

# **BIOGRAPHIES OF THOSE NOMINATED TO SERVE**

## **STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Clerical Order** - one presbyter to serve a three-year term

### **THE REV. MATTHEW D. COWDEN**

53720 N. Ironwood  
South Bend, IN 46635  
Parish: St. Michael & All Angels, South Bend

Father Cowden is the Rector of St. Michael & All Angels, South Bend. He is a participant in the Church Development Institute (CDI). In his experience in previous dioceses, he has served on the Communication Committee for the Diocese of Southeast Florida; assisted the Bishop of Washington in the preparation and processing of annual parish visits, including providing assessments of the state of each parish visited; served as secretary to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Washington; and was a member of the Committee on Education for the Diocese of Virginia.

He states, "All of my experiences have enhanced my vision of the landscape of diocesan ecclesiology and given me an Anglican understanding of the life of a diocese; a unique sense of 'both/and' rather than 'either/or'. I believe it is necessary for members of the Standing Committee to be committed 'both/and' to local parish circumstances as well as the life of the whole diocese, wrestling with the tensions and promoting harmony. I am comfortable with patient discernment when difficult circumstances call for it. I am also comfortable moving into conflict for the sake of seeking Christ's wisdom and pursuing peace. I wish to serve because I love this diocese and would be honored to lend my voice to its health and development."

### **THE REV. BENNETT G. JONES II**

1101 Park Drive  
Munster, Indiana 46321  
Parish: St. Paul's, Munster

Father Jones, Rector of St. Paul, Munster, previous served on the Standing Committee from 2003 to 2009, serving as its Secretary from 2004 to 2005 and President from 2006 to 2009. He has twenty-four years of experience in ordained ministry and has served at St. Paul's for the past ten years. He has also served on the Diocesan Council, on the Finance Committee, as an instructor for homiletics in the Northern Indiana School of Theology, and as a deputy to General Convention twice.

He states, "I love the Lord and in obedience to his call, I accepted nomination to the Standing Committee in 2003. It was the first time I had served on a Standing Committee. Throughout the time I served I realized how important it is for all voices to be heard in diocesan and national ministries. I bring a clear understanding of what makes the Episcopal Church "tick".

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**Lay Order** - one layperson to serve a three-year term

CYNTHIA GUZZO

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Elkhart, IN 46514

Parish: St. David's, Elkhart

Cynthia Guzzo is a lifelong Episcopalian and a member of the Daughters of the King. At St. David's she participates in the Altar Guild, St. Gregory Choir, Vestry, and ECW. She is an Adult Sunday School leader, lay reader, acolyte, and Lay Eucharistic Minister. She served on St. David's Search Committee in 1991. She has served the diocese as a member of the Standing Committee, Province V representative, and on the Episcopal Election Committee in 1999. She has been a delegate to Diocesan Convention for over twenty years. She is currently employed as a Court Reporter for the Elkhart Superior Court VI. She and her husband, Frank, have two children and two grandchildren.

## ECCLESIASTICAL TRIAL COURT & DISCIPLINARY BOARD

*Please note, upon adoption of Resolution 1 (enclosed), the Trial Court will function until July 1<sup>st</sup> after which it will be replaced by the Disciplinary Board. One lay seat on the Court needs to be filled for the sixth month period and that person has also agreed to run for the Board.*

**Clerical Order** – two clerics to serve a three-year term

### THE REV. DR. THOMAS P. HANSEN

611 W. Berry St.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
Parish: Trinity, Fort Wayne

Father Hansen served in the Diocese of Colorado and Wyoming following ordination in 1978. He moved to Nebraska in January 1986 where he served 20 years in three positions, Rector of St. John's, Broken Bow, Canon Missioner with the Diocese of Nebraska where he planted a church, St. Martha's, Papillion, and assisted congregations around the diocese with development concerns. His third position was as Rector of St. Luke's, Kearney, 2001 - 2006. While in Nebraska, he was elected to serve two three year terms on the Executive Council of the Diocese, two terms on the Standing Committee and was elected to serve as president of the Standing Committee by its members in 2003, 2004, and 2005. The Standing Committee oversaw the election and consecration of a new Bishop during his second term. He also served two appointed terms on the Bishop and Trustees of the Diocese of Nebraska, and was appointed to two three year terms on the Commission on Ministry.

Father Hansen has served Trinity, Fort Wayne as its Rector since July 2006. Currently he is serving as co-Dean of the Eastern Deanery, is on the existing Trial Court, and is a director of the Foundation of the Diocese of Northern Indiana, Inc.

