

2018 Candidates for St. Alban's Parish Junior Warden, Vestry Member, and Diocesan Delegate

FOR JUNIOR WARDEN (vote for one):

**Diane Adams
Trevor (Ted) Swett III**

FOR VESTRY MEMBER (vote for five):

**Lucy Fraser
Walker Carter
Sally Craig
William (Bill) Cline
Glenn Davis
Maria Estefania
Sara Beth Watson
Leo Coco
Megan King
Lara McCoy Roslof**

FOR DIOCESAN DELEGATE (vote for two):

**Amie Vandersluis
Heather Sondel
Barbara Bolling Manard**

(Candidates are listed in the random order in which they will appear on the ballot.)

Our **Parish elections** will be held on **Sunday, January 28, 2018** – the day of our Parish Annual Meeting. Qualified voters will cast ballots will be cast that morning, although absentee ballots can be obtained from the Parish Office for voting before that date. The candidates will speak at a **Candidates' Forum** on **Sunday, January 14, 2018**.

We will elect a new **Junior Warden** to serve a three-year term. The role of the Junior Warden is to serve as the associate (after the Senior Warden) lay officer of the Parish, and in that capacity to provide counsel to the Rector, the Vestry, and the Parish, in accordance with normally accepted business practices, as to the property of the Parish.

We will elect four new **Vestry Members** to serve a three-year term, and a fifth to serve out the remaining one-year term of a departed member. Our bylaws explain that the Vestry “is responsible for the management of Parish property and its financial resources and provides advice to the Rector and other clergy on Parish matters” and “shall have power to act on behalf of the Parish as a corporate body as specified in the Canons of the Diocese and of the General Convention”

We will elect two new **Diocesan Delegates** to serve three-year terms. Our Diocesan Delegates represent St. Alban's at the annual diocesan Conventions, and at diocesan regional meetings during the year. The third elected candidate will serve as an Alternate Diocesan Delegate, to fulfil the duties of any absent Delegate.

As you read the statements that follow, you should know that each candidate was asked to address three questions:

- 1) How long have you been part of St. Alban's and what activities or ministries feed you spiritually?
- 2) What professional experience and personal strengths would help you serve the Parish as a lay leader?
- 3) As a lay leader in the church, it is common to work with people of diverse views. How would you seek to move St. Alban's forward as one body of Christ?

Please try to meet and get to know each candidate.
Voters will be required to vote for a candidate to fill each vacancy, so it's important that you know who's running for each position!



Candidate for Junior Warden*

DIANE ADAMS

St Alban's has been my church home since 1985 – people and a place that have comforted me, inspired me and challenged me. During that time I have participated in a number of areas of outreach and leadership that have helped me grow spiritually and strengthened my call to serve:

- Serve as Stephen Minister since the first class in 2007. The training provides me skills and growth in empathetic listening to others and spiritually supporting care receivers in need
- Assisted a number of years ago with SOME Christmas Shoebox gifts and casserole collecting for 16 years
- Led the Lay Support Committee of our Seminarian, Doris Johnson – giving me valuable insights to the roles and challenges of the clergy and the workings of our church
- Contributed as a member of Property Committee
- Served on a rector Search Committee
- Visited parishioners who requested company through our then-active Visitor Program
- Volunteer for providing meals or other assistance to parishioners as needed
- Help members of the Cleveland Park Villages as a driver – enabling seniors to fully participate in social and community events.
- Provided real estate advice and assistance to St. Alban's leaders regarding properties they once owned

My life and professional experiences that are particularly relevant to serving ably as your Junior Warden:

- Served on the project management team for a multi-million-dollar building project at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) – a division of Gallaudet University
- Managed the budget and personnel of the Media Production Department at MSSD for 12 years
- Licensed as a Real Estate Agent for more than 30 years which has provided countless opportunities to learn about housing construction, maintenance, HVAC systems, creative solutions to building issues, preventative measures, repair costs, negotiations, contracts and assist clients making decisions around these issues

I am a motivated and hard worker, creative problem solver, good listener and finder of obvious and obscure resources. My goal is to work hard and be part of St Alban's continuing growth and expanding vibrancy and to increase our joyful spiritual environment. My training and experience, enthusiasm, good sense of humor and commitment will enable that work.

