

Nominations

**For positions to be elected at the 168th Annual Convention of the
Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee
To be held October 17, 2015 at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy**

Diocesan Treasurer

ONE clergy or lay person to be elected to a 1-year term

Clyde Bachand – Church of the Holy Communion, Lake Geneva

Clyde Bachand is a member of Holy Communion, Lake Geneva where he has served as Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Vestry member, Treasurer (currently), choir director, and Cursillo Team member. At the diocesan level, he currently serves as a member of the Finance Committee.

Clyde holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from UW-Madison, as well as a Master's degree in Educational Administration. He did additional graduate study at UW-Whitewater in the areas of business and school business administration. From 1979 until 2011, he worked for Filtertek, Inc. of Hebron, Illinois; starting as a staff accountant he held positions of increasing responsibility leading to senior management roles, including V.P. of South American operations and General Manager for the company's commercial filtration business unit. (Filtertek, Inc. is now owned by ITW Illinois Tool Works.) Clyde is now retired. He has been married to Linda Bachand for 48 years and says, "We are blessed with two wonderful daughters and three grandchildren."

Since retiring in December Of 2011, Clyde has focused his volunteer activities on Holy Communion Episcopal Church; besides serving as parish Treasurer, he is a member of St. Joseph's Guild, and serves as a musician. Clyde is also active in the Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra, where he is the principal bassist.

Executive Council

TWO clergy and TWO lay persons to be elected to 3-year terms

Marc Buehler – St. Mary's, Dousman

A member of St. Mary's, Dousman since 1993, where he has served on the vestry as well as chairing the parish's search committee in 2003. Marc is very involved in the parish's mission work and has served as a chaperone on youth mission trips. In 2011 he was the fundraising co-organizer for St. Mary's mission trip to Gatlinburg, TN He has also served for many years as an acolyte. Marc has been married to Carol since 1994.

Pam Ferguson – St. Mary's, Dousman

Pam has been active in the hospitality industry for over 30 years and has been with The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company for over 17 years. In her present position as Director of Global Accounts, she focuses on the insurance segment and represents all Ritz-Carlton hotels worldwide.

Pam is currently a member of St. Mary's in Dousman, WI where she serves on the Vestry and is active in the choir. Prior to joining St. Mary's, Pam was a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Laurel, DE. Pam served as a member of the Vestry and was a member of the choir. While there, St. Philip's hosted the 223rd Convention of the Diocese of DE and Pam worked as the liaison with the Diocesan office to coordinate all details for a successful convention.

Pam resides in East Troy, WI with her husband, Tom, and two dogs. She has two grown boys and five grandchildren.

Jeffrey Kincaid – St. Mark's, South Milwaukee

Jeffrey Kincaid is an active member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of South Milwaukee, WI. He has been a member of the Parish for 10 years and has served as a Vestry member, Senior Warden and Chair of the Search Committee.

Jeff graduated from the University of Nebraska with an M.S. in Psychiatric Rehabilitation and is a Licensed Professional Counselor. He taught at Concordia University in Mequon and was the Director of the Kenosha Learning Center. He taught such interesting classes as Critical Thinking and Creativity, Evaluation and Management Principles and Current Issues in Health Care. It was at the Kenosha Learning Center that he developed and implemented a \$2.1 million Dollar budget. He retired from Social Rehabilitation and Residential Recourses of West Allis where he was the Chief Executive Officer.

Jeff is married to Kim and they live with two Springer Spaniels.

Peter Larson – St. Paul’s, Milwaukee

Peter is an active member of St. Paul’s, serving as Stewardship Chair for several years, on St. Paul’s and Christ Church’s Discernment Committees, and as a Vacation Bible School Teacher. Peter recently completed Sewanee’s Education for Ministry (EfM) program. In previous Churches in Minneapolis and Chicago, Peter served on the equivalent of the Vestry (10 years), as Senior Warden (5 terms), and as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Teacher (15 years). He has been a delegate to the Diocesan Convention and was elected alternate deputy to the 2015 General Convention.

