

Nominees for Open Diocesan Leadership Positions in the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York (2020)

Diocesan Board

About the Board:

The role of the Board is to shepherd the resources of the Diocese to fulfill its mission and to ensure a sustainable future by adopting ethical, transparent, and sound policies and programs.

The Board, together with the Bishop, sets the diocesan priorities and develops a budget to fund them. The Board also acts as the trustees for all diocesan corporations and funds.

Board members are lay and ordained members of the Episcopal Church. The Board is led by the Bishop and Vice-Chair. The Board meets up to six times each year, with part of each meeting being a joint meeting with the Standing Committee.

Board membership includes the Bishop, four members elected at convention, three members appointed by the bishop, a Standing Committee representative, and the treasurer.

Convention 2020 will elect:

- One lay person for a three-year term

Nominations received for the Board:

Dan Kenney (Nominee 1 of 1 for one open lay position)



Born in Dover, DE, Dan was raised in an Air Force family, living in Ann Arbor, MI, Dayton, OH, Montgomery, AL, and Camp Springs, MD. He then served in the Air Force himself, and he and his wife became Episcopalians in 1994 while stationed at the Pentagon. Upon Dan's retirement from the Air Force in 2004, they moved to Central New York and became members of Grace Episcopal Church in Utica. Dan enjoys outdoor activities and has "been bad at golf for 30 years."

Disciplinary Board

About the Disciplinary Board:

The Disciplinary Board is the body that deals with all matters regarding the ecclesiastical discipline of members of the clergy (other than the bishop diocesan). The Disciplinary Board is governed by the relevant provisions of Title IV of the Canons of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church and detailed in Diocesan Canon XXVII.

The Board consists of five clergy members and four lay members. Clergy members must be canonically and geographically resident in the Diocese, and can be either active or retired. Lay members must be adult communicants in good standing and geographically resident in the Diocese.

The term for Disciplinary Board members is three years. The Disciplinary Board meets as needed.

Convention 2020 will elect:

- Two clergy persons for three-year terms, and one clergy person to fill a two-year vacancy (three total).
- Three lay persons for three-year terms.

Nominations received for the Disciplinary Board:

The Rev. Julie Calhoun Bryant (Nominee 1 of 3 for three open clergy positions)



The Rev. Julie Calhoun-Bryant lives in Marcellus, NY and has been a priest in the diocese for 31 years, the past 14 of which have been at St. Alban's, Syracuse. She has served on the Disciplinary Board for a number of years and considers it a sacred responsibility.

The Rev. Kate Day (Nominee 2 of 3 for three open clergy positions)



The Rev. Kate Day has been a priest of this diocese since 1997 (ordained in 1989 by the Bishop of New York), and lives in DeWitt with her husband, Bill. Their two grown children live in Syracuse and in Providence, RI. She attends Grace Church, Syracuse, and is the full time Managing Chaplain at Crouse Health in Syracuse. She is a board certified chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains. Kate has served on a diocesan level on a bishop search committee, as a district dean, on the team of Thornfield Kids' Kamp, and the cathedral chapter. If elected, this will be her second term on the Disciplinary Board.

The Rev. Daniel Handschy (Nominee 3 of 3 for three open clergy positions)



Dan Handschy is the priest-in-charge of St. David's Episcopal Church in DeWitt. He lives in the Loomis Hill area of the town of Onondaga. He has recently moved to the Syracuse area from St. Louis, Missouri a year ago to take this position. The Rev. Handschy has transferred his canonical residence to the Diocese of Central New York. In the Diocese of Missouri, Handschy served in a number of diocesan positions, including two terms on the Standing Committee (two years as President, during the election of a new bishop). While serving at the same parish for 27 years, Handschy earned a PhD in Historical Theology at St. Louis University, and served as dean of the diocese's Episcopal School for Ministry.

