

## GOVERNANCE NOMINEES | BOARD OF TRUSTEES



### **Kevin Donohue**

**Lay Nominee** | Board of Trustees

Trinity Cathedral | Sacramento

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Matthew Woodward

### **BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**

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.

## GOVERNANCE NOMINEES | SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

### QUESTION 1:

***Where have you seen our mission statement “Making Disciples, Raising up Saints, and Transforming Communities for Christ” in action, and how could your governance body support them for the Diocese as a whole?***

*The mission statement of Trinity Cathedral also speaks of making Disciples, and I have seen the impact of this idea on the lives of Cathedral members. Our formation and outreach activities have given ample opportunity for members of the community to develop sainthood. By sainthood, I mean a discipline in service and growth in spiritual maturity. These outreach activities provide opportunities to put our faith into action and allows us to see Christ in the suffering of others.*

*I have also been privileged to participate in the debate on gay marriage at our Diocesan convention. I have seen our Diocese wrestle with, and accept the faithfulness of same sex relationships, and have seen the impact of this on members of the Cathedral community, who have been able to enter into sacramental commitments. We are a midtown Sacramento parish, and I am involved in ministries to the unsheltered in midtown. As such, I have seen St Paul’s actively involved in feeding programs, which also has been transformative to Sacramento’s downtown community.*

*The mission statement is one that anticipates the values of the diocese being realized in the lives of individual Episcopalians. The Board of Trustees can support these values by making sure that all Episcopalians across our region have access to outreach efforts to serve our greater communities and educational (formation) programs to deepen the faith of our members. Each outreach and educational program should be grounded in daily experience, and practical in application. I would hope to make sure that our Board of Trustees keeps the experiences of those serving and those being served in mind as we make financial and mission driven decisions on behalf of the Diocese.*

### QUESTION 2:

***As we enter the post-pandemic world, how do you see the diocese and its governance structures moving forward?***

*Trinity Cathedral has learned many lessons about living through the Pandemic. Trinity Cathedral has adopted new technology and discovered new reservoirs of resilience. Some of these new ways of reaching out to members and potential members has been long overdue. The diocese could have employed new technology sooner, particularly in outreach to young people. These technologies will enable all churches and missions in the Diocese to better participate in Cathedral activities. We have found that the habits of attendance and financial support amongst the seasoned members of the Cathedral have held up through the pandemic, but we must redouble our efforts to reach out to the young, who did not have a strong churchgoing habit before the pandemic.*

*The creation of new ways of being and connecting supported with the discovery of our untapped resourcefulness and resilience should now be applied in creative ways to reach the young across our diocese. The Diocese should seek to expand its connectedness with as wide a community as possible. I do not believe that this experience is limited to the life of Trinity Cathedral. I believe that lessons have been learned across the Diocese, and that new technology and practices have been adopted widely. As a Board of Trustees, we must gather the wisdom that has been learned throughout our Diocese and encourage ongoing adoption of new technology and practices to reach the young and isolated. I would hope that we might find resources to support smaller parishes and missions in aiding their adoption of new technology and practices so that everyone, throughout the Diocese, can benefit from the lessons we have learned during this pandemic. Equally important, these new technologies should allow the Diocese to reach more potential members that are looking for a safe space to explore and grow their spirituality and to develop a faith tradition.*