of our growth as a Diocese depends upon reaching that group.

Local Church Activities – As the parish pastor, involved in many parish activities. As part of my involvement in the Laredo community, I am active with the South Texas Food Bank, our local Habitat for Humanity affiliate, the ministerial association and the Daybreak Rotary Club.

Diocesan Activities – Dean at Camp Capers for many years, Executive Board, the Evangelism Committee, Trustee of TMI -- The Episcopal School of Texas board, former Dean of the Western Convocation

Length of time in the Diocese – 10 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Rebecca Creasy Treadway, member of Church of the Holy Spirit, Dripping Springs

Gifts and Talents – 1978 Graduate of TMI, parent of two teenage sons, educator, dedicated Episcopalian, former accountant

Local Church Activities – Bishop's Committee, Lay reader, Youth Ministry – mission trip sponsor and volunteer

Length of time in the Diocese – 37 years

Nominated by – Parishioner, Mr. Rob Schneider

Jared Wallis, member of St. Philip's, Uvalde

Gifts and Talents – Concern for education and young people; commitment and loyalty; follow through

Local Church Activities – faithful communicant

Length of time in the Diocese – 1 ½ years

Nominated by – Rector, St. Philip's, the Rev. Michael Marsh

Pat (Fullen) Whitehouse, member of St. George, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – The gift of prayer, understanding and knowledge of scripture, decision-making, compassion, hospitality, teaching

Local Church Activities – LEM, VBS coordinator, Youth Director, Altar Guild, Sunday School teacher, Council delegate, small group leader, Director of family ministry, office staff

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board (2 terms), Diocesan Altar Guild, Evangelism Department, Christian Ed Department

Length of time in Diocese – 59 years

Nominated by – Rector, St. George, the Rev. Ram Lopez

Trustee of the University of the South

(Elect 1 Lay)

Kathleen Lee Foster, member of Christ Church, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Alumnus of Sewanee ('82); have served as trustee for past six years; have attended all trustee meetings during these terms

Local Church Activities – Confirmation leader, Council Delegate and Alternate, Sunday School Teacher, graduate of EFM program, involved with weekly bible study

Diocesan Activities – Currently serving as Trustee from the Diocese of West Texas, active in OCAP (off-campus admissions program); serve on University Relations committee

Length of time in the Diocese – lifelong

Nominated by – Vestry of Christ Church

Sarah King, member of St. George, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Administration, organization, creative, team player, positive attitude, hard worker

Local Church Activities – Lay Eucharistic Minister, head of Stewardship Committee, EFM, and coordinator of Adult Education at St. George

Diocesan Activities – worked in the Development office while attending Sewanee

Length of time in the Diocese – 3 years

Nominated by – Rector, St. George, the Rev. Ram Lopez

Deputies and Alternate Deputies – General Convention

(Elect 4 Clergy Deputies and 4 Lay Deputies)

(4 Clergy Alternate Deputies and 4 Lay Alternate Deputies)

CLERGY

The Rev. John Badders, Jr., Rector, St. John's, McAllen

Gifts and Talents – Work on many committees at the Diocese, alternate to 2006 General Convention

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – President, Standing Committee; Executive Board; Diocesan Finance Committee; Chair, Program Church Division of Commission of Ministry; Dean, Northeast and Valley Convocation

Length of time in the Diocese – 43 years

Nominated by – Senior Warden

The Ven. Milton Black, Archdeacon, Diocese of West Texas

Gifts and Talents – A passion for mission and ministry, guided by strong gifts of leadership and administration developed in parish ministry and business.

Local Church Activities – Spent the last seven and one-half years as a parish priest; five of which as a rector.

