



**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

January 7, 2009

Dear Fellow Members:

Enclosed is the Nominating Committee Report for the 2009 Diocesan Convention. The nominees for each office in each category have been listed in random order and will appear in the same order on the convention ballot.

Many thanks to the following individuals who served on the Nominating Committee this year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONVOCAATION</u>
The Rev. Paul Van Sant	Atlantic
Mr. Carl Zerr, Jr.	Atlantic
The Rev. Peter A. Molnar, D.D.	Burlington
Dr. James W. Sullivan	Burlington
Mr. Steven Quinn	Burlington
The Rev. Margaret Sterchi	Camden
Ms. Naomi Cressman	Camden
The Rev. Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor	Monmouth
Ms. Elizabeth Papp	Monmouth
The Rev. Salvador Ros	Northern
Mr. Arthur G. Pedersen, II	Northern
The Rev. Dirk C. Reinken	Trenton
Ms. Jane E. Miller	Trenton
The Rev. Theodore E. Moore, Dcn.	Watchung
The Rev. Petrina M. Pyatt	Woodbury
Ms. Christine Hoehn	Woodbury

Special thanks to the many candidates who indicated their willingness to serve and to those who placed them in nomination.

Canon 5 provides for independently submitted nominations to be submitted to the Secretary of the Convention. Deadline for such nominations is 45 days prior to the convention. Nominations may also be submitted from the floor at convention.

Respectfully submitted,

*Petrina Pyatt*

The Rev. Petrina M. Pyatt, Chair  
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# *The Diocese of New Jersey*

## **Nominating Committee Report to the 225<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention**

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### **A. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders) 1 Clergy Member, 4-year term**

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#### **The Rev. Joanna D. Graham – St. Peter’s Church, Perth Amboy**



A graduate of General Theological Seminary, is Interim Rector of St. Peter’s Church, Perth Amboy. Mother Joanna has been in hospital ministry for 15 years both as a chaplain and director of pastoral care. She is the Pastoral Educator in the School for Deacons, a member of the Anglican Women's Empowerment and a delegate to the U.N. Commission on the status of women. She has served in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East and works with the Palestinian women.

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#### **The Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, III – Church of the Holy Innocents’, Beach Haven, NJ**



Father Crumbaugh has served as Rector of Holy Innocents’, Beach Haven, for eleven years. He has previously served our Diocese as a member of the Loan & Grant Committee, Trial Court, and as Co-Chair of the Clergy Day Planning Group. He presently is serving as a member of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons. Father Crumbaugh’s experience would make him an asset as a member of the Standing Committee.

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### **B. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders) 1 Lay Member, 4-year term 1 Lay Member, 1-year unexpired term**

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#### **Deborah Kirk - St. Stephen’s Church, Waretown, NJ**



Native of New Jersey, married 24 years, has three children, and am a parishioner at St. Stephen's, Waretown, for 19 years. Served ten years as youth group director, several terms on Vestry and as Jr. Warden, among other roles. Completing term on Diocesan Council, serving on the Dare to be Fair Committee, attended Convocations and Conventions encouraging support for the Diocese. Served on the Millennium Goals Committee. I love my church.

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#### **Sylvia Temmer – Trinity Church, Princeton**



Ms. Temmer has served in multiple capacities at Trinity Church, most recently steering the parish as Senior Warden during a two-year interim period. Sylvia has served on the Vestry of Trinity and co-chaired several committees. Currently serves on several committees and as Librarian.

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**C. Diocesan Council**  
**3 Clergy Members, 3-year terms**

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**The Rev. Joanna E. George, Dcn. – St. John’s Church, Somerville**



Joanna has a broad understanding of ministry and program needs. She would bring to the table her theological background as well as experience in many other areas. Joanna has good business sense and an analytical mind which quickly sees through emotions or the excitement of the moment to the key issue which needs to be addressed.

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**The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant – St. Stephen’s Church, Whiting**



Lifetime member of Diocese. Ordained 1988. Served three Camden parishes 1988-1990; Lead Church of the Good Shepherd, Berlin, from Mission to independent parish status 1990-2006. Currently rector of St. Stephen’s, Whiting. Current Member: Diocesan Finance and Budget, Nominating Committee and Chair of Hunger Task Force. Past Member: Diocesan Council, Committee on Aging, Cathedral Major Chapter. Attended “Clear Vision’ and CREDO conferences. Wish to continue contributing to our Diocese in cooperation with our Bishop.

