



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

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

### JEREMY CLOS



RESIDENCE: Raleigh

CHURCH: Church of the Nativity, Raleigh

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Stephanie L. Allen, the Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser, the Rev. Sarah D. Hollar

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I'm a lifelong Christian, a son of a minister in Maysville, KY, excited about the gospel message of grace. I am actively involved in the life of my parish and diocese, serving in many capacities: vestry, two terms as senior warden, editor of the parish newsletter, Sunday school teacher, youth chaperone, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Diocesan Convention Delegate, and worship leader. As part of the Swindell Committee, I served as one of the authors of the *More and More Bible Study*. In 2018, I became a member of the Fellowship of St. John, the lay fellowship of The Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE). I am a fourth-year Education for Ministry student. Outside the church, I've been involved in Arts Management and served on the boards of various arts organizations in the Triangle the past two decades. Currently, I serve as a member of the full-time staff of Raleigh Little Theatre.

### BRYAN DOUGAN



RESIDENCE: Carrboro

CHURCH: Church of the Holy Family, Chapel Hill

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Sarah Ball-Damberg, the Rev. Daniel Reeves, Diane Steinhaus

EXPERIENCE:

- Co-founder/chair (2018, 2019), Durham Convocation Pride Eucharist Committee
- Youth group volunteer, Church of the Holy Family (CHF)
- Delegate to Diocesan Convention, CHF

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I don't remember a time when my mom hasn't been in charge of fellowship hour, preparing coffee and snacks to welcome newcomers and regulars after the liturgy. Seeing her serve has shaped my desire to serve through community organizing. Over the last ten years, I've engaged in advocacy around issues like violence against women, mental health, and LGBTQ Rights. With friends in the Durham Convocation, I've spearheaded efforts to create community for LGBTQ people and allies through organizing a Eucharist before the Durham Pride Parade. As an anthropologist, I'm trained to understand the views of different groups and the social forces shaping the Church. With my experiences of organizing, consensus building, and social analysis, I hope to participate in important debates and enjoy coffee hour at General Convention.

## MARS NEALSON



RESIDENCE: Durham

CHURCH: St. Luke's, Durham

NOMINATOR: The Rev. Philip R. Byrum

EXPERIENCE:

- Served on Youth Commission for the Diocese of NC in late 1980's
- Serving on Outreach Committee for my parish
- Volunteered at many Diocesan youth events over the last 7 years
- \*orked at HUGS Camp for 2 years
- I grew up in this Diocese, attending All Saints, Charlotte (1979-89), now a member of St. Luke's in Durham

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

As a deputy to Convention, I would hope to gain a greater understanding of how the larger church works. I truly believe in the mission of Saint Luke's Church... "Nurtured in Jesus, we welcome radically, serve gratefully, and love abundantly." As a deputy to General Convention, I hope to live this mission, and to listen respectfully to the wide variety of voices in our Diocese, and to consider prayerfully before making decisions. I hope to advocate for a more inclusive future of the church, a future where ALL do feel welcome, and valued, and heard.