### THE REV. HENRY G. RANDOLPH JR.

26824 County Road 4 West  
Elkhart, IN 46514  
Parish: St. David's, Elkhart

Father Randolph has been Rector of Saint David's, Elkhart since 1991. In 2002, Bishop Little appointed him Vocations Director, a part-time position on the diocesan staff. Currently he is serving on the Ecclesiastical Trial Court and as co-Dean of the Central Deanery. In the past, he has served on the Stewardship, Episcopal Election, and Constitution & Canons Committees, and the Commission on Ministry as well as a deputy to General Convention in 2009.

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**Lay Order** – two laypeople to serve a three-year term

MR. STEPHEN DRENDALL

17213 Ireland Road  
South Bend, IN 46614  
Parish: St. Paul's, Mishawaka

Stephen Drendall has practiced law in South Bend since 1978, also serving as a family law mediator. Within the Church he has served as Diocesan Convention delegate, Senior Warden, vestry member, choirmaster, cantor and advisor to Diocesan and parochial leaders. He currently serves as the Choir Director at St. Paul's, Mishawaka. His wife, Deborah, is a South Bend native; his children both graduated from the University of Notre Dame.

MR. DAVID WRIGHT

3238 Maxim Drive  
Fort Wayne, IN 46815  
Parish: Trinity, Fort Wayne

David Wright is an attorney and a member of Trinity, Fort Wayne. He has served on its Vestry, twice as the Senior Warden. In the parish, he has also served as the Chair of the Finance Commission and on a search committee. He served as Chancellor of the Diocese from 1992 to 1997. He and wife, Barbara, have two grown children and three grandchildren.

Note: *Mr. Wright has also agreed to serve on the Trial Court for the interim six month period.*

## DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION

**Clerical Order** – four deputies are elected; alternates are next highest vote getters.

### THE REV. ANTHONY F.M. CLAVIER

708 Harrison  
LaPorte, IN 46350  
Parish: St. Paul's, LaPorte

Father Clavier is the Rector of St. Paul's, LaPorte and serves as co-Dean of the Western Deanery. Beginning in 1970, he attended as an ecumenical guest and finally as a member of the media corp, having served as editor of LEAVEN, the journal of the National Network of Episcopal Clergy Associations. He was elected an alternate from West Virginia for 2009.

He states, "I take a keen interest in the Anglican Communion and our own Episcopal Church and contribute to the web site of the Bishops/Deputies List of General Convention. I am well known in the church, and write and blog on Communion and Episcopal Church matters. I hope I would be able to bring my experience, my prayerful concerns and familiarity with many of the issues and friendship with bishops and deputies across the spectrum of Episcopalian experience. I would hope to be a voice for moderation and reconciliation as well as for our tradition as Anglicans and Episcopalians. I would be honored to serve the diocese as a Deputy."

### THE VERY REV. BRIAN G. GRANTZ

117 N. Lafayette Blvd.  
South Bend, IN 46601  
Parish: Cathedral of St. James, South Bend

Dean Grantz has served the diocese in three distinct periods of ministry. From 1998 to 1994, he served as Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinator under Bishop Gray and was also involved in Province V youth ministry, regional youth ministry and Christian Education, and conference center ministry at Wawasee. From 1997 to 2006, he served as Assistant to the Rector and Rector at Saint Anne's, Warsaw. During this time, he was elected to Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee (including two years as President), and Deputy to General Convention in 2000 and 2003 (Chair of the Deputation). While in Warsaw, he also served on civic boards for community development, housing, and social services. He also chaired the 2006 deputation until he accepted a call to Louisiana. While in Louisiana, he served in Katrina-ravaged Slidell at Christ Episcopal Church—a formative experience in which he witnessed the church rally around a common cause in a season of extraordinary need. In 2008, he returned to serve as Dean of the Cathedral. His favorite role in the diocese continues to be a musician at Summer Camp. He is also serving on the Standing Committee, participating in the Church Development Institute (CDI), and chairing the Ministry Models Task Group.

He states, "First, and without meaning to be either goofy or cliché, because I love this Diocese and I love the Episcopal Church. Earnest praise and honest critique are both manifestations of deep care and concern, and I care enough to offer both. Second, I am a moderate voice. While I tend to "lean left" on social issues, I am also deeply concerned about catholicity, about carefully evaluating the theological and ecclesiological implications of our actions, and about not casting off our historical moorings. My primary gift for this ministry, in all honesty, is that I have done this before, I know how it works and what it takes, and I am willing to work hard at it again (and it is *a lot* of work). I have also – somehow – accrued an interesting breadth of experience in ministry with all kinds of people in many different circumstances. I bear witness to a broad range of the human experience in all its complexity among those who strive to know and serve God in Jesus Christ, and I bring all of it to the conversation at General Convention."