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

Length of time in the Diocese – 4 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Nancy G. Coon, Vicar, Church of the Holy Spirit, Dripping Springs

Gifts and Talents – Experience in the DWTX in service to the Executive Board and Standing Committee; ability to work as a team member in reaching consensual decisions; visionary and entrepreneurial; ability to engage persons of differing beliefs and understandings; strategic planner, love of God and the Church

Local Church Activities – Priest in charge of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, Dripping Springs; as Lay Person served as Reader, Lay Eucharistic Minister and Home Visitor in the Pilot Program, Stephen’s Minister (Hospital Visitations), Confirmation Teacher/Mentor for High School Students, Intercessory Prayer Team, Audio Tape Ministry (sermons/lectures)

Diocesan Activities – Standing Committee, Executive Board, Deputy to General Convention (2000, 2003, 2006), Transitional Congregations Committee Co-Chair, Examining Chaplain, Dean of Northeastern Convocation, Chaplain for Women’s Cabinet, Christian Formation Committee, Continuing Education Committee, Task Force for Redesign of the Executive Board, Cursillo Spiritual Director (x5), Happening, Camp Capers Summer Dean and Chaplain, DWTX Committee on Missions and Parishes; retreat leader.

Length of time in the Diocese – 41 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Bruce Wilson

The Rev. Jay George, Rector, St. Andrew’s, Sequin

Gifts and Talents – Leadership, vision, sense of humor, orthodoxy, makes an excellent grilled cheese sandwich

Local Church Activities – Rector, everything except altar guild

Diocesan Activities – Camp Capers Dean and Chaplain, Chair Diocesan Leadership Development Committee

Length of time in the Diocese – lifelong

Nominated by – The Rev. Mary Margaret Mueller

The Rev. Jeff Hammond, Rector, St. Andrew’s, Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – A desire and a willingness to work for unity in Christ.

Local Church Activities – Council delegate

Diocesan Activities – Dean and Chaplain of Camp Capers, Dean of Southern Convocation, Nominating Committee, Recovery Ministries

Length of time in the Diocese – lifelong

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector, St. Christopher’s by the Sea, Portland

Gifts and Talents – I have served in this diocese for eight years as a leader in the parish and diocesan office

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Discernment Committee, Cursillo and Happening Spiritual Director, Dean at Camp Capers, Leadership Committee, appointed by the Bishop as Restart priest

Length of time in the Diocese – 33 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Ram Lopez

The Rev. John Hardie, Rector, St. Mark's, Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – John sees many sides to an issue; he listens well while adhering to core values of integrity, faithfulness and love of Holy Scripture

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Standing Committee, TMI Board of Trustees, Disaster Task Force, Cursillo Secretariat, Evangelism Department

Length of time in the Diocese – 30 years

Nominated by – Vestry – St. Mark's, Corpus Christi

The Rev. Sherridan Harrison, Interim Rector, All Saints', Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – 13 years as parish priest in DWTX

Local Church Activities – Interim Rector, All Saints', Corpus Christi, formerly served at St. Mark's, San Antonio, Christ Church, Laredo, St. Bartholomew's, and Corpus Christi

Diocesan Activities – Examining Chaplains, Christian Education Commission, Safeguarding God's Children trainer, Board Chaplain, Commission on Women's Ministries

Length of time in the Diocese – 27 years

Nominated by – Vestry, All Saints', Corpus Christi

The Rev. Don Lee, Vicar, Church of the Ascension, Montell

Gifts and Talents – Incumbent, extensive experience and interest in continuing, is oversight leader of our Water Ministry in Honduras

Local Church Activities – Recently retired from Diocesan office, very active Vicar of the Church of the Ascension, Montell

Diocesan Activities – On record at the Diocese, former Archdeacon

Length of time in the Diocese – 30 years

Nominated by – Bishop's Committee

The Rev. Ramiro "Ram" Lopez – Rector, St. George, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Experienced in a wide array of diocesan activities; passion for the life and vitality of the Episcopal Church; ability to work with multiple generations – especially youth and young adults.

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board; Chair, Camp Capers Program Division; Chair, Nominating Committee; Alternate Deputy to General Convention; Trustee, University of the South; Recovery Ministries; Camp Capers Site Committee; Camp Capers Dean/Chaplain; World Mission Division

Length of time in Diocese – 25 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

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

Gifts and Talents – Life of prayer, listening; non-judgmental

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Trustee-University of the South, Nominating Committee, Examining Chaplains, Executive Board, Camp Capers Chaplain

Length of time in the Diocese – 15 years

Nominated by – Senior Warden

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

Gifts and Talents – A leadership quality that seeks comprehension to consensus while seeking to empower the laity for the building up of the mission and ministry of the Church (a team approach focusing on people).

