Individuals elected to Diocesan Leadership Positions at the 152nd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York

Diocesan Board

Dan Kenney



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

Ms. Mary Arlin

Mary is the daughter and sister of Episcopal priests and a long-time member of St. John's, Ithaca, where she has taught Sunday School, served on various committees, and was the church's webmaster for ten years. She has also served on the vestry, has been a warden, and is currently the Treasurer. She is a founding member and past Secretary of the Society for Music Theory, a former union contract negotiator for Local 380 of the American Federation of Musicians, and Professor Emerita of Music Theory at Ithaca College.

Ms. Susan Backstrom



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.

The Rev. Julie Calhoun-Bryant



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



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.

Ms. Penny Dugas



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.

The Rev. Daniel Handschy



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.

Mr. Chaz Zelows

Charles "Chaz" Zelows is a licensed clinical social worker who has been practicing since 1982. He is currently a treatment team leader for the Health Information Department of the Central New York Developmental Disabilities Services Office. He and his wife, Linda, were married at Zion Church in Rome and have been attending Grace Church in Utica since 1990. Their four children were baptized and confirmed at Grace Church. He has previously or currently served as Senior Warden, Junior Warden and on the Vestry. For live services, he serves as a lay reader, a Eucharistic Minister, and/or an Usher. He has also served on the Endowment, Budget and Properties Committees of Grace.

Standing Committee

The Rev. Holly Eden



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.

Jill Hunger Morales



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.

Bishop's Appointments

Individuals elected by the 152nd Convention by nomination of Bishop Duncan-Probe with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee

Commission on Ministry:

The Rev. Paul Frolick, chair

Mr. Charles Abraham

The Rev. Shelly Banner

The Rev. Toppie Bates

The Very Rev. Megan Castellan

Mr. John Endress

Ms. Ruthie Koerts

The Rev. Deacon Charles Stewart

Ms. Lee Wakefield

Foundation of the Diocese of Central New York:

Ms. Maureen Anderson

The Very Rev. Cathy Carpenter

Mr. Jeffrey Cox

The Rev. Holly Eden

The Rev. Linda Logan

The Rev. Philip Major

Mr. Charles Moore

Mr. Paul Regan

Mr. Henry Wakefield

The Foundation of the Episcopal Church at Cornell:

The Rev. Lesley Adams (Class of 2023)

Diocesan Board

The Rev. Becky Drebert (Class of 2023)