Peter is retired from his career in wealth management, in which he held professional and executive positions for major banking firms. He is skilled at strategy development and implementation, team-building, sales and presentation coaching, and in wealth and investment planning for individuals and organizations. Peter has served on boards of several civic organizations, including the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and Grass Roots North Shore, and is a Docent at the Milwaukee Art Museum. He graduated, cum laude, from Williams College, and, with honors, from the University of Chicago Booth School Of Business. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designations.

Peter lives with his husband, Bill Fry, and wheaten terrier, Lucy, in Whitefish Bay.

Henry Peters – St. Andrew’s, Madison

Henry Peters is an active member of St. Andrew’s parish in Madison where he has served in many capacities, including its vestry, delegate to Diocesan Convention and the West Convocation. He also serves in its choir, as a lector and chalice bearer, and as a member of various committees.

For the diocese, Henry is just finishing his first term on the Executive Council. He has also served on the Commission for Mission and Development for many years, currently as its convener. He is a graduate of the Diocesan Church Development Institute and presently serves as a trainer.

Henry has been married to Marit for 32 years and has two grown children. He enjoyed a 27 year career in the classical music recording business.

Gayle Radovich – St. Thomas, Greendale

Gayle has been a member of St. Thomas of Canterbury for 15 years. During that time, she has served on the vestry and as Parish Life and Christian Education Coordinator. She helped plan Vacation Bible School for two years and facilitated two Women of Faith simulcasts. She is also a member of the parish prayer chain.

Along with four other members of the congregation and the presbyter, she journeyed into parish development. Using the text, Pathway to Renewal, the “Mustard Seed Group” morphed into “Roots” and engaged other members in the dialog. Recently they presented a summary of their work and findings to the vestry. Her work with this group has strengthened her leadership skills. To add to her development as a leader, she will be participating in Church Development Institute (CDI) this year.

Gayle is married with three sons: Ben, 22; Michael, 20, and Kyle, 17. She currently works in education.

John Washbush – St. James’, Milwaukee

John Washbush is an active member of St. James’, Milwaukee and has served the Church at the parish, diocesan and national church level. He has served as a lay deputy to the 76th General Convention in Anaheim, the 77th General Convention in Indianapolis, and the 78th General Convention in Salt Lake City. At the Salt Lake City General Convention this past summer, he served as the Secretary for the House of Deputies Legislative Committee on Rules of Order Committee and was active in supporting the Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies. Within the parish, John serves in a wide variety of leadership service and liturgical ministries. He presently serves the community as the parish liturgy coordinator and verger. He has served several terms each as vestry member, Junior Warden, and Senior Warden. Additionally, for several years each he chaired the Stewardship Committee, chaired the Building and Grounds Committee, served on the Personnel Committee, served on the Christian Formation Committee, Communications Committee, and worked in youth Christian Formation. He has worked with parish outreach ministries, including Sundries from the Avenue, Red Door Clothes, and St. James’ Homeless Outreach. John is active in liturgical ministry, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Acolyte, and Sound Board Operator. He is licensed as a Eucharistic Visitor, Worship Leader, and Lay Preacher.

Beyond the parish, John has served the diocese on Standing Committee and Commission on Ministry. He served the diocesan convention as a member of the Resolutions Committee, the Convention Planning Committee, and has worked with the Committee on Constitution and Canons, the Committee on the Dispatch of Business, and the Committee on Credentials. John has also served as Parliamentarian for Diocesan Convention for many years.

A Communication Arts teacher at Hamilton High School in Sussex, John teaches 9th through 12th grade students radio and television production, sports video production, filmmaking, oral communication, composition, and literature. As a coach, he has worked with students in FIRST Robotics, parliamentary procedure, drama, debate, and forensics. John has held many state offices in coaching and professional organizations, directed the Middle Level Forensic Association State tournament for nine years, and has been inducted into the Middle Level Forensics Association Hall of Fame. John has been married for 21 years to Mary and has one sixteen year-old daughter, Elizabeth.