THE REV SUSAN B. HAYNES

616 Lincolnway  
Mishawaka, IN 46544  
Parish: St. Paul's, Mishawaka

Mother Haynes is Rector of St. Paul's, Mishawaka, having previously served as an Associate and Priest-in-Charge at the Cathedral of St. James, South Bend. She is a member of Diocesan Council, chairs the Ethics Committee, is the Chaplain for the Diocesan Chapter of Daughters of the King, serves the Bishop as a Diocesan Liturgist, and is an intern trainer for the Church Development Institute (CDI). She has resided in the diocese for ten years.

She states, "One of the strengths of the Episcopal Church of which I have become aware is the fact that no one parish exists in isolation. To this ministry I bring a strong desire to emphasize our interconnectedness...as a diocese with the wider church and with the Anglican Communion, and our imperative to work together to accomplish the mission with which our Lord entrusted us. Through my own ministry of prayer, spiritual direction and discernment as a priest, I bring a conviction that consensus and collaboration can be achieved by being attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit, even in the midst of conflict. My past work in the mental health field as a lay person, gave me the opportunity to converse and work with folks from many diverse backgrounds."

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He states, "I want to serve because it is more important than ever for orthodox clergy and laity to maintain a presence in the leadership in the Episcopal Church. It takes participation in at least on General Convention before serving on a committee (where the real work of convention occurs). I bring my love for the Lord and the Episcopal Church to bear on this ministry. I also bring administrative and organizational experience I've gained from leading the Deputation for the past two Conventions as Chairman."

THE REV. RICHARD B. LIGHTSEY

602 W. Superior St.  
Kokomo, IN 46901  
Parish: St Andrew, Kokomo

Father Lightsey has been Rector of St. Andrew, Kokomo since 2000. He has also served the diocese as a member of Diocesan Council, a member of the Whatever It Takes Task Force, as Dean of the former Wabash Deanery, and as a graduate of the diocesan Church Development Institute (CDI). He was elected to serve as a deputy at General Convention in 2009.

He states, "I believe I have brought a healthy and respectful, though sometimes differing voice concerning the issues our diocese is engaged along with the National Church. I have worked hard to maintain my own parish of Saint Andrew within the mainstream of the Episcopal Church and wish to continue that work in the Diocese."

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He states, "Many years of teaching about the nature and mission of the Church enable me to help with our process of deliberation and legislative action on these issues of unity in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. My approach to potentially divisive matters is conciliatory, seeking to keep opposing sides in conversation in respectful and civil ways. This seems to me to be the more effective way to accomplish the ministry of reconciliation that Christ Jesus has given us."

THE REV. DR. JAMES H. WARNOCK

803 S. Washington St.  
Marion, IN 46953  
Parish: Gethsemane, Marion

Father Jim Warnock served in the Coast Guard before working for several years with a Christian mission in California. He became an Episcopalian while studying for a Master's in Christian Studies at Regent College in British Columbia. He earned a Ph.D. in American history from the University of Washington and taught at the college level for several years before being ordained in 1999. He served as assistant at All Saints' in Long Beach, California, before coming to Northern Indiana. He has been the rector of Gethsemane in Marion since December of 2002.

Currently in Northern Indiana Fr. Warnock serves as co-Dean of the Fort Wayne Deanery. He has this year completed his second term on the Standing Committee. He is a member of the Commission on Ministry and an examining chaplain. He also leads the diocesan reconciliation team.

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PAMELA BARNES HARRIS

189 Wexford Road  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
Parish: St. Andrew's, Valparaiso

Pamela Barnes Harris has been active in parish and diocesan leadership rolls for over 20 years. She represented the diocese as a deputy at General Convention in 2009, where she served on the Legislative Committee. She currently serves on the Standing Committee.

She states, "I wish to serve in this ministry because I believe I was a valuable member of our deputation in 2009 and still have an equally valuable role to play in the next deputation. I feel that my ability to recognize and rationally consider all sides of an issue along with my strong belief in the 'via media' and recognition of the pastoral needs of those in dissention are strengths which I can bring to this important service, especially during this time of trial."

CELESTE HILLIARD

17690 Fall Creek Drive  
Granger, IN 46530  
Parish: Cathedral of St. James, South Bend

Celeste Hilliard has served at both the parish and diocesan levels. She has served on the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. James, served on a search committee, was appointed to the Cathedral's long range planning committee, and has chaired a myriad of support committees. In the diocese, she has been active through the Daughters of the King, currently serving as the diocesan president and on the provincial board. She has been a schoolteacher for 37 years.

She states, "I know what it means to be in the minority. I am the mother of a special needs daughter. We have overcome many heart aches as we have functioned in a world that didn't seem to care about our needs or our feelings. I think this is important in that it has made me a better listener and has enabled me to enter into real dialogue with others with whom I may not agree. My willingness to look beyond politics may seem naïve, but I believe this may be the greatest gift I would bring to this ministry. I am also a good listener and believe I will bring an open mind to the forum. My eagerness to be part of the growth and stability of the Episcopal Church would enhance my being a delegate to this convention. I believe that although the Episcopal Church is facing new challenges, our church can once again survive if we are diligent in our prayers as we seek guidance to follow our Lord's will rather than our own. I believe I can be a voice for the parishioners of Northern Indiana."