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**The Rev. Dr. Patrick R. Close – Grace Church, Haddonfield**



I would like to serve the Diocese and help us plan for our common life together in the future. I bring my experience and have been in the diocese for 12 years.

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**The Rev. Brian K. Burgess – Christ Church, Woodbury**



Rector of Christ Church in Woodbury, Fr. Burgess currently serves as Dean of the Woodbury Convocation. This 225<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention completes a three-year term on the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation and he has assisted Diocesan staff in coordinating our disaster response efforts along the Gulf Coast during the recovery phase of Hurricane Katrina. Father Burgess is committed to advancing the banner of Christian charity that we have long embraced and promoted as a Diocese.

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**The Rev. Valerie L. Balling – St. Stephen’s Church, Mullica Hill**



Vicar of St. Stephen’s, Mullica Hill, for three years, Valerie is involved in Diocesan activities including Youth Council, Commission on Clergy Compensation, Board of Missions, Bishop’s Commission on Liturgy and Convention Arrangements. Prior to entering the priesthood, served as a volunteer with Christian Appalachian Project in Kentucky and worked as Office Manager to the President of a software company. Her experience offers a well-rounded and distinct point-of-view of young adults in the Church.

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**D. Diocesan Council**  
**3 Lay Members, 3-year terms**

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**Morris Anderson – Christ the King Church, Willingboro**



I served as a member of the Diocesan Audit Committee for two years, filling a vacancy until March 2008. Currently, I am the Senior Warden at Christ the King in Willingboro. In my 15 years in Christ the King, I have served on the vestry for three terms, been president of our men's organization, served on the search committee that found our current rector and have been actively involved in the life of our parish.

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**Cheryl D. Browne – St. Augustine's Church, Atlantic City**



Life-long Episcopalian, Cheryl manages the church website, newsletter, serves on vestry and Welcoming and Outreach Ministries. Instrumental in developing programs that bring people closer to God and an increase in membership. Instructor at Azarel Computer Institute, a computer training class at St. Augustine open to the public, teaching the community to move forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Recipient of the Meritorious Award for the state. Reaching people through community work has always been her key.

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**Noreen Duncan – Trinity Church, Princeton**



Noreen Lois Duncan, a member of Trinity, Princeton, is an LEM, reader and usher. Also a pledging member of the Cathedral parish, she serves on the Major Chapter. Ms. Duncan chairs the diocese's Anti-Racism Team and is a trainer on the team. She chairs the Trinity Cathedral Academy Board. "My spiritual and personal life is rich because of my friends in Christ, my husband, Hibbert, and my amazing adult children, Moriba and Malene."

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**John B. Ackerman, Jr. – St. John on the Mountain, Bernardsville**



Serves on the Companion Diocese Committee - El Salvador from 2004 – 2007 and Ecuador 2008. As parishioner of St. John on the Mountain, serves on the Vestry, LEM, Lector Coordinator, Acolyte Trainer, Chair of Outreach Committee, and President of the Food Bank Network of Somerset County. Previously in the Dioceses of Connecticut and Chicago, served on the vestry and as Stewardship Chair.

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**E. Cathedral Chapter**  
**1 Clergy Member, 3-year term**

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**The Rev. Peter A. Molnar, D.D. – Trinity Church, Vincentown**



I have been a priest in the Diocese of New Jersey for over 40 years. Vicar at Trinity Church in Vincentown for 12 years. I have vast governmental and structural expertise and have served in local, county, state, and federal government agencies. Presently, I am a retired Army Chaplain with the rank of Colonel and serve as "Padre" at the Youth Choir Week every year.

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**F. Cathedral Chapter**  
**2 Lay Members, 3-year terms**  
**1 Lay Member, 1-year unexpired term**

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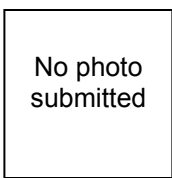
**Dorothy Spolarich – St. John’s Church, Somerville**



Member of St. John’s for 36 years. Past vestry member, member of the Bruckner Grants Committee, President of ECW, Mission Outreach chairperson, and organized Operation Christmas Child. Currently a Lay Eucharistic Minister, Reader and counter, delegate to Watchung Convocation, involved with Food Bank and SHIP’s Galley Soup Kitchen, and a founding member and current board member of “From the Heart” Thrift Shop. Supporter of ERD and Millennium Development Goals. I love my church!