The Rev. John Allen – St. James', Milwaukee

Fr. John earned a B.A. degree from the University of California at Fullerton, an M.Div. from the Wartburg Theological Seminary, and a D.Min. from the Graduate Theological Foundation. He is a Board Certified Chaplain (Association of Professional Chaplains) and certified in Interim Ministry Certification. Fr. John's ordination as a Deacon was in 1968, and he was ordained as a Priest in 1971. His ministry areas of service include Parish Priest (Alabama, Ohio, Iowa), Missionary (Tanzania, Kenya), Hospital Chaplain, and Priest in this Diocese since 2003: St. John's (Spanish ministry) and St. Mark's, South Milwaukee, for ten years. Service in Diocese includes Commission on Mission and Development, Executive Council, President of Convocation. Fr. John is married to Marilyn, has three adult children, six grandchildren and one Irish Wolfhound named Flynn. At the present time is serving as interim priest at St. James

The Rev. Andrew Hanyzewski – St. Peter's, Fort Atkinson

Fr. Andrew has been a priest at St. Peter's since November, 2011. He has been a member of the Clergy Day Committee since 2013 and was appointed by Bishop Miller in November 2014 to be Dean of the Central Convocation. In January of 2015 Fr. Andrew joined the board of the Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry in Whitewater.

Fr. Andrew was editor, then senior editor from 2012-2014 of The Missioner, a publication of Nashotah House Seminary. He also serves (since 2013) as a spiritual director at Nashotah House.

A 41 year old veteran of the Boy Scouts of America, Fr. Andrew earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He is currently registered on the Southern Lakes district committee as the Religious Emblems Coordinator in Glacier's Edge Council.

Married for nine years to Aimee, they do not have children but they do have a three-year old Border Collie named Hannah. Aimee works at Edgewood College in Madison as the Resident Lighting Designer and Teacher Adjunct. She has also been a freelance theatrical lighting designer for over 20 years.

The Rev. Elizabeth Tester – St. Paul's, Watertown

Elizabeth Tester served on the Executive Council in her former diocese of Western North Carolina. She also served as both the diocesan camp director and as the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at the Church of the Ascension in Hickory, North Carolina. She has just completed her first summer as Director of Camp Webb here in the Diocese of Milwaukee. Having graduated with a degree in Philosophy and Religion from Appalachian State University, Elizabeth pursued her Masters of Divinity at Virginia Theological Seminary. She currently serves St. Paul's, Watertown as priest-in-charge. She is married to the Rev. Oscar Rozo and has a pit-bull named Amos and a Persian cat named Bathsheba.

The Rev. Chuck Zellermyer – St. Mary's, Dousman

The Ven. Charles Zellermyer - Chuck was ordained as a deacon in the Diocese of Milwaukee in 1995 and has served at a number of parishes in Waukesha County. Currently Chuck serves at St. Mary's in Dousman. Chuck is also an accounting professional with over 35 years' experience in accounting and management serving clients in both the not-for-profit and for-profit worlds. Chuck's background in organizational management and accounting for mid-size nonprofits combined with his interest in under-served communities defines his work both secular and spiritual. Chuck has worked with faith communities to answer the needs of at-risk populations throughout Wisconsin. He previously served on the Finance Committee for the Trustees of Funds and Endowments for the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee in addition to several committees and commissions.

Standing Committee

ONE clergy and ONE lay person to be elected to 4-year terms

Mary "Jamie" Cairo – St. Matthew's, Kenosha

(Mary) Jamie Cairo is an active and lifelong member of St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Kenosha. She has served as a delegate to Diocesan Convention, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Vestry Member (multiple terms) and past Junior Warden. She was also the head of St. Matthew's search committee in 2012 and is a long standing member of the choir and director of the altar guild.

