

Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania

Nominees for Diocesan Offices at the 114th Convention

Standing Committee - Lay (Elect One to a 4 Year Term)



Robin Murray (St. John's, Franklin)

I've considered running for Standing Committee for several years, but this year there was a nudge to follow through. I was born in Franklin attending St. John's. Because of this strong tie, the future of St. John's, the diocese and the church as a whole is very important to me. There are so many good memories of growing up in church I want others to have that same experience and connection to the church. Our actions and taking the church into the community is the way to accomplish this. As a Stephen Minister and leader we are trained in listening to the needs of others and confidentiality. I'm great at listening and seeing both sides in a discussion and with the changes the diocese is about to experience this would be a valuable tool. I'm also on altar guild, a Daughter of the King and recently completed the online course for vergers. I'm finishing up two terms on the Bishop's committee as clerk. I consider myself semi-retired, working as a secretary in legal aid twelve hours a week. I have the available time to dedicate to the work of this committee. Thank you.



Ed Palattella (Cathedral of St. Paul, Erie)

A period of transition has arrived for the Diocese of NWPA and its partnership with the Diocese of Western New York. As the respective Standing Committees search for a new bishop, I believe I have the temperament, experience and commitment to aid the process and make it as transparent as possible. I have served on Diocesan Council since 2009 and am its current vice president. I am the senior warden at the Cathedral of St. Paul, a post I have held periodically for decades. And I am a three-time delegate to General Convention. My work in the diocese and the national church has prepared me for this role. I would interact with many people with whom I have built strong relationships over the years. I would be honored to serve on Standing Committee for the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania at this key moment.

Standing Committee - Clergy (Elect One to a 4 Year Term)



The Rev. Bill Ellis (Church of the Holy Trinity, Houtzdale)

As a clergy raised up from my home congregation, I have felt a call to be involved in the life and direction of these two dioceses as they travel this experiment. Having worked in the automotive industry for over 40 years dealing on the corporate level and one on one with customers, I feel that I possess the experience to provide valuable insight in the decision making process of the Standing Committee. I would appreciate your support.

Diocesan Council - Lay (Elect One to a 4 Year Term)



Cheryl Wild (Memorial Church of Our Father, Foxburg)

I feel called to continue serving on Diocesan Council, especially at this critical time in our diocese. I serve as a consultant and liaison for the partnership Commission on Ministry as well as a lay representative to Province III Synod and a member of the Grants Committee. These ministries have enabled me to become active in the life of both the diocese and the partnership. As a member of Memorial Church of Our Father, Foxburg, I publish the weekly newsletter and handle the social activities. I am honored to be a member of this Christ-centered congregation. This church lies on the outskirts of the diocese, and being active in diocesan work has enabled me to keep our members informed and interested in the work of the partnership. A mental health outpatient therapist, I bring my counseling and mediating skills to this work.

Diocesan Council - Deacon (Elect One to a 4 Year Term)



The Rev. David Betz (St. John's, Franklin)

Deacon Betz is an excellent resource for property review and management, has served on Council, and would like to continue to offer his expertise. Having served on Council myself, I believe he would be an asset to the group.
The Rev. Shawn Clerkin, Vicar of St. John's, Franklin

Diocesan Council - Priest (Elect One to a 4 Year Term)



The Rev. Timothy Kroh (Church of the Holy Trinity, Brookville & Church of Our Saviour, DuBois)

Over 20 years ago I served on our Diocesan Council as lay representative from the Southeast Deanery, and I feel called to serve again because I want to help sustain our positive direction in this time of transition. I bring gifts of discernment, commitment, prayer, common sense, and a non-anxious presence; as well as 18 years of experience as a priest serving in a wide variety of ministries in five dioceses.



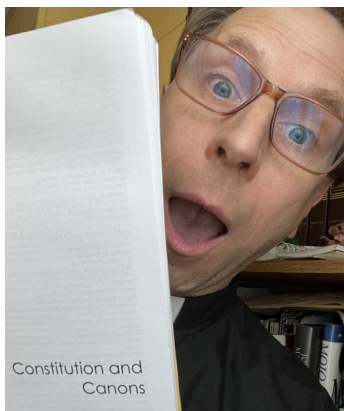
The Rev. John Wise (St. Clement's, Greenville & Resurrection, Hermitage)

I feel called to serve at this time particularly because our diocese is in a period of transition and possible growth. As a former college administrator, I have experience with budgets and finances for non-profit organizations.

Constitution and Canons Committee - Lay ((Elect One to a 3 Year Term)

No nominees at this time

Constitution and Canons Committee - Clergy (Elect One to a 3 Year Term)



The Rev. Canon Dr. Adam Trambley (St. John's, Sharon)

I have worked on the Constitution and Canons for our Diocese and the wider Episcopal Church for many years, including serving as secretary for the churchwide Standing Commission on Governance, Structure, Constitution and Canons and as chair of our Diocesan Constitution and Canons committee. As we look ahead to the next phase of our common life and ministry, we will need to adapt our governing documents to offer the flexibility to meet the coming challenges and opportunities. I would like to continue to use my experience to serve our diocese in this capacity.