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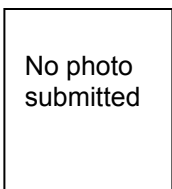
**Naomi M. Cressman – St. Mary’s Church, Haddon Heights**



As a life-long member of the Diocese, the Cathedral holds a special place in my heart. I would welcome the opportunity to serve the Diocese and the Cathedral in this capacity. Parish experience includes Vestry Clerk, Sunday School, and Eucharistic Minister. Diocesan experience includes serving on the Consecration and Nominating Committees.

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**Nancy H. Miller – Trinity Church, Cranford**



Nancy is a member of Trinity, Cranford, where she is a Bible Teacher, Lay Preacher, Lay Eucharistic Minister and choir member. Currently she serves on the Committee on the Diaconate and Committee for Lifelong Christian Formation. Previously, was on the staff of several other parishes as a Director of Religious Education, member of the vestry, served as different officers in the ECW, had various appointments in the National Church, and member of the Cathedral Chapter.

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**G. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation**  
**2 Clergy Members, 3-year terms**

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**The Rev. Valerie L. Balling – St. Stephen’s Church, Mullica Hill**



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**The Rev. Philip H. Kasey – Holy Trinity Church, South River**



As I enter my 30<sup>th</sup> year of ordained ministry I feel that I have sufficient experience in the area of clergy compensation to be of help. Having just completed a term on Diocesan Council and continuing as a member of the Committee of Priesthood, I am well-versed in the financial picture, policies, and state of our diocese and up-to-date on the current needs of our clergy.

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**H. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation  
2 Lay Members, 3-year terms**

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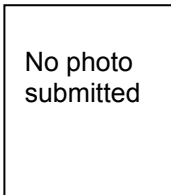
**Sr. Cass Lavin-Spouse – Church of the Good Shepherd, Pitman**



Have served a three-year term on the Standing Commission on Clergy Compensation, Vestry, Altar Guild, Prayer Ministry - to name a few. I was called by God to be a Sister in the Anamchara Fellowship and became a Novice in February. You might see us as the Green Penguins as we move about the convention floor! To round out my time, I work two days each week as a Christian Psychotherapist.

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**Mary Lou Steed – Christ Church, Toms River**



Mary Lou is a member of Christ Church, Toms River. Serves on the staff as a Parish Chaplain, Lector, and administers the lay ministry discernment program. Previously, member Discernment Committees, served on the Clergy Compensation Committee of this diocese, Commission on Ministry in the Diocese of North Carolina, Professor of Sociology at North Carolina Wesleyan College for twenty years. Since arriving in New Jersey, taught part-time at Rider University and Thomas Edison State College.

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**I. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons  
1 Lay Member, 3-year term**

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**Paul DeSarno – Holy Trinity Church, South River**



Paul DeSarno is a longtime convention deputy who has also served as senior warden, vestry member, and treasurer of Holy Trinity. When not attending church meetings, he is a lawyer in private practice in Sayreville. As an active lay person committed to the mission and ministry of the Diocese of New Jersey, Paul would welcome the opportunity to serve a second term on Constitution and Canons.

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**J. Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds  
1 Lay Trustee, 5-year term**

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**Lynne M. Davis – Trinity Church, Princeton**



Ms. Davis is a ten-year member of Trinity who has served as co-chair of its Profile Committee and of its Discernment Committee, leading to their call of a new rector. She has over 20 years experience as an attorney specializing in commercial real estate, finance and fixed income securities, both in private practice and at TIAA and CREF.

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**K. Finance and Budget Committee**  
**3 Members, Clergy or Lay, 3-year terms**

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**Stephan P. Sroka – Church of St. Uriel the Archangel, Sea Girt**



Steve has been an active member of the Church of St. Uriel the Archangel, Sea Girt, for many years having served as vestryman, warden, clerk of the vestry, deputy to the diocesan convention and currently, Eucharistic lay minister, lay reader and treasurer for our chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. He also served the diocese as member of the Diocesan Review Committee and incumbent member of the Finance and Budget Committee.

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**Anthony Fusco – Trinity Church, Red Bank**



Anthony Fusco, Trinity Church, Red Bank, is completing his term as a member of the Diocesan Finance and Budget Committee and has more than twenty years of experience in church finance. Over the last ten years at Trinity, he has served on the vestry, and is presently Treasurer and Warden.