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Camp Capers staff, Happening, Vocare, Cursillos, Standing Committee, Camps and Conference Committee, Executive Board, Deputy and Alternate to General Convention, World Mission Committee, Examining Chaplains, TMI Board of Trustees

Length of time in the Diocese – 40 years

Nominated by – St. David's Vestry

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

Gifts and Talents – A lifetime serving in West Texas, deep faith, experience at General Convention

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Chair-Dept. of Camps and Conferences, Diocesan Development Committee, General Convention Deputy/Alternate 2000, 2003, 2006, Standing Committee (x2), Executive Board, Trustee of the Church Corporation

Length of time in the Diocese – 42 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

LAY

Kelley Bartell, member of St. Philip's, Uvalde

Gifts and Talents – Leadership, organization, willingness to serve

Local Church Activities – Senior Warden, Vestry, School Board, Lay Reader, Council delegate, Cursillo team member

Diocesan Activities – Nominating Committee, Trustee of Church Corporation

Length of time in the Diocese – 15 years

Nominated by – Rector, St. Philip's, Uvalde – The Rev. Michael Marsh

Robert Browning, member of Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – Lifelong commitment to the Lord and his Church, well known community leader, excellent discernment skills, faithful and engaged family man.

Local Church Activities – Senior Warden, Head of Search Committee, Treasurer, Capital Campaign leadership, Diocesan leadership, Council Delegate, Deputy to General Convention 3 times.

Diocesan Activities – Various diocesan committees, council delegate, General Convention deputy 3 times

Length of time in the Diocese – 67 years

Nominated by – Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd – The Rev. Ned Bowersox

Drew Cauthorn, member of St. Mark's, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – He brings considerable leadership skills plus a vast knowledge of the Church at the parish, diocesan and national level. In addition, Drew is able to carefully listen to various points of view and make a decision.

Local Church Activities – Vestry, Stewardship Chair and Council Delegate

Diocesan Activities – Chancellor, Assistant Chancellor, Standing Committee, Spiritual Life Task Force, Executive Chair, Board of Governors-TMI-The Episcopal School of Texas

Length of time in the Diocese – 39 years

Nominated by – the Rev. Mike Chalk and the St. Mark's Vestry

Elizabeth Cauthorn, member of St. Mark's, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – interest, intelligence, experience

Local Church Activities – Mission evaluation, St. Mark's webpage, The Workshop participant/supporter

Diocesan Activities – Sub committee of Christian Ed – Diana Butler Bass Conference, Philip Newell Conference

Length of time in the Diocese – 40 years

Nominated by – the Rev. Mary Margaret Mueller

Cathy Chatham, member of All Saints', Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – Lifelong involvement in mission and ministry in DWTX, deep faith and commitment to inclusivity, hospitality and the creative process; extensive experience in church operations at parish, diocesan, provincial and national levels

Local Church Activities – Lay Eucharistic Minister, Council Delegate, Co-coordinator Design Team of LifeStreams (Rite III Sunday Service), Spiritual Formation Educator, hospitality, building & grounds, EFM graduate, Vestry, newsletter editor, Christian Ed Director/teacher/workshop event planner, VBS Director

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board, Ministry for Higher Education, Camp Capers Dean/staff 25+ years, Diocesan Council Co-Chair, Dept. of Christian Ed Chair, Camps and Conferences, Diocesan Youth Commission Chair, Capital Campaign, Christian Faith in Action team, Cursillo, Happening, Vocare, Steering Committee, Co-founder Episcopal Youth for Social Action, Province VII & National Rep for Youth Network & Youth Event design teams

Length of time in the Diocese – lifelong

Nominated by – Parish Discernment Commission and Nominating Committee

Marthe Downing Curry, member of Christ Church, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Administrator, Bible teacher, missions volunteer, speaker
Local Church Activities – Sunday School teacher, council delegate, stewardship committee, choir, teacher at St. Luke’s Episcopal School (7 years)
Diocesan Activities – Good Samaritan Board Chair, Vice Chair, committee member; Diocesan Disaster Task Force Chair, World Missions Development Director
Length of time in the Diocese – 15 years
Nominated by – Christ Church, San Antonio

