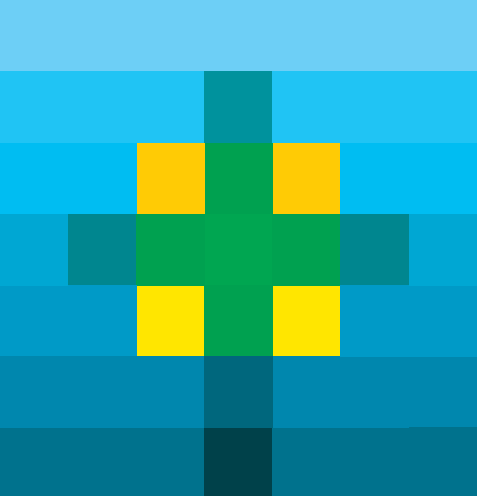




Episcopal Diocese *of Northern California*

111TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION

GOVERNANCE NOMINEES



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GOVERNANCE NOMINEES | BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Two Positions, either clergy or lay | Three-year term



Kevin Donohue

Lay Nominee | Board of Trustees

Trinity Cathedral | Sacramento

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Matthew Woodward

Since 2007, I have been active member of Trinity Cathedral. I am currently serving my second term as a Vestry member. Previously, I served as the Senior Warden for Dean Brian Baker for 2 years. For 8 years I served as the Chairperson of Family Promise of Sacramento, whose mission is to secure permanent housing for unhoused families with children. Currently, I serve as Trinity's Head Usher, a member of Trinity's Annual Christian Art Exhibition Committee, on the 2022 Deans' Conference Planning Committee, and chair Trinity's Regathering Committee exploring ways to safely resume in-person worship and cathedral life. I am also active in many of Trinity's outreach and hospitality efforts. My passion is feeding the unhoused.

I am a recently retired health care attorney. In my previous professional life, I supervised a 25 attorney-team at the California Department of Health Care Services, which administers the Medi-Cal program providing health care to approximately 13 million low-income Californians. In addition to mastering the complexity of State and federal Medicaid law, this position required constant team and consensus building efforts to ensure that the legal and programmatic teams remained motivated, focused and completion oriented. I believe my organizational skills and problem-solving talents would be an asset to the Diocese's Board of Trustees' mission and responsibilities.



The Rev. Karen Freeman

Clergy Nominee | Board of Trustees

Grace Church | Fairfield

Nominated by: The Rev. Amy Denney Zuniga

Born and raised in Sacramento, I attended Sac State for two years, then moved to San Diego, receiving my BSc in Biology from SDSU. I worked in biotech in S.D., then met Andy, my English husband-to-be, who was a professional yachtsman. I then worked with him as crew on a couple of yachts, sailing the Atlantic and Pacific. An amazing experience! We married and moved to England where I lived for 26 years, working in Veterinary Science for 17 years. After having two children, I began the journey to ordained ministry. I was ordained as a transitional deacon in 2009 and priest in 2010 in Chester Cathedral, then served two parishes in the Church of England (CofE), on the Wirral peninsula. I moved back to California in 2018 and was called to serve as priest in charge, and recently rector, of Grace, Fairfield.

I have not held any diocesan level offices in the EDNC, but while in England, I held the following positions: member of the Chester Diocese and Birkenhead Deanery Synods; member of the Board of Governors for a primary school; executive committee member of a village conservation society; trustee for a town youth club; planning team for deanery-wide mission with Archbishop of York, the Most Rev. Dr. John Sentamu; organizing committee for a cathedral service, 25th anniversary of the ordination of women priests in the CofE; worship planning team for Chester Diocesan Clergy Conference.

I'm excited by the potential opportunity to serve the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California!

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Margie Harrison-Smith

Lay Nominee | Board of Trustees

All Saints | Redding

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Richard B. Yale

My name is Margie Harrison-Smith and I am a cradle Episcopalian from Shasta. I earned a BA from UC Davis and MA from John F. Kennedy University in Museum Studies. I have been manager for non-profit arts organizations for over 25 years. I have worked closely with, or served on various non-profit boards focusing on the arts.

For the Diocese of Northern California, I have served as a member of the Communications Committee since 2010. I have also served on multiple convention planning committees and was one of the lay representatives who presented Bishop Megan at her Consecration. My husband and I belong to All Saints' Redding, where I have served as Rector's Warden, People's Warden, Clerk as well as serving as an Eucharistic Minister, acolyte and vergers. I have also chaired the communications team, the operations team, the Endowment Committee and am currently the Team Lead for Worship on the Ministry Council.

Our diocese has recently suffered the wrath of disasters, and it will be challenging going forward. My personal experience with disaster relief and recovery would benefit the Board as they work with Bishop Megan to envision a new path forward for our Diocese. I enjoy working with a variety of backgrounds and perspectives to find consensus for the task at hand. My background in non-profits has prepared me for the legal and financial requirements of serving on a Board, and I believe I would be an asset to the Board of Trustees for the Diocese of Northern California.