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**Charles H. Perfater – Trinity Cathedral, Trenton**



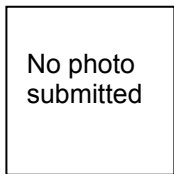
Chuck, a life-long member of Trinity Cathedral, serves as Treasurer, and also at St. Peter's at the Light. Chuck is a four time deputy to General Convention, including 2009. He is a former Diocesan CFO and is very familiar with a wide range of diocesan operations. Having served on the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and Board of Missions, he is currently on the Audit Committee and is Treasurer of the Convention Arrangements Committee.

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**L. Diocesan Investment Trust**  
**1 Member, Clergy or Lay, 4-year term**

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**Bruce Brand – Christ Church, Shrewsbury**



Bruce served as Acolyte Master, Eucharistic Minister, Lay Reader, and Vestry Member in many parishes. A member of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, Bruce has an impressive history in matters of finance: 30 years a stockbroker, VP National Marketing for major NYSE firm, assisted in managing \$4 million endowment fund for St. Paul's Cathedral, Syracuse, Licensed Compliance Director, and conductor of numerous branch office audits. Served 4 years on DIT. He would welcome serving another term.

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**Katherine F. Lowry – St. John's Church, Little Silver**



Katherine has over 20 years experience with Institutional Investments. Has the Certified Financial Planner and Certified Investment Management Analyst designations.

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**L. Diocesan Investment Trust**  
**1 Member, Clergy or Lay, 4-year term**

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**Kenneth L. MacRitchie – Trinity Church, Cranford**



I am a lawyer and an accountant. I have 30 years of experience in securities regulation. In 2002, I wrote a legal and accounting manual for Episcopal endowment trust, which was favorably received by the Episcopal Consortium of Endowed Parishes. I have served on the endowment trust boards of the Episcopal parishes in Westfield and Cranford.

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**M. Audit Committee**  
**2 Members, Clergy or Lay, 3-year terms**

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**John H. Scherer – Holy Communion, Fair Haven**



I have served as parish treasurer for 22 years and on the Diocesan Audit Committee for three. I'd like to continue to serve on the Audit Committee to continue to learn and to become more useful to the diocese.

**Herbert C. Geiss – St. George's by-the-River, Rumson**



Herb is a current member of the Audit Committee and would like to continue to offer his abilities to this committee. He has been parish treasurer since 2002. He is currently employed as a Financial Planner and is a member of the NJ Financial Planning Association and National Association of tax professionals. Additionally, he has an MBA in Finance from NYU and is a candidate for becoming a Certified Financial Planner.

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**N. Diocesan Review Committee**  
**2 Clergy Members, 3-year terms**

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**The Rev. Margaret Sterchi – Church of St. John the Evangelist, Chews Landing**



Having been elected to a one-year term on the Diocesan Review Committee at the Convention in 2008, and having attended the training session for all members of the Diocesan Review Committee in the summer of 2008, I would be honored to serve a full three-year term.

**N. Diocesan Review Committee  
2 Clergy Members, 3-year terms**

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**The Rev. Anne McRae Wrede – Grace Church, Merchantville**



I have served the church in many confidential matters in the past working to resolve conflicts and following up in the care of parishes after serious problems, and crisis events have occurred. I would like the appointment to faithfully and carefully follow through these issues with clergy.

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**O. Diocesan Review Committee  
1 Lay Members, 3 year term**

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**Elizabeth H. Papp – Christ Church, Toms River**



Elizabeth Papp (Hughes) a parishioner in several churches since 1971. Retired in 2002 from the State of New Jersey-Division of Youth and Family Services. Spouse of Martin Papp 1943-2004 deceased. Parish Level: Member of choir, Altar Guild, Lay Reader, involved with IHN. Diocesan level: Delegate to convocations – minutes when necessary. Secretary for Ministry to Disabled and Nominating Committee. Also sing with Cathedral Choir for special occasions.

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**Stephen P. DeBaun – St. John the Evangelist, Chews Landing**



A member of St. John's since 1999, served as a vestry member, junior and senior warden, and search committee chairperson. At this time, I am a vestry member and serve as a Chalice and Eucharistic minister. During the mid 80's, I was a volunteer court mediator in Williamstown, trained and certified through Gloucester County. I have always believed that I am able to make intelligent decisions based on the information that is presented.

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**Thomas J. Scott – Christ Church, Woodbury**



Tom Scott, member of Christ Church, Woodbury, for five years, is the Director of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Chapter. He was confirmed and attended St. Luke's, Westville, while growing up. Tom is Director of New Practices and Corporate Analytics and has held a number of senior analytical roles within pharmaceuticals including Design and Optimization Analytics and Brand Insight Director for Oncology, where he helped launch drugs to treat breast, prostate and lung cancer.