Susan Barton Hardaway, Diocese of West Texas Financial Officer

Gifts and Talents – Deputy to General Convention 2003 and 2006; Provincial level for Youth Network, lifetime Episcopalian, CPA
Local Church Activities – Daughters of the King, Community of Hope, Sr. Warden, Vestry, Lay Reader, and Cursillo team leader, Secretariat, Search Committee, Alpha, Discovery Team Leader, Altar Guild
Diocesan Activities – Ex Officio: Finance Committee, Executive Board, Church Corporation Trustees and Foundation Board
Length of time in the Diocese – 54 years
Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Thomas A. Hardin, member of Christ Church, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Lifetime of activity and leadership in the Church – Alpha, Beta, Cursillo, Faith Alive, Charismatic Renewal, 40+ years experience in business with emphasis on finance, accounting and commercial real estate lending.
Local Church Activities – Council delegate, Vestry, LEM, Centennial Committee, Missions Committee (Russia & Mexico), Senior Warden, Day School Board Chairman, Adult Sunday School teacher
Diocesan Activities – Bishop’s Task Force on Mission & Ministry, Lay Ministry Committee, Visitor observer to 2006 General Convention
Length of time in the Diocese – 50 years
Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Thurma Hilton, member of St. Bartholomew’s, Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – Writing
Local Church Activities – Lector, Enduring Grace Chapter of the Daughters of the King, Choir, Council delegate, substitute Church School teacher
Diocesan Activities – Commission on Ministry’s Discernment Committee
Length of time in the Diocese – 35 years
Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Karen Lee, member of Church of the Ascension, Montell

Gifts and Talents – Incumbent Alternate Deputy with high interest and high energy
Local Church Activities – Very effective in supporting all activities of our church and her husband, Vicar Don Lee
Diocesan Activities – Supporting role of her husband and frequent contributor to our Diocese News
Length of time in the Diocese – 30 years

Nominated by – Bishop’s Committee

Richard C. Mosty, member of St. Peter’s, Kerrville

Gifts and Talents – A long term history of service and dedication to my local church and the Diocese.

Local Church Activities – Vestry (several times), Senior Warden, Chair of Building Committee, Council delegate (many times), Search committee (x2, once as Chair), Cursillo multiple teams

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board (x2), Standing Committee, Chair, Task Force on Mission in Ministry, Delegate to General Convention 2006, and various other committee work

Length of time in the Diocese – lifelong

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Ada Sutherland, member of Trinity, Victoria

Local Church Activities – Christian Ed Director (20 years), Youth Minister (10 years), Council Delegate, and EFM mentor

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board, Christian Ed Dept., Bishop’s Youth Commission, Nominating Committee, Diocesan Coordinator for EFM, Spiritual Life Committee, Diaconate Study Group

Length of time in the Diocese – 30+ years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

John Warren, member of Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – Experience at General Convention, long service to the church, insight into life of the Church at local, diocesan and national levels, commitment Diocesan unity and support of the Bishop

Local Church Activities – Senior Warden, Vestry, Parish Chancellor, Chancellor and Board member-St. James School, parish Cursillo rep, Chair Parish Mission Society, Council delegate

Diocesan Activities – Alternate delegate 2006 General Convention, Executive Board, Cursillo Secretariat, Cursillo rector, Chairman – Cliff Maus Village Trust board, Diocesan Council balloting and vendor committee co-chair, Nominating Committee, treasurer-Bishop Elliott Society

Length of time in the Diocese – 30 years

Nominated by – Vestry-Good Shepherd

Pat (Fullen) Whitehouse, member of St. George, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – The gift of prayer, understanding and knowledge of scripture, decision-making, compassion, hospitality, teaching

Local Church Activities – LEM, VBS coordinator, Youth Director, Altar Guild, Sunday School teacher, Council delegate, small group leader, Director of family ministry, office staff

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board (2 terms), Diocesan Altar Guild, Evangelism Department, Christian Ed Department

Length of time in Diocese – 59 years

Nominated by – Rector, St. George, the Rev. Ram Lopez

Delegates and Alternate Delegates – Province VII Synod

*(Elect 4 Clergy Delegates and 4 Lay Delegates)
(4 Clergy Alternate Delegates and 4 Lay Alternate Delegates)*

CLERGY

The Rev. Adrian Amaya, Rector, St. Philip's, Beeville

Gifts and Talents – Good preacher and public speaker; can teach difficult concepts to varied audiences; connected to both the traditions of the Church and pop culture; writes very well across disciplines; loves to work with children and young adults; very computer savvy; quite the cook.