I ask you to consider providing me this opportunity to serve our church community in this important role. Thank you.

***JUNIOR WARDEN: VOTE FOR ONE**



Candidate for Junior Warden*

TREVOR (Ted) SWETT III

In seven years at St. Alban's, I've been drawn gradually deeper into church life. I participate in Grate Patrol with my adult son (a non-parishioner), and find that this modest service does us both good by focusing on the needs of others. I became a lay reader out of a desire to support our clergy. Although I'm still new to the job of Diocesan Delegate, it has brought me into contact with the other delegates, Leo Coco and Eliot Edgar, for which I'm grateful, and has begun an education in the activities of our vestry.

When asked to stand for Junior Warden, I thought this job would require accelerating to 70 mph from virtually a standing start. What attracts me is the opportunity to work closely with our priests, staff, and lay leaders to foster St. Alban's in a critical period. In a turbulent world, it is important that the church carry out its accustomed work: nurturing our spirits through worship and song; teaching scripture and furnishing religious instruction for all ages; raising up our children and youth and inspiring them to see through and beyond deadening materialism and dehumanizing violence; offering succor to the ill and the grieving; conducting baptisms, marriages, and funerals; evoking and satisfying our need to serve others within and without these walls; observing our traditions while cultivating the openness to attract and accommodate newcomers.

This is the work of the parish as a whole. The Junior Warden's job, as I see it, is to collaborate with the Senior Warden and other leaders in taking care that no aspect of this vital work is neglected, in spotting and clearing away obstacles to its fulfillment, and in seeing to it that all willing hands are invited and engaged to pitch in. To ensure that our physical infrastructure serves these purposes, the JW also has particular responsibility to oversee and support the staff's management of our buildings. My fifteen years on the management committee of a law firm may be of some relevance here, but in truth my only real qualifications are common sense, desire for challenge, and willingness to learn. If the parishioners think I'm right for this post, I'll work hard to fulfill the charge.



Candidate for Vestry Member*

LUCY FRASER

My name is Lucy Fraser, and I'm honored to be considered for a seat on St. Alban's Vestry. I am a current Vestry member, having stepped in to fill the seat recently vacated by Andrea Fraser-Reid Farr.

Having attended St. Alban's since 2000, I am committed to serving the parish in a number of ways. In addition to the Vestry, I am a member of the Building and Grounds Committee, a member of the Flower Guild and the *de facto* chairperson of the newly formed Garden Guild. I also began assisting Penny

Glass this Fall with the 2s and 3s Sunday School Class, which has been a delight and privilege.

With each of these commitments, I have been able to contribute my time, energy, passion, personal and professional experiences and diverse skills, with the knowledge that they in some small measure help carry forth the mission and life of St. Alban's, and that has been gratifying and rewarding on many levels.

My professional experience includes over 20 years in commercial real estate where I managed large portfolios of properties and ran operations, leasing, acquisitions, and all aspects of asset and property management. Throughout my career, I have focused on fiscal and fiduciary responsibility, proactive facilities management, risk management, and personnel matters, including human resources, leadership development and team building. I have extensive experience with consensus building, negotiations and creative problem solving, to ensure that all stakeholders are heard and considered and solutions emerge from healthy debate and discussion.

My education includes an MBA in Finance and Real Estate from George Washington University and a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications from VCU, and I recently wrapped up two terms on my condominium board, during which I led the community through management changes, large capital projects and responsible financial planning.