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**P. Trial Court**  
**4 Clergy Members, 3-year terms**  
**1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate**

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**The Rev. John C. Belmont – St. Matthew’s Church, Pennington**



Father Belmont is a priest with considerable experience in ministry in the Diocese. He has been a curate, a vicar, and for 30 years a rector of a large parish. He has served the Diocese as a member of the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Commission on Ministry, and the Trial Court. If reelected, his fairness and common sense would enable him to deliberate impartially as a member of the Trial Court.

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**The Rev. Kenneth A. Gluckow – Retired, Ocean Grove**



Father Gluckow has had 30 years of experience in parochial ministry in the Diocese. He is now retired, but active as a supply priest. He has been elected to the Trial Court before and should there be a trial, he would be able to devote sufficient time to it. He is a fair-minded and compassionate man who thinks things through and tries to see all sides of a situation.

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**The Rev. J. Connor Haynes – St. Mary’s Church, Burlington**

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Fr. Haynes has been rector of St. Mary’s, Burlington, since 1996. He has served as a member of the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation and as an elected member of the Trial Court.

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**The Rev. Dr. Wayne L. Smith – Retired, Voorhees**



Dr. Smith has had a long and varied ministry as a parish priest, of which more than 20 years have been spent in this Diocese. He has served in many leadership positions, including the Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and Trial Court. As a retired priest he would be able to devote the necessary time to a trial should the occasion arise. He would bring to the Court a wealth of experience, maturity and fair-mindedness.

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**The Rev. Sheelagh A. Clarke – St. Paul’s Church, Westfield**



Currently serving as Assistant Rector at St. Paul’s in Westfield and previously two years as Assistant Rector at St Luke’s in Gladstone. She brings 20 years of High School education and administration experience and is well versed in policy and implementation which she believes will make her fair and objective in Trial Court. Currently she is serving as Co-chair of Commission for Ministry with the Disabled and a member of the Christian Formation Committee.

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**Q. Trial Court**  
**3 Lay Members, 3-year terms**  
**1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate**

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**Virgil M. Johnson, Ed.D. – St. John in the Wilderness, Gibbsboro**



I have previously served as a lay member on the Trial Court including serving on an actual trial. I currently serve on the Vestry of St. John in the Wilderness in Gibbsboro. Being semi-retired, I would have the time to devote to the court in the event a trial becomes necessary. I have worked for 40 years in the field of education in New Jersey. At present I work part-time as an educational consultant.

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**Richard Peirce, Esq. – Christ Church, Woodbury**



Member of Christ Church, Woodbury, Secretary of Christ Church's Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Chapter, and teacher for the parish's Confirmation class. Partner at a law firm in Philadelphia where Richard practices in the Intellectual Property Department and focuses on business advice and litigation related to trademark, copyright, cyber squatting and unfair competition issues. Recognized for professional achievements in several editions of *Chambers USA* and honored by *Law & Politics Magazine* and *Philadelphia Magazine*.

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**Robert Vogel – Trinity Church, Cranford**



Robert, retired FBI Special Agent, is employed by the State of New Jersey Homeland Security and has been schooled in federal and NJ state law. He is acquainted with legal concepts of probable cause, due process, and rules of evidence. Worked alongside federal US attorneys to prosecute cases in court. Robert has been in law enforcement for 25 years. Member of Trinity, Cranford, for 20 years. Served on the vestry and Finance and Building committees.

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**R. Church Attorney**  
**Clergy or Lay, 1-year term**

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**Steven Lewis, Esq. – Christ Church, Woodbury**



Qualifications include being a member of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania bars since 1995. Ten years experience in insurance defense litigation throughout New Jersey. Has served one year as Church Attorney in this diocese.

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**S. Treasurer**  
**Clergy or Lay, 1-year term**

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**Reginald Whitman – St. George’s-by-the-River, Rumson**



Currently serving as Treasurer. A lifelong member of our church has served on the parochial and diocesan level in many capacities including but not limited to: Diocesan Council, most recent Episcopal Search Committee, and Anti-Racism Team and is presently senior warden of his parish. Reg and his wife, Janet, have raised their children in the church and their grandchildren are presently faithful members. He continues to work on our diocesan vision to “make New Jersey new”.

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