



# NOMINATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE 204<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

## Deputy to General Convention | Lay Order (Vote for 4)

### MARTHA ALEXANDER



RESIDENCE: Charlotte

CHURCH: Christ Church, Charlotte

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Henry H. "Chip" Edens

EXPERIENCE:

- Trustee of the Church Pension Fund
- Board Member of the Global Episcopal Network
- Companion Diocese Coordinator for Province IV
- Chair, Dispatch of Business for Diocesan Convention
- Member of the Botswana Companion Diocese Committee

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Since 2003 I have been a deputy from the Diocese of North Carolina to the General Convention. At the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention I was a member of Legislative Committee 06 The Episcopal Church in Cuba and served as Chaplain to the Committee.

I am presently a member of the Executive Council Committee on the Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

One of the skills I bring is the knowledge and workings of the General Convention and The Episcopal Church. I am committed to learning, discussing and reflecting on the issues brought before us, as well as keenly listening to the many creative voices within the church, as we work together to solve them. I will bring careful and prayerful consideration to all matters. And, I will work with the others within our deputation. It would be a privilege to serve you as one of the Deputies to the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention.

## MEGAN CARLSON



RESIDENCE: Durham

CHURCH: St. Stephen's, Durham

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Sarah Woodard

EXPERIENCE:

- Served 1 Term on Vestry with 1 year as Clerk. I will be seeking a second term in the spring. I am also on our church Financial Committee.
- Served for 3 years on the Committee for Campus and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of North Carolina.
- Attended the Young Adult Festival at the last General Convention to both advocate for young adult ministries and get an introduction to General Convention and how it operates.
- Led efforts with A Moveable Feast and establishing a young adult cross-parish initiative in Durham County
- Have served on my parish delegation for Diocesan Convention

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Megan is a young adult in a church seeped in traditions looking to the future. She has matured in a church mired by division seeking reconciliation. She was born into a faith that knows that differences exist only to show us the many faces of God. Megan is grounded in the freedom of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement. This foundation allows her to see the possibilities that change affords while remembering the road which we have walked. Megan is ready to listen, but not afraid to jump. As for practical skills, she is well-versed in current technological advancements, budget planning, and has an aptitude for legal comprehension. Megan is driven to use her skills to help the full convention delegation as needed. She is a faithful, intelligent, articulate leader and a team player.

## ALICE FREEMAN



RESIDENCE: Wilson County

CHURCH: St. Mark's, Wilson

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Philip R. Byrum

EXPERIENCE:

- Currently serving on Diocesan Council
- Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry Board of Directors
- Senior Warden
- Five-time Deputy to General Convention
- Currently serving on Executive Council of The Episcopal Church

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I love the Episcopal Church, and this is an especially exciting time to be a part of a movement that proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ.

My career experience has mostly been in the area of administration, budgeting, strategic planning and thinking. I have tried to use that experience in the church, serving in many capacities.

Being elected by Diocesan Convention to be a Deputy to General Convention and now serving on Executive Council, I have gained greater insight into the overall structure and workings of the church. It has enabled me to be a more effective advocate for inclusion of all to be at the table. I believe in consensus building and look for ways to make things happen instead of looking for reasons why things won't work. Through God's grace, I seek to build relationships and trust.

## DELOIS WARD



RESIDENCE: Raleigh

CHURCH: Christ Church, Raleigh

NOMINATOR: John H. Gray

EXPERIENCE:

- Commission on Ministry - Diocese of North Carolina - 2007-2018
- Board of Trustees - Kanuga Conferences - 2011-2017
- Member and President of the Standing Committee - Diocese of Washington, DC - 1999-2002
- Coalition for Human Needs - ECUSA - 1984-1992
- Union of Black Episcopalians - Washington Chapter - 1984-1986

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Delois Ward (Dee) has an extensive background serving others, through both volunteer and professional experiences. Her volunteer experiences are vast and have benefited multiple dioceses within the Episcopal Church. Professionally, she has directed organizations supporting children and families at risk. Her volunteer and professional accomplishments point to her lifelong commitment to helping those in need.

Her experiences as an administrator provide her with a perspective based in reason. Her experiences leading various organizations provide her with an understanding of legislative operations in a large, complex organization. Most importantly, in all of her experiences, her passion and commitment to helping others demonstrate her eagerness, as both a leader and a tireless worker, to further the Kingdom of God. As a delegate to General Convention, she would conscientiously seek opportunities to help the marginalized and the hopeless and to further the work of our church in the world.