Local Church Activities – Rector and Ex-Officio member of the St. Philip's School Board

Diocesan Activities – Bishop's Happening Movement, Discernment committee since 2006, Representative to Province VII (2005), Environmental Stewardship Committee, Christian Faith and Action Committee (Prison Ministry), Spiritual Director and Assistant Spiritual Director of Cursillo weekends, Spiritual Director of Kairos weekends held at two Texas Department of Criminal Justice Facilities, Spiritual Director and Assistant Spiritual Director of Diocesan Happening events, Dean and Chaplain of Camp Capers summer camps

Length of time in the Diocese – 13+ years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Maurice (Reese) L. Friedman, Vicar, Church of the Holy Spirit, San Antonio

Local Church Activities – Vicar

Diocesan Activities -- Province VII Delegate, Disaster Preparedness task force, Consultant with Commission on Liturgy and Music

Length of time in the Diocese – 12 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Lori Johnson, Asst. Rector, St. David's, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Approachable, pastoral, knack for finding information and resources, collegial/team oriented

Local Church Activities – Assistant Rector

Diocesan Activities – Diocesan Core Values Workshop and took part in discussion on training and mentoring of new clergy.

Length of time in the Diocese – 1 year

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

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

Gifts and Talents – 14 years in parish ministry, commitment to Diocesan engagement with the wider Church

Local Church Activities – Rector, Council Delegate

Diocesan Activities – Mustang Island Conference Center Program committee, Dean of the Rio Grande Valley Convocation

Length of time in the Diocese – 2 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Michael Hoffman

The Rev. Mary Margaret Mueller, Rector, Grace, Llano

Gifts and Talents – Create ideas, works well with others, loves the church and can recruit others

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board, Examination of Candidates, Trustee of TMI, Trustee of Sewanee

Length of time in the Diocese – 25 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Tom Murray, Asst. Rector, St. Peter's, Kerrville

Gifts and Talents – Willingness to represent the Diocese of West Texas with integrity and energy

Local Church Activities – Assistant Rector, Order of St. Luke the Physician Chaplain, Community of Hope – Leadership Team

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board, Spiritual Director Y.E.S., Chairman of Commission of Ministry of the Disabled

Length of time in the Diocese – 2 years

Nominated by – Parishioner, Linda Jordan

The Rev. Patrick Ormos, Rector, St. Francis, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – I have been involved in the church for more than 30 years as a layperson, and then priest in two countries and five dioceses. During that time I have served on many different Diocesan committees from Program Committee (Montreal) to Diocesan Restructuring Committee (N. IN), including the Congregational Revitalization and Development Committee (N. IN) and Deputy to General Convention 2000 and 2006 (N. IN). I bring an international and classically Anglican theological viewpoint to the table.

Local Church Activities -- Rector

Diocesan Activities – See above committees in other dioceses

Length of time in the Diocese – 7 months

Nominated by – Vestry

The Rev. Scott Penrod, Rector, Trinity, Pharr

Local Church Activities – Rector

Diocesan Activities – Mustang Island Program Committee, Compensation Committee, Evangelism Committee, Cursillo Secretariat, Cursillo Spiritual Director, Happening Spiritual Director

Length of time in the Diocese – 54 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Michael Hoffman, Nominating Committee

The Rev. Cristopher Robinson, Asst. Rector, St. Thomas, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – A talent for big-picture or prophetic thinking, gifts of administration and organization and a history of successful management (was a consulting engineer before seminary)

Local Church Activities – Assistant Rector

Diocesan Activities – Dean and Chaplain at Camp Capers

Nominated by – Parishioner – Nancy Springer-Jakubovic

The Rev. Christopher Collin Roque, Asst. Rector, St. John's, McAllen

Local Church Activities – Assistant Rector

Diocesan Activities – Board Member for Good Samaritan Community Services – Rio Grande Site, Cursillo Spiritual Advisor, Diocesan Disaster Response Task Force Committee

Length of time in the Diocese – 37 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Michael Hoffman

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

Gifts and Talents – Personal prayer and daily Bible reading, a dependence on Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in my life and ministry, healing ministry, listening, prayer and discernment