I believe I can help St. Alban's build a strong financial and organizational structure that will withstand future challenges and allow it to fully serve the greater community. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you all and to support St. Alban's mission in the coming years.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

***VESTRY MEMBER: VOTE FOR 5**



Candidate for Vestry Member*

WALKER CARTER

My wife, Janet, and I have been members of St. Alban's for almost seventeen years. As a family, we have been active in a number of ministries along the way. Both Janet and I have served as lay readers for approximately five years. Janet currently serves as a leader of Children's Chapel, and our daughter, Shelby, has served most Sunday's for the last year as an acolyte. Holland is four and is an active participant in Children's Chapel and Sunday School.

I currently work at Hogan Lovells, LLP – a large global law firm, where I focus on operations and technology in support of different parts of the business, including Human Resources, Administration, Information Security and the Office of General Counsel. Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, I worked for *PriceWaterhouseCoopers* (PwC) for sixteen years in similar roles of increasing responsibility on behalf of both the global and US firms.

I have developed experience over the course of my career in building consensus among groups and individuals with differing interests and perspectives, then unifying them around common goals and outcomes. Doing so has been a recurring theme in my professional life, and I believe that I could call on those skills to good effect on the vestry at St. Alban's.

While the last few years have been a difficult period for our parish, it has been wonderful to see our community heal and come back together. By serving on the vestry, I believe that I could contribute in a small, but meaningful way to helping continue this journey, and specifically beginning the shift from what has been an introspective focus to one that helps us fulfill our mission as a moral voice in community.

My family and I have benefitted tremendously from St. Alban's, the clergy and the community. We understand the importance of the pastoral services that St. Alban's provides, the richness that comes from our diverse parish, and the work it does in our local community and beyond. Serving on the vestry would offer a wonderful opportunity for me to give back to a place that has been so important in my life and which has given so much to my family and me.

Candidate for Vestry Member*

SALLY CRAIG



I've been coming to St. Alban's since November 1999, after having a conversion experience at my adult daughter's baptism here. I had been attending Quaker meeting and 12-Step recovery groups for many years, practicing Buddhist meditation, and was co-author of a book on women's spirituality, but it wasn't until I had a direct experience of Christ's love that I felt called to become a Christian. My baptism followed at the 2000 Easter Vigil (still my favorite liturgy). My most faithful ministry has been our Flower Guild. I love making arrangements to enhance our worship experience and I love our little mini-community of guild members. Like many of you, I have also served as a lay reader,

acolyte, greeter and other duties as assigned over the years. I've enjoyed leading and participating in Lenten study groups, and in a small group of women studying the Rule of Benedict. Retreats to Holy Cross and Rehoboth have nurtured me. For the past three years I have been engaged in a study of the Torah and the Gospels with a Jewish friend. And I've become a devoted attender of the Tuesday morning Eucharist. For the past ten years I've taught weekly yoga classes in Nourse Hall, so I am nothing if not flexible! A useful quality for lay leadership.

I retired from professional responsibilities in 2003. These included human resource management, organizational and leadership development, and group dynamics, in government, non-profit and private settings. All useful tools for a parish community. As a long-time board member and officer of Friendship Place, I know how "lay" leadership can work to empower and support staff. In my view a primary responsibility of the vestry is to ensure that the clergy and staff have what they need in the way of resources and support to provide our parish with the spiritual leadership and pastoral care that we deserve and require.

I am currently chairing a committee that is organizing an annual lecture event, funded by a grant from a former parishioner. As our inaugural offering, we have invited Miroslav Volf, an acclaimed theologian, to offer a program this March, on what theology offers us in the healing of polarization in our country. This is a parish with diverse views on many things, and I look forward to helping us find ways to live with and celebrate this diversity.

***VESTRY MEMBER: VOTE FOR 5**



Candidate for Vestry Member*

WILLIAM (Bill) CLINE

My wife Ruth and I have been members of St. Alban's for decades. We raised our two daughters here; one was christened here, both sang in the children's choir, and one was married here. I was a member of the vestry in the early 1980s, and was privileged to participate in the calling of Frank Wade to be Rector. At various periods over the years I have sung in the 11:15 choir. I consider excellent preaching and music to be hallmarks of St. Alban's.

Professionally I am a PhD economist and do research on economic policy. I was a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, and since the founding of the Peterson Institute for International Economics I have been a Senior Fellow there. My publications have examined the Latin American debt crisis, international trade negotiations, the economics of global warming, banking crises, and exchange rate adjustments. I also acquired managerial experience as Deputy Managing Director at the Institute of International Finance in the late 1990s. My ongoing work on the US and international economies would contribute to the financial planning responsibilities of the vestry. My managerial experience could contribute to the vestry's broader planning responsibilities as well as to the process of listening to and working constructively with others.

Having played a small role as a research assistant when Ruth wrote her history of St. Alban's for the 150th Anniversary, I have a deep respect for the legacy of this church as a place of worship and architectural beauty, whose members resolve their differences and go forward together in the name of God. If chosen to serve, I would do my best to work with other leaders of this community of faith to ensure that this legacy remains strong for the benefit of generations to come.

***VESTRY MEMBER: VOTE FOR 5**



Candidate for Vestry Member*

GLENN DAVIS

I came to St. Alban's in 2012 when parishioner Abby Davis kindly extended an invitation. I found this community to be welcoming, engaging and authentic—a place where glorifying God and thinking critically could flourish together. Abby and I were married here the following June. I formally joined the parish in 2014 after completing the confirmation process. Our daughter, Maggie, entered the scene in 2016.

I've served as an adult leader for our youth ministry for the past four years, beginning with J2A and later with Senior Youth. Having faith mentors during adolescence was pivotal to my Christian formation, and it's a privilege to now give back in that capacity. In this age of seven-day competition for young peoples' time and attention, I admire their commitment to pursuing their faith, and their perspectives continue to shape mine.

I work for the Council of Institutional Investors, where I help an ideologically diverse board of directors come to consensus on how to strengthen corporate governance at public companies and equip investors with information allowing them to make better decisions. I also serve on a review panel for Nasdaq that sets progress milestones for companies to maintain their listing on the exchange. Differences of opinion are not uncommon in these settings, but the process of reasonable people subjecting alternatives to scrutiny leads to better outcomes.

If called to serve on the vestry I will listen, advise and consent with the hope of building consensus to stimulate the growth of our parish, so that we may continue God's work for generations inside and outside our walls.

***VESTRY MEMBER: VOTE FOR 5**



Candidate for Vestry Member*

MARIA ESTEFANIA

I have been a member of St. Alban's for 25 years and have served on the Sunday Forum Committee, Outreach Committee, Theological Book Group, Altar Guild, and as an usher, torchbearer and Stephen Minister. My son attended St. Alban's Sunday School in the 1980's. Currently, I attend Wednesday Morning Bible Study and serve on TLC-DC (the Subgroup of GWW focusing on Transforming the Lives of Children in DC). I am also a graduate of EFM.

The beauty of St. Alban's worship services and music, the messages from our clergy, and the activities and learning opportunities above have nurtured and supported me in the hard times of my life and in its joys. They and the people of St. Alban's help me understand how to live faithfully in today's world and give me role models that inspire and feed me spiritually on a daily basis.

I worked in management in the telecommunications industry for 35 years, and have served as a member and Board President of three non-profit Boards of Directors in DC: the Junior League of Washington (3,000-member volunteer organization), the Foundation Board of the Visiting Nurse Association, and Bright Beginnings (school for preschoolers and parents of DC homeless families).

These experiences have given me teamwork, management and leadership experience and skills in strategic planning, staff and budget management, negotiation, fundraising, and conflict management that I believe equip me to serve the parish well as a Vestry member. As to my style, professional and volunteer colleagues call me a "steel magnolia", meaning, I think, that I stick to the needed direction but get there with a gentle touch.

I have been a part of many activities at St. Alban's and to me, they are all important and a part of the tapestry of our skills and contributions to God's work in the world.

I would work to move St. Alban's forward by seeking to understand on all questions "what is best for St. Alban's and its mission to nourish an inclusive, diverse Christian community, transforming lives by doing God's work inside and outside our walls?" I would talk to others from this standpoint, and I would seek to understand the opinions of all groups of parishioners and their hopes for St. Alban's. I would work in all situations to be guided by caring and respect for each parishioner and by prayerful discernment as to the best way forward.

***VESTRY MEMBER: VOTE FOR 5**



Candidate for Vestry Member*

SARA BETH WATSON

I have been part of St. Alban's since 1987 – 30 wonderful years! After moving to D.C. in 1986, I visited several Episcopal churches and found my spiritual home at St. Alban's. I joined the "20s and 30s," a group that met regularly for fellowship and discussion, and still have close friends from that group. I was a member of the Newcomers Committee, which welcomed new members and helped them feel at home in the parish, and worked with the group that started the Fourth Sunday Fellowship. Currently, I serve on the catechumenal committee that works with candidates

for baptism, including the parents of very young candidates. Along the way I also have worked with Children's Chapel, Church School, the youth groups and prepared food for a variety of causes and events from SOME to celebrations.

I am an attorney in private practice in D.C. focusing on environmental, food, and drug law. Over the years I have served in a number of volunteer positions that require working with other volunteers and professional staff in areas such as program planning, membership and mentoring. I also have served as an advisor to groups drafting regulations and model statutes. These activities have required those with diverse views and backgrounds to reach consensus to implement common goals. My willingness and ability to understand the position of others is a personal strength that would help me to serve as a lay leader.

The various services and ministries within the parish have distinct and important personalities. In turn each of these communities is an important part of the St. Alban family. Just like a family is stronger if it regularly has dinner together, the many communities of the St. Alban family should periodically be together. I will work with lay leaders, the clergy and parish staff, including the San Albano congregation, to foster such fellowship activities. It also is important to recognize the geographic and age diversity of our parish family. This includes encouraging, and in some instances reviving, the parish's history of intergenerational activities such as the youth usher program and acolyte program. The activities and traditions of the various St. Alban communities are very important; we also need to support parish-wide activities and to proactively address inclusiveness during these activities.



Candidate for Vestry Member*

LEO COCO

Over 30 years ago our family joined St. Alban's. The church and parish community are central to our spiritual lives and define to a great extent our lives in Washington. I have been active through the years in service to many ministries and committees and have supported initiatives to move the parish's mission into action. Serving as a lay reader for almost 20 years is without question the most significant ministry in my spiritual development and provides a sustained opportunity to contribute to the services at St. Alban's.

A more recent ministry has been the creation of an annual retreat for the past four years to bring parishioners together in an atmosphere of spiritual exploration and to create art centered on religious themes.

Most of my professional life in Washington has been spent in leadership positions in their U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Department of Education where skills were well honed in negotiating policies to bring consensus in an open and trustful way and navigating different policy agendas to lead to successful outcomes. What I have relied on most is being a thoughtful and accessible listener and someone who brings people together. Currently, I am a senior policy advisor in the Washington office of a large national law firm. I opened that office in 2004 after retiring from the federal government and am now the most senior of 70 professionals in the office.

For the past few years I have reduced my workload to halftime, focusing on the single issue of promoting access for all students to music and arts education. As I move closer to full retirement, I search for ways to contribute to those things in my life I hold most closely. I have never felt more optimistic about the direction and leadership of our parish, and I am energized at the possibility of participating as a member of the vestry. I am committed to the growth of St. Alban's through sound decisions and actions to move us into the future while sustaining our deeply held mission and culture.

***VESTRY MEMBER: VOTE FOR 5**



Candidate for Vestry Member*

MEGAN KING

My family and I began attending St. Alban's about 5½ years ago. We were seeking a church home that offered a community that both challenged us and embraced us. We found that in St. Alban's. Raised in the Roman Catholic Church, four years ago I made the decision to be received into the Episcopal faith.

I am most fulfilled through activities and ministries that build our church community. Welcoming and embracing families and nurturing our children strengthens the St. Alban's family. I am involved in the Children's Ministry Committee, substitute teach in Sunday school, help with Children's Chapel and the Christmas Pageant and have organized the Parish Weekend.

In my professional life I am a communications and marketing leader. I can help shape St. Alban's communications both internally and externally to help strengthen and build our community. My professional career requires that I build coalitions, listen for understanding and lead with purpose – all things that I believe are important in a lay leader.

I am also very creative. I can often think of solutions others perhaps overlook. I can generate ideas as well as build on others'.

I believe that we all have a common purpose no matter our diverse views – to build a community of faith that brings us closer to Christ and does His work in the world. Starting with the understanding that we all are working toward that purpose allows us to see others in a different light. It is our diversity that allows us to fulfill our purpose in ways that no one of us could imagine alone.

That said, the work of the lay leaders' is to understand how the St. Alban's community can collectively do our best work in the world and to allocate resources accordingly. Listening for understanding, ensuring that all voices are heard, prayerful decision-making and thoughtful and transparent communication all play a part in ensuring that we continue to grow as one body in Christ.



Candidate for Vestry Member*

LARA McCOY ROSLOF

I started attending St. Alban's Church in 2010 and was a regular member until my family moved to Moscow in 2012. While in Moscow, I was a member of St. Andrew's Anglican Chaplaincy and also served on the Church Council there. I've traveled all over the world, and I love knowing that wherever I am, I can attend a service at the local Episcopal or Anglican church and feel at home there. When we decided to return to Washington in 2016, one of the things I looked forward to the most was being involved again in St. Alban's.

I am a professional journalist, and over the past year, I've worked on external communications for the parish, trying to spread the word about our community. I have a number of skills as an editor and digital media specialist that I could use to benefit the parish. I am the parent of two teenage daughters who are involved in the St. Alban's youth programs. Youth group was a critical part of my formation, and as a lay leader, I would work to strengthen our youth programs and find ways to integrate the youth further into our shared parish life. I am also a hyper-organized, structured person, and while I can't tie that trait to any particular element of service, I believe that any organization can benefit from increased structure and planning.

One of the things I love about St. Alban's is our diversity, and one of my goals as a Vestry member would be to continue to expand our community to include people of all backgrounds. As a lay leader at St. Andrew's Moscow, I worked to develop programs that would appeal to people of many national and spiritual backgrounds. I believe this experience is critical in understanding how we can expand our community while also staying true to our mission and traditions. I grew up in the United Methodist Church, but was confirmed into the Episcopal Church in college. One of the things that attracted me to the Episcopal Church was the liturgy and the Prayer Book, which have the ability to meet people where they are within a structure that brings us all together as one body in Christ.



Candidate for Diocesan Delegate*

AMIE VANDERSLUIS

I first came to St. Alban's in 2005 where I was moved by the powerful sermon and beautiful music. I joined the choir in 2010 and started coming more regularly. I have made many friends in the choir. Together we have explored a wide range of music. I am humbled to be afforded the opportunity to participate in something much greater than anything I could achieve on my own. I also love leading music in Children's Chapel once a month. It is even more fun than "Big Church."

Attending the Foyers dinner group is another great way to really get to know the people I see every Sunday at church. We spend time together in a different setting and have time to deepen our friendship.

It is a real privilege to serve on the team teaching Rite 13. I am sure I get more out of it than the young people do. I especially enjoy our times together in the kitchen making pancakes for the Shrove Tuesday Dinner and sandwiches for Grate Patrol.

I taught music and directed an after-school program for many years. That has prepared me for my current responsibilities working with children and youth at St. Alban's. In another capacity, I have set up weekly meetings and taken notes. If elected as a delegate, I am well equipped to summarize what happens at the Diocesan meetings for the benefit of the congregation.

It is important to treat each other with respect. I will keep an open mind and listen to what each person has to say before making any decisions.



Candidate for Diocesan Delegate*

HEATHER SONDEL

Hello St. Alban's. My name is Dr. Heather Sondel and I have enjoyed being a part of St. Alban's Church for the past five years. I currently serve as the Secretary of the Vestry, and as such I am proud to work with our leaders to I was first introduced to this wonderful place when my son started at the St. Alban's Early Childhood Center. We were newcomers, but immediately my whole family felt welcomed not only by the school, but by the entire St. Alban's community.

Being on campus daily, we would be greeted by both clergy and Church staff, and I was able to witness first-hand the St. Albans commitment to "God's Work in the World" via youth outreach, Sunday School, luncheons for Seniors, the Opportunity Shop, the holiday Blanket and Wreath sales and First Wednesday celebrations.

My family and I are drawn to St. Alban's Church's thoughtful spirituality and discourse, its revered traditions and its mission to support the greater community through service under God. We have attended both the traditional and the Spanish-language services on Sundays. As a parishioner, I support our Church's calling to unite all of its people together under one house in the name of Christ. Ours is a diverse community, varied in cultures, ideas and backgrounds, but we are united by our common belief – the belief that through God, all things are possible. As a parishioner, I will continue to support St. Alban's' many traditions and work to ensure that the community has a safe place to worship, to share and to celebrate. And as a St. Albans representative to the Diocese, I will keep open lines of communication with the Bishop and Church leaders. As a Delegate to the Diocese, I will advocate for our interests.

These are some of the personal reasons that I have chosen to make St. Alban's Church a central part of my life. I bring many professional strengths to the community as well. I am a school administrator in Fairfax County, Virginia. I lead a staff of 200 educators, 2200 local and international students and I have vast experience managing budgets, implementing policies and organizing large scale events. I speak Spanish, and as such I am accessible to varied populations and cultures. I have been elected to national boards, served on the Executive Committee and helped develop and manage a local non-profit theater arts group. I believe in the mission of St. Alban's Church and I believe that I can continue to make a positive contribution to this outstanding community as a Diocesan Delegate.



Candidate for Diocesan Delegate*

BARBARA BOLLING MANARD

I have been a member of St. Alban's for over 25 years. I currently serve as Chair of Grate Patrol, a member of the God's Work in the World Committee, a Lay-reader (for over a decade), and as a classroom volunteer at Tubman Elementary School. In September, I Co-Chaired "Opportunity Sunday" (for the third year). I have served as Co-Chair of the Global Mission Committee and Chair of St. Alban's Thanksgiving Day Dinner (four years). For several years I served as Chair of the St. Alban's Day Picnic and as a member of the Overseas Mission Committee, helping to lead multi-generational mission trips

to Honduras. In the wider Episcopal community, I was a founder of Washington Episcopalians Respond to Katrina (WERK), serving as Co-Chair of that three-year effort by ten churches, including multiple work trips to the Gulf Coast. I serve on the Diocesan Southern Africa Partnership Committee and as a Lay-reader at the Washington National Cathedral.

St. Alban's is and has been a source of personal strength to me. In turn, I offer in service the experience of my long and enthusiastic engagement with St. Alban's. I also offer skills honed in leadership positions during a career focused on federal/state health policy and financing. I received my AB from Vassar College and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. I have served as an academic, in the federal government, as a consultant to state governments, and as a partner in a major health policy research and consulting firm. I have authored three books and numerous monographs and technical articles on topics ranging from public/private options for financing long-term care to health information technology in aging services.

Diverse opinions are a source of our community's strength, though sometimes annoying to me, wondering why you do not see things exactly as I do. I've come to know the power of regularly showing up and participating together in worship and tasks like cleaning up after a supper to change my heart to better appreciate those whose views on this or that I may not share. I believe strengthening opportunities for group engagement, particularly across generational lines, is important. Personally, I am inspired (and challenged) by our Priest-in-Charge's wisdom regarding the value of giving up a need to be right. I admire and try to emulate those good examples among us who actively listen to others, suspending the urge to judge.

***DIOCESAN DELEGATE: VOTE FOR 2**