The Rev. Rod McCauley

Clergy Nominee | Board of Trustees

Shepherd-by-the-Sea | Gualala

Nominated by: The Rev. Christy Laborda Harris

I have been canonically resident in this Diocese for twenty years having served as Rector of St. Stephen's, Sebastopol for ten years. While I have been "retired" since 2010 in the intervening years, I have served as Chairperson of the Commission on Ministry and a member of the multi-diocese Disciplinary Board. I am currently a member of that Board. I also served as an interim priest at Church of the Incarnation in Santa Rosa for a year and am currently the advisory priest for Shepherd-by-the-Sea Episcopal/Lutheran Mission in Gualala, a role I share with Moses Penumaka, the Lutheran advising pastor. Recently I agreed to be a member of the Resolutions Committee, a Committee I chaired eighteen years ago. I have been a lecturer at CDSP in Canon Law focusing on the disciplinary systems and rules for clergy.

I have been married to Mary, for fifty-one years and we have an adult daughter and a seven year old granddaughter. Before seminary (CDSP) and ordination I had a career of thirty years as an attorney working in Washington, D.C. in civil rights and in Seattle and Olympia, WA in both public and private practice. I was born in and resided in Sacramento for my first ten years and then lived in San Francisco till I completed law school in Palo Alto in 1969. My first position as a priest was as Associate Rector at All Saints', Palo Alto, returning to that fair city after a thirty year absence. My mentor was The Rev. Margaret Irwin.

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Jessie Ann Owens

Lay Nominee | Board of Trustees

St. Martin's | Davis

Nominated by: Carole Hom and Neil Willits

I am a “cradle” Episcopalian, active through my 20s as a church musician (organist and singer). I “stepped out” for a long time, using as a partial excuse the seemingly endless conflicts about gay people. And yet I never stopped being an Episcopalian. After years of occasionally singing in the choir--being a musician was like having a “gig” that didn’t require me to ask about my own beliefs and commitment—I decided four years ago to join St. Martin’s, Davis and to make a commitment to be part of a Christian community. My initial reasons were to experience the readings and the sermon as a guide for ethical living but I soon became immersed in the church as an organization. I joined the vestry; this year, which is the final year of my term, I’m serving as junior warden.

I am a retired university professor of musicology (music history) and a former dean of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies at UC Davis. As a former president of the American Musicological Society and of the Renaissance Society of America, I have a keen sense of the important role played by an organization’s Board of Trustees. I have extensive experience with budgets (and fiscal constraints!) and fund-raising. I am also interested in organizational structures and processes. I have not held any diocesan offices.



Chris Sanft

Lay Nominee | Board of Trustees

Trinity Cathedral | Sacramento

Nominated by: Self

I am a member of Trinity Cathedral for the last 21 years. I have served on the Vestry twice and am currently leading the video team. I serve on Altar Guild, serve as a Sacristan and help out with computer or technical issues at the office. I am helping out the Episcopal Foundation serving as a technical consultant for church that received grants or are considering putting in or upgrading their video equipment. 2 cocker spaniels own me and I take care of them.

GOVERNANCE NOMINEES | STANDING COMMITTEE

One Clergy Position | One Lay Position | Four-year term



The Rev. Tim McDonald

Clergy Nominee | Standing Committee
Good Shepherd Church | Cloverdale
Nominated by: The Rev. Jane Snibbe

I am currently serving on the Standing Committee completing Rev. Jim Richardson's term. In addition, I also serve on the Bishop's Leadership team and Benefits and Compensation committee. I was ordained in 2019 and serve as Priest for Good Shepherd Church, Cloverdale.

In 2013, I retired as an Executive Human Resources Professional and have worked for Paramount Pictures, M-TV, Pepsico and Price Waterhouse.

I completed the CALL program at Church Divinity School in 2018 and have a Masters Degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco and an undergraduate degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from San Diego State University.

I am married to Deacon Bob Scott and celebrated our 20th anniversary together this past June. We have two Cocker Spaniels (Kelsey and Morgan) and consider them our fur babies.



Donnie Wallace

Lay Nominee | Standing Committee
St. Barnabas | Mount Shasta
Nominated by: The Rev. Larry Holben

I was raised in the Catholic church, When I discovered the Episcopal Church in 2012, I jumped in head first. I was Mission Council clerk for two years, and was elected to the mission council. I have served as Junior Wardent for two years. I have also served as Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister. My love for Jesus and my personal relationship with him has grown exponentially during my time at St Barnabas.

I was elected to the Standing Committee at the 2016 Diocesan Convention, however due to a change in employment I was unable to complete my term.

I am excited for the opportunity to once again represent small churches as a member of the Standing Committee.



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