

Nominee Information

Standing Committee (3-year term) – Clergy

Nominee: The Very Rev. Mark Strobel, Gethsemane Cathedral, Fargo

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.
I have completed one term as a member of the Standing Committee. During that time I served on the interview committee in the search for a Provisional Bishop and have been a member of the Transition Team working with Bp Ely in the first months of his ministry among us. I have served as Dean of Gethsemane Cathedral since February 2015.
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?
In my first term on the Standing Committee we worked on a number of stages in the current transition process: retirement of a Bishop, securing an Assisting Bishop, overseeing work of the discernment task force, and serving with Bp Ely in his ministry as Provisional Bishop. I hope take that experience into the new season of ministry as we work together on plans for the future ministry the diocese.

Standing Committee (3-year term) – Lay

Nominee: Robert Fox, St. Paul's, White Shield

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.
I am currently on the standing committee and also serve on the finance.
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?
I like helping the Episcopal church in north dakota and have a multicultural back ground and experiences.

Standing Committee (2-year term) – Lay

Nominee: Jason Thoms, St. George's, Bismarck

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.
I have worked in a variety of churches as a Musci Director or professional singer for 25+ years. I understand many of the issues the Church deals with, and have leadership experience in these.
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?
I have significant administrative experience and feel comfortable complex issues. I have extensive experience and understanding of Church issues, and believe firmly in the beliefs of the Episcopal church.

West Region Representative to Council #1 (3-year term)

Nominee: Tammy Enockson, St. George's, Bismarck

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.
 - two years on Council – ND
 - served on Vestry in Chicago parish
 - served as Junior Warden in Chicago parish
 - hours and hours of looking at and mostly understanding financial spreadsheets
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?

The Council has been working diligently to accomplish the goals set out in the DDTF report and that work is not done. I would live the opportunity to continue this work. My gifts include seeing the bigger picture while not losing sight of the details, thinking outside the box and heaving superhero instinct.

West Region Representative to Council #1 (3-year term)

Nominee: George Abdilnour, St. Peter's, Williston

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.

I have been on the vestry for St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Senior Warden for the past 3 years. Throughout this time I helped move St. Peter's forward through a number of difficult situations as well as maintain the regular operation of the church. As Sr. Warden I was able to effectively come up with plans and delegate duties to promote the church and its mission. I also serve as a Board member of the NDEF council as secretary and vice president.
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?

I wish to serve this ministry in accordance with the Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of ND. I would like to bring my experience to this position along with a desire to bring people to Christ, using my gifts and talents.

West Region Representative to Council #2 (3-year term)

Nominee: Christi Iron Eyes, St. Luke's, Fort Yates

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.

Christi works for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in their Higher Education Office. In that capacity she has a good vantage point for knowing her community well. Her work requires that she administers policies and requirements that keep her program functioning well as it delivers its service to members of the Standing Rock Nation.
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?

We nominate Christi because of her gifts and abilities that she has to offer this diocese. She is kind hearted and is motivated to be inclusive of everyone. She pays attention to the various stages of life – loving children, making friends with adults and caring for elderly. Nominated by Fr. John Floberg, Nominations Committee

East Region Representative to Council #1 (3-year term)

Nominee: Brandy Watson, Grace Church, Jamestown

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.
I have worked on several church and community related leadership teams over the years. I am currently serving on the vestry at Grace Church in Jamestown and was a part of the Diocesan Discernment Task Force.
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?
I have always enjoyed working as part of a team to serve the greater good of a particular group. I am creative and forward-thinking and have a gift for seeing the big picture. I also bring empathy and a sense of calm to difficult discussions.

East Region Representative to Council #2 (3-year term)

Nominee: Stephanie Garcia, St. Stephen's, Fargo

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.
I live my values as an Episcopalian to the best of my abilities in my spiritual, personal, and professional life. I believe that I have the correct temperament and general sense of principle that is foundational to serving the ministries. As a younger member of the church, I have a diverse perspective that can help shape shared decision making in a forward direction. Finally, I am generally organized and reliable individual and open to meeting all expectations.
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?
I have considered myself an Episcopalian for several years now but did not experience true membership and belonging until I moved to this state and became a member of my church at St. Stephens within the Diocese of North Dakota. I am now looking for a way to have an impact on the larger church and humbly serve. I am a bridge builder and I hope to bring my gifts of fostering warm interpersonal relationships to the position. I also like to think I am strong critical thinking skills and am dedicated to reasoning through obstacles.

East Region Representative to Council #3 (3-year term)