Jamie has been married to her husband Jeff for 26 years. They have two children; Caitlin attends Carthage College in Kenosha and Halle attends Marquette University. Jamie obtained her Master's Degree in Nursing from Marquette University and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Concordia University. She is a Nurse Practitioner specializing in Oncology and Hematology and works for Aurora Cancer Care.

Sheryl Slocum – St. James', Milwaukee

Sheryl Slocum, Ph.D. has been a member of St. James', Milwaukee since 2009. She is on the vestry and endowment board, is a member of the Christian Formation team, often serves as a delegate to diocesan Convention, and is a member of the Joyful Noise church musicians. She participates regularly in the Red Door Clothes and Sundries on the Avenue ministries. Professionally, Sheryl teaches English as a second language and trains future teachers to do so. She is the mother of three grown children.

Sheryl's previous experience in the Diocese of Milwaukee includes 16 years as a member of the Church of the Holy Communion in Lake Geneva. She was a member of the Christian Education and music teams there and served on the vestry for several years. Prior to Holy Communion, Sheryl was a member of St. Phillip's, Waukesha. Many years earlier, from 1982-1986, she attended St. Boniface, Mequon, and participated in the liturgical life of Nashotah House as the spouse of a seminarian.

Life experiences pertinent to serving on the Standing Committee include many years as the wife of a priest and many more as the daughter of an evangelical pastor/district superintendent (similar to the position of bishop). Sheryl was confirmed as an Episcopalian in 1980 in the Black Mountain Diocese of North Carolina while working as a volunteer for the South American Mission Society of the Episcopal Church. Her BA (English) is from Wheaton College, IL; her MA (linguistics) is from the American University, Washington, DC; and her PhD. (English linguistics) is from UW-Milwaukee.

The Rev. Paula Harris – St. Luke's, Madison

Paula is finding joy in ministry by taking our healing prayer team to speak at a UW class on religion and health, caring for souls (lay, clergy and religious) in Spiritual Direction, celebrating marriage resiliency (gay and straight) at our Valentine's Day marriage renewal event, leading a class about her book, *Being White: Finding our Place in a Multiethnic World* (now in its 10th printing) and initiating a new ecumenical ministry feeding hungry school children in our neighborhood. Meanwhile, St Luke's continues a Capital Campaign for building improvements, tripled our endowment, and are very close to balancing our operating budget. Paula served on the Diocesan Executive Council (two terms), Board of Examining Chaplains, Christian Formation Task Force, Companion Diocese Chairperson, Daughters of the King chaplain, DeKoven speaker, and host committee for Diocesan Convention. After ordination, she was Vicar at Resurrection, when the church grew by 25%, purchased, financed and consecrated a building.

Previously, Paula was an executive staff director with the Urbana Student Mission Convention, a complex system challenging 20,000 delegates to consider the claim the worlds' needs lay on our lives. She raised a million dollar offering for the poor, supervised 16 staff, and was given increasing administrative responsibilities every three years.

Paula is married to the Rev. Chaplain Guta Cvekovic, and the adoring mother of two capable college students. She has a Masters in Theological Studies and a Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching.

The Rev. Jason Lavann – St. John the Divine, Burlington

The Rev. Jason Lavann is the priest at St. John the Divine in Burlington. He is involved in the diocesan Fresh Start program and is married to Kristy. Fr. Lavann brings experience in parish ministry, ecumenical relations, and a passion for serving God's people to this position.

Title IV Disciplinary Boards

TWO clergy and ONE lay person to be elected to 3-year terms

Jan Leisner – St. Francis, Menomonee Falls

Jan is a lifelong Episcopalian, born in Washington, DC, and arriving at St. Francis, Menomonee Falls at age 2. She has been involved in many parish ministries, including Sunday School, Lay Reader, Finance Committee, office support staff, Head of Communications Committee, and several terms on Vestry. In the Diocese, she has served as both Lay Associate Director and Lay Director of Happening, and as a member of the diocesan Youth Commission. Jan would be pleased to serve the diocese as a member of the Title IV Disciplinary Board.

