

## 2020 Standing Committee Nominations

### CLERGY NOMINEE



**Nominee:** The Rev. Christie Hord

**Church:** St. John's Episcopal Church, Pensacola

**Nominated by:** The Rev. Mary Alice Mathison

**Church:** St. Thomas By the Sea, Laguna Beach and Grace, Panama City Beach

**Occupation:** Priest

**Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:** I have served in the church in varying capacities since I was confirmed in 1999. As a lay leader I served as chairperson for various church committees. I served on a search committee and served as a vestry member. As an ordained member of the church I have served in 3 different congregations of various size, resources and cultures. All of the above have offered many opportunities to learn, grow, and better understand the multifaceted nature of ministry in a broad context. I grew up in The Central Gulf Coast and believe that familiarity offers insight into what makes this part of Florida/Alabama tick. I have a grasp of the local culture and have seen how changes in that culture are at times widely welcome and at other times strongly opposed.

**What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?** In my opinion, the biggest challenge facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast is to continue to worship, preach, invite, encourage, pray and teach from a position of abundance and not from a position of scarcity. God will provide whatever we need if we are willing to let go of fear and step out into what may seem unknown to us but has always proven to be one of the biggest truths of our faith - if we are faithful followers, committed in prayer and discernment, and practice the Way of Love, God will make available to us what we will need in ministry. This, of course, does not mean it will be easy. Functioning out of a mindset of abundance rather than scarcity is a great challenge and a wonderful life giving opportunity.

**What sustains you in your spiritual life?** I am grateful to have a group of close friends who are supportive and encouraging and who know me well. I am lucky to have found great camaraderie with the other clergy in our diocese. I appreciate the Spiritual Direction the diocese offers to the clergy and I have a standing appointment with my spiritual director once a month. I have recently re-engaged in practicing yoga and Centering Prayer (meditation). I work hard to maintain a daily devotion time of at least 30 minutes. All of the above practices help to sustain me in my spiritual life though none seem to be as effective as practicing daily gratitude - at least 3 things, every day, I am grateful for. This gratitude practice keeps me mindful of the many ways God is made known in our daily life.

## 2020 Standing Committee Nominations

### LAY NOMINEE



**Nominee:** Terry Moore III

**Church:** St. James, Fairhope

**Nominated by:** Gabriel Chamblin

**Church:** St. James, Fairhope

**Occupation:** Retired from International Paper

**Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:** Young in different parts of the world, - Mobile, Washington DC, & Japan. Freshman HS - Yamato, Japan; 10-12 @ Murphy HS-Mobile. College at Virginia Military Institute, BSCE in 1967. Joined USAF; obtained Professional CE Registration [1972] & MS degree Administration [1975]. Married Vera [Beth] Elizabeth Caldwell of Mobile. 3 children: son Terry IV,; twins Serena & Frances; 4 grandchildren. Deacon [Mobile, AL & Stamford, CT] & Elder [Reedsport, OR] = Presbyterian Church; Tres Dias [interdenominational Cursillo] & leadership training in Stamford, CT; > Member St George's Episcopal Church [1991-95, Germantown, TN] & St John's Episcopal Church [1995-2008, Memphis, TN]; Vestry member St George's Episcopal Church & Board member of the St George's Episcopal School - Germantown, TN; Member St James Episcopal Church since 2008; Member 2016 Rector Search Committee -St James; Member & Co-chair 2017 Preschool Project Committee for St James; Ushering, men's group, BOSA, Bible study, work parties, financial committees, supper groups, etc.; USAF [1967-74]: Engineering mgmt positions- Florida, South Korea, & Virginia; International Paper Co [1974-2008]: Construction, Product Mgmt/Mkt, Sales; Retired & relocated to Daphne, AL 2008; Church; Genealogy, Travel, Stamps, & Woodworking

**What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?** Challenges: 1) Involving the youth & getting them involved in the church early on so they incorporate their faith into their everyday life; 2) Developing a program to incorporate endowment for all to increase the diocese resources to focus on forward thinking and programs; 3) Including senior parishioners in parish activities; 4) Understanding our faith, prayer, and commitment to Christ.

**What sustains you in your spiritual life?** Interaction with parishioners to fortify my faith in our Lord, Bible study, prayer, and personal involvement in church life.

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### LAY NOMINEE



**Nominee:** Bruce Partington  
**Church:** Christ Church, Pensacola

**Nominated by:** Scott Remington  
**Church:** St. Christopher's, Pensacola

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:** I have served on the Vestry at Christ Church three terms, including one year as Senior Warden, and three as Clerk. I am a Trustee of our Endowment Trust. I attended Beckwith for some number of years (that I cannot recall) as a child. I deeply treasure all that is the Episcopal Church -- its theology, its polity, its history, its openness, and particularly its appreciation for diversity of perspectives, thought and opinion. I have also served on three discernment committees, and in a host of other roles within Christ Church. As my term on our Vestry concludes, I appreciate the opportunity to serve the wider Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

**What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?** The greatest opportunities for the Church are presented through our openness and tolerance, even encouragement, for diversity of perspectives. If media reports are correct, there is an ongoing exodus of young people from the rigidity of fundamentalism. This coincides with many of the demographic trends in American society. Those leaving fundamentalist denominations come from a faith tradition, and are likely casting about for another. Our message of love and inclusion and tolerance is a "room" that we need to find a way to ensure they can find. The greatest challenges come from the same trends -- unfortunately the rigidity and intolerance that is so often incorrectly presented as what "Christianity" broadly is and what "Christians" believe is harmful to us as well. While "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You" is a succinct and enduring message, it does not communicate enough about what folks will find when they come here. The challenges and opportunities for the Central Gulf Coast are largely the same, with the additional challenges posed by the devastation of Hurricane Michael in the eastern portion of the Diocese.

**What sustains you in your spiritual life?** *The Book of Common Prayer* is a profound and enduring resource for me. I can almost always find the prayer that I need at a particular time, and the structures of the liturgies and sacraments are an important link not just to our own history as a denomination, but to the history of Christianity itself. I am also sustained by the beauty and consistency (and the variety within that consistency) of traditional Anglican liturgy, both through the liturgical structure itself and music. That present touch to the past, and the continuing relevance and wisdom reflected in that liturgical tradition speak deeply to me. Finally, I have found sustenance in various means of contemplative prayer and traditions over time. And, of course, my wife and children are a constant source of joy and love which keep me grounded and my priorities in line.