

## GOVERNANCE NOMINEES | BOARD OF TRUSTEES



### **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.

## 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?***

*Living into our mission statement will require both trust and imagination. Trust grows from transparency of action and compassion for one another. Imagination grows from the capacity to open and change one’s mind, take risks, and learn from our mistakes. I have witnessed this happening at my old parish in Sebastopol where the Rev. Christy Laborda Harris is exploring new ways of drawing young parents onto the campus and engaging in new conversations in new ways - providing a safe place for young parents to both socialize and have their children present. I am witnessing this happening in the small congregation in Gualala which during the pandemic was “evicted” from the worship space they shared with the local Roman Catholic congregation for 27 years. Since March, 2020 the congregation has thrived without a physical home and is exploring how to be church while “wandering in the wilderness.” It is both a terrifying and exciting time.*

*Coming out of this pandemic, the Diocese can be a central resource for both theological vision and technical competency. We can enable small congregations to do big things.*

### QUESTION 2:

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

*As I just said, I see the diocese as a resource and inspiration for both a theological vision that is responsive to the anxieties of our population, finds way to build bridges across cultural barriers, and make technological tools available to small congregations.*