

Secretary of the Diocese



The Rev. Canon John A. Logan, Jr., Christ Church Cathedral, Houston

I have served as Diocesan Secretary with four of the nine bishops of Texas. It's the kind of experience that is helped if you have a lot of resilience and a good sense of humor. I think I still have both and would enjoy the opportunity to continue serving in this capacity.

Treasurer



Linda Riley Mitchell, Trinity, Houston

I am blessed with the rich, diverse experience in working for corporations, government and entities in educational, housing and employment programs across Illinois. I enjoy applying that knowledge to the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and our outreach mission to 152 churches and surrounding communities.

Standing Committee Clergy



The Rev. Jason Ingalls, Holy Spirit, Waco

The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice to the Bishop. I would offer three unique perspectives to the Committee's work: a theological passion for spiritual growth and maturity, discernment, and mission; deep awareness of the concerns of newly ordained clergy in the Diocese; and a history of and desire to create mission networks across theological and political difference in the Diocese of Texas and the wider Episcopal Church. We are called to become and share Jesus' good news in all of our communities. On the Standing Committee, I want to support this, our common work.

Standing Committee (Lay, need to elect 1)



Gwendolyn Chance, St. James', Austin

I submit my name as a nominee lay representative to the Standing Committee because of my long history of working with many seminarians (especially the Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel who went on to become the Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia, WA). I have been an Episcopalian since graduation from college and a member of St. James', Austin since 1986 and elected to the vestry three times over the years. I am currently serving on the EDOT Search Committee for a Suffragan Bishop and as Co-Chair for the Transition Election Committee. I am also an active member of the recently founded Pauli Murray Scholarship Committee in partnership with the Seminary of the Southwest.

Executive Board (Clergy, need to elect 2)



The Rev. Steven Balke, St. Stephen's, Beaumont

Volunteering is about living into my Baptismal Covenant. At times I've lived on the margins of society. I didn't always have someone advocate for me, take the time to teach or nurture me, or reach out to dwell with me. In the Church I found people who share the bread that God gives them, who seek and serve all persons, and who strive for justice and peace and dignity. Longing to give to the Church that gives me so much, serving on the Executive Board is a way to participate in God's mission for others in the world like me.



The Rev. Angela Maria Cortiñas, St. Thomas, College Station

I was asked to submit an application for the Diocesan Executive Board by a colleague. I had not thought about it prior to being asked and prayerfully considered what I could bring to the table. I believe that I bring a unique perspective to the board with both my ministerial background as well as my prior experience in Information Management within the corporate/healthcare world. I also believe that my Hispanic/Latina roots will bring diversity to the diocesan Executive Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Executive Board (Lay, need to elect 3)



Carvel Glenn, St. Stephen's, Houston

The Episcopal Church has for 22 years lit my spirituality, a gift which deserves a return gift. I would like to serve on the Executive Board in this era of change and renewal. I am an architect. Planning and building has been my life. I bring an open and questioning mind and ask for the chance to apply this to the Executive Board. At St. Stephen's, Houston, I have served on the Vestry, as Senior Warden during a rector search, and on its Endowment board. At the Diocese, I served on the Quin Foundation Board for six years and am now on the Board of the Episcopal Foundation. On both boards, I have been active in the Strategic Mission Grant Committee. In 2018, I served on the Search Committee for the Bishop Suffragan. I appreciate your support.



Erin Puckett McClure, St. David's, Austin

My early formation came through this Diocese via Camp Allen, Happening, my own parish and a healthy dose of pop culture. Over the years I've had the opportunity to explore and learn with people as a parish youth minister, in the diocesan formation office, as a children's and youth ministry volunteer and as a parent. These days I'm a full-time parent who enjoys sharing life over coffee and breakfast tacos, overblown craft projects and good Instagram captions. I am excited about the work of the Diocese not only within our churches but also in our communities.



Sandra Montes, Trinity, Midtown

I am the Spanish Language Resource Consultant at Episcopal Church Foundation. I was born in Perú, grew up in Guatemala and settled in Texas. My passions are God, family (especially my son), music, education, and writing and I have been hoping and praying for this position for years. I have developed original bilingual resources for my church, school and others for years, volunteered and worked in the Episcopal Church since 1986, and serve as musician, translator, speaker, consultant and writer. I earned a doctorate in education in 2016 and am a full-time freelance consultant and musician.

Trustee of the Church Corporation

(Lay or clergy, elect 1)



Mark S. Browning, St. Andrews, Bryan

My professional career of 29 years, first in bank trust management and later in higher education, has been in the role of a fiduciary. It is the understanding of the responsibilities of a fiduciary and the experience of managing property for the benefit of others that I bring to the table. I feel called to share my gifts and talents in this area for the benefit of the Diocese, if elected. I am a toddler (not cradle!) Episcopalian married to Nancy who works with C.A.S.A. in the Brazos Valley and we have raised three children.

Trustee of the University of the South (Lay, elect 1



Ben Okoh, St. James, Houston

I am a cradle Episcopalian and an active member of St James, Houston. I studied at Howard University, Washington, D.C., where I earned a Bachelor of Science (Summa cum Laude) in Chemical Engineering (1974). I also earned a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Houston (1975) and have had a career in the oil and gas industry that has spanned 40 years. I am a licensed Lay Preacher, after completing an 18-month Lay Preacher Track program at the Diocese of Texas' Iona School for Ministry. If elected, I would offer many years of experience that include critical thinking, dedication, and managerial skills.