Local Church Activities – Vicar, Brownsville pastors association, Love INC of Brownsville

Diocesan Activities – Evangelism Committee, Continuing Education Committee, and SOMA mission trips to Argentina 1999 and Honduras in 2001, Medical mission's chaplain to Honduras 2001 and 2002, Saving God's children trainer, Happening Spiritual Director, Camp Capers Spiritual Director

Length of time in the Diocese – 13 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Michael Hoffman

The Rev. Jonathan Wickham, St. Mark's, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Collaborative decision making, openness to new ideas and people, experience in church leadership at local and diocesan level, a desire to strengthen and renew the ministry of the church.

Local Church Activities – Lay – Experience as a Council Delegate, professional youth minister, lay reader, and chalice bearer. Ordained experience as Assistant Rector, Episcopal School Chaplain, Liturgy coordinator

Diocesan Activities – Former Deputy for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, former Director of Camps and Conferences, Bishop's Happening movement, Camp Capers Dean and Chaplain, Camps Development Committee, Christ Chapel at Texas State Board Member

Length of time in the Diocese – 12 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

The Rev. Dori Zubizarreta, Vicar, St. Boniface, Comfort

Gifts and Talents – 27 year full time ministry, 10 year ordained ministry, 9 years as a missionary to Honduras

Local Church Activities – Board of Chaplains, Los Fresnos US Immigration Center; NOVA – Certified Volunteer (National Organization for Victim's Assistance); Hospital Visiting Chaplain – Valley Baptist Medical Center

Diocesan Activities – 2007 Delegate-United Nation Council on the Status of Women; Dean of Valley Convocation of Churches; Chaplain-Camp Capers Primary & High School Camp; Lucio Blanco, Mexico-Housing Project for houses destroyed by fire

Length of time in the Diocese – 4 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Mary Margaret Mueller

LAY

Gene Alderman, member of St. Mark's, San Antonio

I don't have his form yet.

Blaine Bennett, member of St. Philip's, Uvalde

Gifts and Talents -- Leadership experience, deep spirituality

Local Church Activities – Past Sr. Warden, Vestry, Choir member, School Board, Council Delegate, Sunday School Teacher

Length of time in the Diocese – 20+ years

Nominated by – Senior Warden, St. Philip's, Uvalde

Nancy Bennett, member of St. Philip's, Uvalde

Gifts and Talents – Enthusiasm, dedication, faithful

Local Church Activities – Choir, Women of St. Philip's, Sunday School Teacher, Council Delegate

Length of time in the Diocese – 20+ years

Nominated by – Vestry

Cathy Chatham, member of All Saints', Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – Lifelong involvement in mission and ministry in DWTX, deep faith and commitment to inclusivity, hospitality and the creative process; extensive experience in church operations at parish, diocesan, provincial and national levels

Local Church Activities – Lay Eucharistic Minister, Council Delegate, Co-coordinator Design Team of LifeStreams (Rite III Sunday Service), Spiritual Formation Educator, hospitality, building & grounds, EFM graduate, Vestry, newsletter editor, Christian Ed Director/teacher/workshop event planner, VBS Director

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board, Ministry for Higher Education, Camp Capers Dean/staff 25+ years, Diocesan Council Co-Chair, Dept. of Christian Ed Chair, Camps and Conferences, Diocesan Youth Commission Chair, Capital Campaign, Christian Faith in Action team, Cursillo, Happening, Vocare, Steering Committee, Co-founder Episcopal Youth for Social Action, Province VII & National Rep for Youth Network & Youth Event design teams

Length of time in the Diocese – lifelong

Nominated by – Parish Discernment Commission and Nominating Committee

Stacy Dowdy, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Officer, DWTX

Local Church Activities – Vestry, Bishop's Committee, Junior Warden, Lay Reader, LEM, Council Delegate, Youth Sponsor, Sunday School teacher, taught Confirmation classes

Diocesan Activities – Ministry in Higher Education, Happening Advisory Board, Bishop's Youth Action Council, Department of Camps and Conferences, Mustang Island Program and Site Committees, Camp Camper Program and Site Committees

