

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOMINEES



The Rev. Candice B. Frazer

Diocese of Alabama
Church of the Ascension, Rector
Montgomery, AL

General Convention deputy 2015, 2018 and 2022, serving on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing legislative committee (secretary); EYE

Province IV: Delegate to Synod 2015, 2018 and 2022; PYE

Diocesan activities: Member of Diocesan Council; Standing Committee, president; Cursillo; Dept of Stewardship, chair; Dept of Camp McDowell; Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage Youth Retreats

Local: Support Sacred Ground pilgrimages to Montgomery/Selma area with logistics and hospitality; Outreach with under-privileged children and youth especially in areas of education; Officiated same sex marriages; teach and lead Active Compassion meditation groups; Led a Way of Love series to foster Beloved Community within the parish

Personal: Civic involvement in justice related actions including Our Montgomery which organizes monthly prayer walks through neighborhoods in Montgomery; Member and former chair of Citizen's Advisory Council (hears all pre-trial diversion cases for the DA to give people a second chance and keep out of prison); Invocation for Rosa Parks Day, AL Ethics Commission, AL Dept of Education, AL State Senate, AL Bar Association, Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, and other state and civic groups.



The Rev. Christie Hord

Diocese of Central Gulf Coast
St. John's Episcopal Church, rector
Pensacola, FL

This year I will serve as a deputy from our diocese to the 80th General Convention. I am and have been a presenter/speaker/workshop leader for national conferences including FORMA and the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (now EPN). While The Episcopal Church does not sponsor these organizations, they have offered opportunity to stay connected to and in tune with the broader church and its governance.

Provincial Activities: This synod gathering is my first specifically provincial activity within Province IV. I have been active in organizations that have come through Province IV, but were not necessarily affiliated with Province IV.

Diocesan Activities: I am currently serving my third year on the Bishop's Standing Committee. I have been elected as a deputy to the 80th General Convention. I served as an instructor for the Diocesan School for Ministry in its second year. I am currently serving as the Dean to Convocation III of our diocese. I have been honored to be asked to work with ministry interns as a part of the diocesan discernment process. I have served as summer camp session Dean on several occasions at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center.

Parish Activities: I am currently serving as Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Pensacola, Florida. St. John's is a historic parish to our area (1850). Together with the lay leadership we have been able to re-develop and grow what was a dying parish when I arrived in 2017. St. John's is well on its way to becoming a very desirable parish to attract talented clergy to our area as well as new Episcopalians and new Christians. Prior to being called to St. John's, I served as an Associate Rector at Christ Church Parish in Pensacola, Florida.

Personal: I live in Gulf Breeze, Florida with my husband, our two daughters and a variety of furry and feathered pets including three egg laying chickens. When the weather is nice, I enjoy outside activities involving anything saltwater oriented. Reading is also a favorite pastime and recently, watching Tik Tok videos has become a new favorite for laughing and winding down.



The Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant II

Diocese of South Carolina
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, rector
North Myrtle Beach, SC

Deputy to General Conventions, 2015 and 2018; Liberian Covenant Committee of General Convention (2015-present); Liberian Episcopal Community in the United States, chair; Union of Black Episcopalians, board member

Provincial Activities: Participation in Province IV Synods

Diocesan Activities: Steering Committee which led the reorganization of the Diocese, 2012; Standing Committee, member and president; Diocesan Council, member and chair.

Parish Activities: Since 2002, led St. Stephen's and overseen the administration, worship, and overall life of the parish.

Personal: Originally from Liberia, West Africa, ordained priest, 1987; Episcopal Divinity School, MDiv; Weston Jesuit School of Theology; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Paterson NJ, associate rector; Trinity Episcopal Church, South Bronx NY, priest-in-charge.



The Rev. Steve Pankey

Diocese of Kentucky
Christ Episcopal Church, Rector
Bowling Green, KY

Member of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church (filling an unexpired term since February 2020); Member of the Joint Standing Committee on Mission Within the Episcopal Church (2020-Present); Deputy to the 80th General Convention; Liaison to the New Episcopal Community Grant Committee (2022); Co-author of the Task Force on Leveraging Social Media for Evangelism's "Good News Everywhere: A Practical Theology of Evangelism and Social Media." I'm thankful every day to work with a great staff and congregation

of disciples who seek to radiate God's love to all.

Province IV: Member of the Province IV Executive Committee (2020 - Present)

Diocesan activities: Member of Bishop, Trustees, and Council since 2018, Vice-President since 2021; Chair of the Diocesan Budget Committee (2022)

Local: Board Member of the United Way of Southern Kentucky (2018-Present), Treasurer (2020-2021); Chair (2022). Member of the Tornado Long-Term Recovery Group (2022)

Personal: Married to Cassie, and father of Eliza and Lainey.