The Rev. Dorota Pruski – St. Andrew's, Madison

Mother Dorota joined the Saint Andrew's, Milwaukee community in June of 2013. In addition to sharing pastoral, liturgical, and organizational responsibilities with the Rector, Dorota oversees youth and young adult ministries and coordinates the running group at Saint Andrew's. Last year, Dorota was an integral member of the leadership team for the diocesan-wide "Ridiculously Awesome Acolyte Festival." Dorota is currently a member of the title IV Disciplinary Board, having been appointed by Bishop Miller to complete an unexpired term of an elected member who resigned. She now seeks election in her own right to a full term.

Additionally, Dorota serves the diocese as liturgical officer. She loves studying Scripture and liturgy. Dorota also enjoys running, cross-country skiing, cooking, and conversations over coffee!

The Rev. Debra Trakel – St. Christopher's, River Hills

The Rev. Debra Trakel has been a priest in the diocese of Milwaukee for twenty years. She is currently the Rector of St. Christopher's, River Hills. Prior to that she was the Rector of St. James', Milwaukee, and priest-in-charge at Holy Cross, Wisconsin Dells.

Debra also worked for the previous bishop of Milwaukee as the Bishop's Assistant for Pastoral Care, working with troubled clergy, their families and congregations. In that capacity, she managed all of the clergy misconduct cases that had been brought forward in our diocese and is, consequently, very familiar with the complex clergy disciplinary processes of our church. She is the current President of the Disciplinary Board. Debra is licensed as a psychotherapist in the states of Illinois and Wisconsin. She has considerable experience working with clergy, congregations, and survivors in the area of clergy misconduct, consulting across the church and across denominations.

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TWO clergy or lay persons to be elected to 3-year terms

Jerome Laurent – St. Luke’s, Whitewater

Jerry Laurent, St. Luke’s, Whitewater, has been a Lay Deputy to the Diocesan Convention since 1968, with the exception of 2014. In addition, he was a member of the Trustees of Funds and Property (now Trustees of Funds and Endowments, Inc.), 1983-1992, and President, 1991-1992. He was re-elected and served from 2004-2010; and 2012 - present; he served as President 1991-1992.

In addition to his service on the Trustees of Funds and Endowment, Jerry has been a delegate in years past on the Diocesan Commission on Ministry in Higher Education, the Central Diocesan Convocation and the former Southwest Deanery. At St. Luke’s he has served as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Vestry member. For many years he chaired the parish’s Finance and Endowments Committee. Currently, he is Treasurer of the Lutheran/Episcopal Campus Ministry Board, serving the students at UW-Whitewater.

Jerry is an emeritus Professor of Economics at UW-Whitewater. He served the Department of Economics as a fundraiser for several scholarship endowments. Currently he is a Board Member and Secretary of the Whitewater Kiwanis Foundation. For several decades he has been a member of the Club’s Finance/Audit Committee and served as the Club Treasurer, 1978-83.

Regarding his educational background, Jerry received his Ph.D. in economics from Indiana University-Bloomington. Besides teaching at UW-Whitewater, he was a Visiting Professor of Economics at UW-Madison in 1980. At UW-Whitewater, he was the campus-wide recipient of the Roseman Excellence in Teaching Award (1975) and the Faculty Outstanding Service Award (1993). From 1983-85 he served as president of the Wisconsin Economics Association and was honored in 2005 by his alma mater with the alumni President’s Award from UW-Eau Claire. He has been cited in Who’s Who in Business Higher Education, among others.

His wife, Virginia, also is a life-long Episcopalian, who retired as an English teacher and reading specialist in area schools. They have two children, Katherine, an attorney employed by the State of Illinois in Chicago and Thomas, a project manager for Discover Financial Services in Chicago.