Length of time in the Diocese – lifetime

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Gayle Gottlich, member of All Saint's, Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – Great love for this church, open ears, fresh eyes, ability to facilitate discussion and find common ground, idea generator and strategic thinker

Local Church Activities – Vestry, Search Committee member, Strategic Planning Committee, Youth Coordinator, Lifestreams Liturgical Team member

Diocesan Activities – Occasional “Mom” for Happenings

Length of time in the Diocese – lifetime

Nominated by – The Rev. Faith Bledsoe

Rachel Graves, member of St. George, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Discernment, good decision making skills, listening skills, strategic planning, energy, loyalty, love of people, love of learning, diplomatic

Local Church Activities – Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Parish Volunteer, School Chapel Leader, Junior High Sunday School teacher, discernment committee

Diocesan Activities – Ministry in Higher Education, Vocare, Camp Capers Staff Director 2006

Length of time in the Diocese – 20 years

Nominated by – Parishioner, Jennifer Endsley

Jim Hawthorne, member of All Saints', Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – Spiritual depth and knowledge of the tradition, servant leader, servant heart, many years of vestry experience in two churches, administration, follow through.

Local Church Activities – Vestry/Bishop's Committee, Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister, EFM Mentor, Church School adult classes, Council Delegate, Trustee of Cliff Maus Village Trust.

Diocesan Activities – Council Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Diocesan workshops

Length of time in the Diocese – 35 years

Nominated by – Parish Discernment Commission

Bianca Leonard, member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

Gifts and Talents – I have worked in a leadership role with youth ministry for six years. I am organized and responsible.

Local Church Activities – Since I am the Youth Minister, I am in charge of weekly youth events, fellowship activities, mission trips and Sunday School activities. I also do a lot of my own mission work and teach classes at our church school.

Diocesan Activities – I have been on planning teams for many diocesan events as well as on staff for Camp Capers.

Length of time in the Diocese – 12 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Lisa Mason, member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi; Church of Reconciliation, San Antonio

Local Church Activities – Christian Ed Director 9 years, Vestry, Capital Campaign Committee (x2), Senior Choir, Handbell Choir, Youth Sponsor, Parish Retreat Co-coordinator 2 years, Council Delegate several years, Field placement seminarian for 2007-2009 at Reconciliation, SA, ETSS Visitor's Weekend Coordinator Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Middler Class representative Homiletics Search Committee Member, Sacristan

Diocesan Activities – Executive Board member, Secretary, Province VII Synod Alternate 2005, Chairman of the Mustang Island Program Committee, Past Secretariat Member, Past ERD rep for the Diocese

Length of time in the Diocese – lifetime

Nominated by – The Rev. Ram Lopez

Lou Taylor, Christian Education Officer, DWTX, member of St. Mark's, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Experience working on a provincial and national church level; an ability to bring diverse groups together; a passion for the work of the whole Church

Local Church Activities – Church School teacher, Katrina Family Resettling Team

Diocesan Activities – Chairman of Christian Education Committee, Anti Racism Representative to Province VII, Chairman of Province VII Christian Education Committee, member of Episcopal Council for Christian Education-Province VII Rep

Length of time in the Diocese – 7 years

Nominated by – Nominating Committee

Jennifer Wickham, member of St. Mark's, San Antonio

Gifts and Talents – Organization, commitment, lifelong Episcopalian, passion for broader church relationships and ministries, collaborative, previous provincial involvement as a youth (Province VII Youth Council)

Local Church Activities – Sunday School teacher, EFM mentor, Former Christian Ed director (2 parishes), Diocesan Christian Ed committee, Camp Capers volunteer, song leader and musician

Diocesan Activities – Director of Religious Formation-St. George Episcopal School; EFM Mentor Trainer, Godly Play Teacher Trainer, Host family for Belarus Outreach, Clergy spouse activities

Length of time in the Diocese – 12 years

Nominated by – The Rev. Ram Lopez

Gail Williams, member of Grace, Llano

Gifts and Talents – Discernment, willing leadership and involvement, great support and leadership, a great student (learning, strong spiritual growth)

Local Church Activities – Vestry, Junior Warden, Lay Reader, LEM, Council Delegate (x3), assisted with Adult Sunday School and book studies

Length of time in the Diocese – 3 ½ years

Nominated by – Rector, The Rev. Mary Margaret Mueller