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## THEDRO “TED” KIMBALL

5631 Inland Trail  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825  
Parish: Grace, Fort Wayne

Ted Kimball is a cradle Episcopalian and has served on vestries of several parishes. At Grace Church, he has served as Senior Warden. In the diocese, he has served on the Congregation Revitalization & Development Committee, the Greater Cathedral Chapter, as lay director of Cursillo, and as a participant in the Church Development Institute (CDI). He is also active in Faith Alive. His professional experience includes work as an engineer and program manager.

He states, “I have been active at the parish and diocesan levels of the church. I strive to keep my focus on Jesus and look for Him in everyone I meet. I have honed my leadership skills through work and the church. I would like to apply these skills to the church at the national level.

## TIMOTHY SKIMINA

8941 Kennedy Avenue  
Highland, IN 46322  
Parish: St. Timothy’s, Griffith

Timothy Skimina has been a member of St. Timothy’s, Griffith for over 40 years. He has served both that parish in a number of capacities: acolyte, vestry member, Junior and Senior Warden. In the diocese he served in a number of roles in youth ministry including camp counselor, co-chair of the former Diocesan Youth Council, and advisor for the Episcopal Youth Event in Oklahoma City. He has served on the Nominations Committee, Wawasee Committee, Episcopal Community Service Board in Gary, and Companeros en Cristo Committee (having been chair since 2005). On an international level, he was served on the Board of Directors of the Global Episcopal Mission Network since 2008, with his second term ending in 2013. He has also represented the diocese at the Network since 2004 and also at Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation. Additionally, he has served on seven short term mission trips—six to Honduras and one to Detroit.

He states, “I wish to be a deputy to General Convention to continue to serve Christ and the Church. I have a strong interest in social concerns and the needs of the poor. How can we represent Christ in a broken world?”

## JIM STANLEY

7613 Ensign Court  
Fort Wayne, IN 46816  
Parish: Grace, Fort Wayne

Jim Stanley is a licensed lay preacher in the Diocese of Northern Indiana, a Eucharistic minister and a teacher/facilitator of Adult Christian Formation, and was elected to the Standing Committee in 2008. He chaired Grace Episcopal Church’s Rector Search Committee in 2007, served one term on Vestry and is now conducting a ministry internship for college credit focusing on worship and music. He is currently in the discernment process for ordination to the priesthood.

Jim currently divides his vocational time between the diverse duties of a free-lance journalist and an online dealer in Civil War artifacts and documents. His ecclesiastical passion is calling the church to creedal orthodoxy, inclusive social justice and mutual love. Jim, his wife Carrie, and their daughter, Rachel, live in Fort Wayne and have attended Grace Episcopal Church since 1998.

## CHARLOTTE STROWHORN

1033 Williams St.  
Gary, IN 46404  
Parish: St. Augustine's, Gary

Charlotte Strowhorn is a long-time, active parishioner of St. Augustine's, Gary. She is the president of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, the Secretary of the Province V Synod and has served as a deputy to General Convention five times. She was the first president of the Board of Directors of St. Margaret's House and was co-chairman of the Transition Committee to Elect and Consecrate the Seventh Bishop of Northern Indiana. She founded Camp New Happenings, a diocesan camp for the children of prisoners and was recently received an award from the Quality of Life Council of Northwest Indiana for doing so.

She states, "My ability to work as a team member, focus on issues, and to think independently would assist in the discussion and implementation of the Church's program and policies."

## SCOTT WRIGHT

248 N 600 E  
Greentown, IN 46936  
Parish: St. Andrew, Kokomo

Scott Wright served as a deputy to General Convention in 2009 and participated in the provincial meeting prior that spring. He has served as a delegated to Diocesan Convention for the past three years and was an alternate prior to that. He is active in several leadership roles within the parish in Kokomo. He has owned and operated his own business for 26 years.

He states, "I wish to serve as a deputy, because having once served it gave me a sense of our interconnectedness, and the need for the people in the church from many perspectives. The different faces and opinions in our church are an important part of who we are not only as Christians and as a Church, but as a Communion as a whole. An important part of the work of the last Convention was setting time aside to listen to each other with open hearts and minds prayerfully finding the commonalities we share, to find a way through our differences. It was in these times I felt Jesus present. I began building relationships with people from all over the world from many perspectives, not just my own. It is through these relationships that the business of the Church gets done, putting into action our diocesan core values. I would consider it a great honor and responsibility to serve again as a deputy and promise to joyfully fulfill my duties and be available to listen to you."