Ms. Susan Backstrom (Nominee 1 of 4 for three open lay positions)



Susie has been a parishioner at St. John's in Ithaca since she and her husband moved north from NYC. Her career was as a lawyer, first practicing commercial real estate law and then serving as General Counsel for a corporation. Susie has served as Chair of the American Red Cross of Tompkins County, on the board of the Tompkins County Bar Association, as President of the Ithaca Garden Club, as a volunteer for the SPCA, and on the board of the City Federation of Women's Organizations. At St. John's, Susie has taught Sunday, graduated from EFM, served on its vestry and as Junior and Senior Warden, and now serves on altar guild and as a eucharistic minister.

Ms. Penny Dugas (Nominee 2 of 4 for three open lay positions)



Penny Dugas is a lifelong Episcopalian who currently attends St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Liverpool. She has served as a vestry member and as warden. She has served on the Ministry Support Committee for the Diocese, and has served one term on the Disciplinary Board. She has twenty years of professional experience with Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield as a contract writer.

Mr. Chaz Zelows (Nominee 3 of 4 for three open lay positions)

To be nominated from the floor of Convention

Ms. Mary Arlin (Nominee 4 of 4 for three open lay positions)

To be nominated from the floor of Convention

Standing Committee

About the Standing Committee:

The Standing Committee consists of eight members: four clergy persons and four laypersons. Members must be at least 20 years of age and confirmed communicants of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Central New York. The Standing Committee usually meets five times per year, typically on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the diocesan office, and one meeting immediately following Convention.

Responsibilities include:

- Review and consent to all transactions involving the sale, mortgage or lease of church-owned real estate.
- Approval of the election of bishops anywhere in The Episcopal Church, which leads to a concern for the structure and distribution of authority in the Church.
- Approval of persons for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood, which leads to a concern for ministry throughout the Church.
- Acting as a council of advice for the bishop in such matters as she may choose to bring before the Committee; and on matters which the Diocese, through the Standing Committee, wishes to bring before the bishop.

- Acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in the case of prolonged absence, disability, or resignation of the diocesan bishop, if there be no other bishop to whom authority has been temporarily given.
- Acting as the investigative body in the process of ecclesiastical discipline as specified in the Canons of The Episcopal Church.

Convention 2020 will elect:

- One clergy person for a four-year term;
- One lay person for a four-year term.

Nominations received for the Standing Committee:

Jill Hunger Morales (Nominee 1 of 1 for one open lay position)



Jill is a life long Episcopalian and is currently Warden-in-charge at Trinity, Lowville. A person of strong faith and coming from a business background, Jill would be ideal for a position on the Standing Committee. She is currently working on our Diocesan Convention as a part of the Agenda and Arrangements committee and as an Assistant Secretary of Convention. As such part of her role is to emcee of the virtual Regional meetings this year. She is part of the Diocesan Antiracism Team and has worked with parishes and individuals to help them learn new technologies during the pandemic. Jill's skill set would serve the Standing Committee and the Diocese well.

The Rev. Holly Eden (Nominee 1 of 2 for one open clergy position)



Holly is currently the long term supply priest at Grace, Mexico. She also serves as a member of the Foundation and the property committee of the Diocese as well as being on the arrangements and agenda committee for this year's virtual Convention, and the Diocesan Disciplinary Board. Her former Standing Committee experience consists of seven years as President of the Standing Committee in the Diocese of Maine and eight years in the Diocese of CNY. Her interests include reading, gardening and competing in dog trials.

The Rev. Dr. Leon C. Mozeliak, Jr. (Nominee 2 of 2 for one open clergy position)



Since his ordination as an Episcopal Priest, Father Leon Mozeliak has served in parishes in Connecticut, in Upper South Carolina, where he served as President of the Standing Committee and also as President of the Diocesan Executive Council. He then served in parishes in Western New York, and was a member of the COM, and of the Diocesan Council/Board. He has served in several parishes in CNY, and has served on several diocesan committees including two terms on the Diocesan Board.

He holds Masters and Doctoral degrees from General Seminary, the University of New Haven (CT), and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary.