

### 2024 DIOCESAN ELECTIONS

STANDING COMMITTEE, DISCIPLINARY BOARD, & TRUSTEE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

Nominee profiles are listed alphabetically within each category.

# STANDING COMMITTEE

Each voting member of Convention is to select one lay person from the Alexandria Convocation and one cleric to serve as Member at Large.



## SHERYL LAING

### **ALEXANDRIA CONVOCATION**



- Parish Involvement/Activities
   Altar guild, Eunice Chapter DOK President, Lay Reader
- Diocesan Involvement/Activities
   Diocesan Treasurer DOK, President of the Disciplinary Board
- Wider Church Involvement/Activities

Attended DOK Triennial

Personal Involvement/Activities

Assistant cheer coach Pineville Junior High, Children's Advocacy Network, The Biscuit Ministry

Member of St. Timothy's, Shreveport

# THE REV. MEG LOVEJOY

### MEMBER AT LARGE



Vicar of St. Andrew's, Lake Charles

### Parish Involvement/Activities

Mother Meg has served as the vicar at St Andrew's for three years. She also serves as a supply for St Paul's in Orange, Texas.

#### Diocesan Involvement/Activities

Mother Meg currently serves on the Committee on Canons and has recently served on Diocesan Council. Mother Meg is a founding member of Care of Creation Louisiana, a grassroots ministry of the Episcopal Church in Western Louisiana. Her involvement in these ministries allow her an insight into the activities and direction of the diocese.

### Wider Church Involvement/Activities

Mother Meg currently serves a member of the Province VII Antiracism Network. Through this work at the Provincial level, Mother Meg has the opportunity to listen, learn and contribute to a broader conversation on Racial Reconciliation.

#### Personal Involvement/Activities

Mother Meg was born and raised in Sulphur, LA and attended Holy Trinity. While a member of Holy Trinity she served as a Eucharistic Minister, Senior warden, and member on the property leasing committee. She is a graduate of McNeese State University with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science and a Master's in Business Administration. She received her ministerial training through the Iona School of Ministry. She is married to Gary Clevenger and they have two daughters, Sarah and Katie. Her hobbies include beekeeping, gardening kayaking, fishing and camping...anything that is outdoors!

## THE REV.THOMAS NSUBUGA

### MEMBER AT LARGE



Parish Involvement/Activities

Subdean at St. Mark's Cathedral Stephen Ministry Leader Mentor for EfM

- Diocesan Involvement/ActivitiesN/A
- Wider Church Involvement/Activities
   4-time Deputy to General Convention
- Personal Involvement/Activities

CASA (court appointed special advocate) for children Kairos prison ministry Prepare and Enrich Facilitator

Subdean of St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport

# DISCIPLINARY BOARD



## THE REV. MITZI GEORGE



Rector of Good Shepherd, Lake Charles

### Parish Involvement/Activities

Rector of Good Shepherd in Lake Charles.

### Diocesan Involvement/Activities

Serves on the Diocesan Council, the Diocesan Disaster Relief Commission, has served on Diocesan Council multiple times, as well as Standing Committee. Has also served as Diocesan Youth Coordinator.

### Wider Church Involvement/Activities

Has served on the Provincial Youth Council, has worked with Episcopal Relief and Development over the years, and has actively worked among the Navajo Nation, as well as the Dominican Republic and Honduras.

### Personal Involvement/Activities

In my spare time I love hiking, canoeing, playing with my dog, teaching my grandchildren how to cook.

# THE REV. JOHN HENSON



Missioner for Racial Reconciliation

### Parish Involvement/Activities

Rev. Henson currently serves The Episcopal Church for the Highlands mission station.

Diocesan Involvement/Activities

Rev. Henson serves on the bishop's staff as Missioner of Racial Reconciliation and is also a member of the diocesan Racial Reconciliation Commission.

- Wider Church Involvement/Activities
   N/A
- Personal Involvement/Activities

Interfaith of North Louisiana

## THE REV. DON SMITH



Rector of Grace, Monroe

Parish Involvement/Activities

Rector of the Church so I am involved in most things

Diocesan Involvement/Activities

Commission on Ministry

- Wider Church Involvement/Activities
   Author of several articles in Episcopal magazines.
- Personal Involvement/Activities
   Hunting, fishing, reading and traveling

# UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

Each voting member of Convention is to select a lay person to serve a 3-year term as a Trustee to Sewanee: The University of the South



# DANIEL MANUEL



Member of St. James, Alexandria

### Parish Involvement/Activities

Daniel is an active Eucharistic Minister and member of the Worship Committee at St. James, Alexandria.

### Diocesan Involvement/Activities

Daniel serves as Chaplain for the LSUA Canterbury Ministry and has served as a delegate to Diocesan Convention, representing St. James, Alexandria.

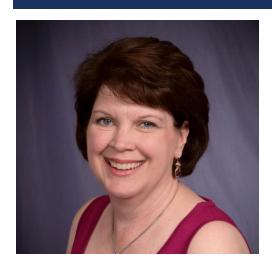
### Wider Church Involvement/Activities

N/A

### Personal Involvement/Activities

Daniel currently works in higher education at Louisiana State University of Alexandria as the Coordinator of Title IX and Disability Services. He holds two master's degrees (Rutgers and University of Louisiana-Lafayette) and is currently completing his doctorate in higher education administration. He is a member of the 100+ Men Who Care about Cenla, serves on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Louisiana LGBTQ+ Archives Project, and is a passionate advocate for suicide prevention, currently serving on the Board of Directors for Six Feet Above, an organization dedicated to mental health awareness and suicide prevention in Cenla.

## ANDREA RABALAIS PETROSH



Currently worshipping at Holy Cross, Shreveport

#### Parish Involvement/Activities

Throughout her adult life, Andrea has participated in the following activities at her local congregations:

- Chorister at Holy Cross and St. Mark's Cathedral
- Treble Choir Volunteer Assistant St. Mark's Cathedral
- St. Mark's Music Camp Assistant to the Director
- St. Mark's Community Ministries committee
- St. Mark's Cathedral staff administrative assistant
- Episcopal Relief and Development Coordinator
- Hurricane Katrina Relief Coordinator
- Church of the Holy Cross vestry
- North Central Louisiana Interfaith
- Vacation Bible School programs

#### Diocesan Involvement/Activities

Andrea's diocesan involvement through the years includes:

- 79th General Convention Deputy
- 80th General Convention Alternate
- Diocesan trustee to The University of the South
- Diocesan Council Member for the Shreveport Convocation

### Wider Church Involvement/Activities

In recent years Andrea has expanded her involvement in the wider church through activity and leadership in the following ways:

- Province VII Council President
- Executive Council of the Episcopal Churc
- Province VII Council of the Episcopal Church lay member-at-large
- Province VII lay representative to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop
- Sewanee Growth and Development Committee
- Arcadians of Sewanee
- Founding Member of the Society for the Sewanee Church Music

### Personal Involvement/Activities

Andrea graduated from Sewanee in the Class of 1986 with a B.A. in Religion. Both of her children also graduated from Sewanee. Andrea fills her spare time with travel, fitness, and supporting the lives and work of her husband, Mike, and her children, Michael and Lauren. Andrea is also a member of the Prisma Vocal Ensemble, Shreveport/Bossier's first semi-professional chorus. Through the years Andrea has been a regular supporter of the Fuller Center for Housing project and during the recovery from Hurricane Katrina was a volunteer coordinator. In 2012 Andrea and her husband, Mike Petrosh, established the William C. Teague and Donald L. Smith Choir Scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide an opportunity for a student, who might not otherwise be afforded such an opportunity, to earn a scholarship to St. Mark's Cathedral School in exchange for participation in the St. Mark's Cathedral Treble Choir.

#### Personal Statement from Andrea:

I first became active in the church as a member of EYC and diocesan youth in the Diocese of Arkansas. As a military spouse, with each new assignment I sought out opportunities to participate and serve the military and local communities and the Episcopal Church. Frequent moves. extensive Church work, and employment in finance and education taught me flexibility and teamwork. I have served on vestries and diocesan council, sung in choirs, and been a trustee for the University of the South. In every case, it was my responsibility to understand the task at hand and respond with dignity, grace, and courage. Time and talent are essential gifts for the health and life of our Church. Individual faith and communal worship hold us together in our work in the Church. I am happy to share what I have with this diocese and the larger Church.