



I am Joyce Paterson from St. John's Episcopal Church in Roseville. I am one of your four elected lay deputies to General Convention, who along with four elected clergy and four elected alternate deputies and Bishop Barry make up the NORCAL Deputation.

This will be my second General Convention, as I was an alternate deputy to the 77<sup>th</sup> General Convention in 2012, and felt the call to seek re-election for 2015 because of the experience I had gained. I have not been appointed to any of the Legislative Committees so I will be free to sit in on **any** hearings and deliberations and give testimony, if permitted and so moved. I have spent the last two years preparing with prayer, keeping up-

to-date with reading the study papers that have been issued by the various task forces, attending Province VIII meetings and teleconferences as well as our NORCAL Deputation meetings. I will be closely following the Structure and Governance and the Ecumenical/ Interreligious Relations committees.

One of our highlights will be the election of a new Presiding Bishop. Our days will be filled with early morning legislative meetings, worship and prayer services, legislative sessions and evening legislative meetings and sessions with breaks for eating. The General Convention is The Episcopal Church's highest temporal authority, whose belief is that under God, the Church is ordered and governed by its people: laity, deacons, priests and bishops. We deputies take this responsibility to heart and ask your prayers for the Episcopal Church's 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention and our NORCAL Deputation in Salt Lake City June 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Daily reports of passed legislation will be sent to our diocesan office. I can be reached by e-mail at [joycepat77@gmail.com](mailto:joycepat77@gmail.com).