



# 2027 GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTATION NOMINEES

## THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN LOUISIANA

8 Clergy nominations  
10 Lay nominations

Each voting member of Convention will select 4 individuals from each order.  
Nominee profiles are listed alphabetically within their respective category.



CLERGY  
NOMINEES

# THE REV. MICHAEL BORDELON

## RECTOR OF ST. BARNABAS, LAFAYETTE



- **Parish Involvement/Activities**

As the Rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church since 2019, I have led our parish through significant transitions, fostering a thriving community centered on discipleship, hospitality, and encouragement. We have experienced growth in attendance, financial giving, and, most importantly, in the spirit of discipleship and engagement with the wider community. Our parish continues to expand its outreach efforts, deepening our mission within the local community and strengthening our commitment to spiritual formation. Through these efforts, we seek to create a space where all are welcomed and empowered to serve Christ in the world.

- **Diocesan Involvement/Activities**

Beyond the parish, I have served extensively within the Diocese of Western Louisiana. My involvement includes serving on multiple committees and commissions, such as Camp Hardtner, the Commission on Liturgy and Music, Diocesan Council, the Youth Commission, and Public Relations. Additionally, I currently serve as a trustee for the Episcopal School of Acadiana and am preparing to assume the role of Dean of the Acadiana Convocation. These experiences have allowed me to contribute to the wider diocesan mission while fostering relationships that strengthen our collective ministry.

- **Greater Church Involvement/Activities**

My engagement within the wider Episcopal Church extends beyond diocesan boundaries. In addition to serving as a deputy at the last two General Conventions, I have also served on the Commission on the Dispatch of Business in 2022. I currently am a trustee of Sewanee and serve as co-chair of the Committee on Church Relations. Recently, I completed my tenure as chaplain for Province VII of the Daughters of the King. These roles have provided me with invaluable insight into the workings of the wider Church and deepened my commitment to ensuring that Western Louisiana remains an active and contributing diocese.

- **Personal Involvement/Activities**

I am honored to submit my name for consideration to serve as a deputy to the General Convention. Having had the privilege of representing the Diocese of Western Louisiana at the last two General Conventions, I have cherished the opportunity to serve the broader Church, contribute to its governance, and ensure that our diocese remains engaged in shaping its future. My passion for this work stems from a deep desire to see Western Louisiana fully integrated into the life of the wider Church, striving to be a stronger diocese for our people. I believe that serving at General Convention allows me to worship with the full breadth and depth of the Church, engaging in dialogue and discourse on the matters that shape our common life. I am committed to advocating for policies that ensure our churches remain safe and welcoming spaces for all, grounded in sound financial management and unwavering dedication to Jesus Christ.

# THE REV. LAURENT DE PRINS

## RECTOR OF EPIPHANY, OPELOUSAS



### ■ Parish Involvement/Activities

Fr. Laurent has and is making a tremendous difference at Epiphany. He has organized and revamped the business of the church. He is active in Christian Formation, special events, and any and all other activities of the parish. All this of course is in addition to the responsibilities and duties of a parish priest.

### ■ Diocesan Involvement/Activities

- Commission on Ministry (2022—present)
- Commission on Racial Reconciliation (2022—2025)
- Commission on Public Relations (2022-2025)
- Diocesan Council (2022-2025)
- Cursillo #154 assisting spiritual director (2024)
- Camp Hardtner Camp Staff (2021—present)
- General Convention Official Youth Presence 2012 (had seat and voice in the HoD but no vote)
- Delegate to General Convention 2015 (was elected for 2018 but could not go.)

### ■ Greater Church Involvement/Activities

See above.

### ■ Personal Involvement/Activities

- Serve on the Wesley United Campus Ministry Board (2025-2028)
- Serve as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in foster care (2025-present)
- Regularly attends Opelousas City Council Meetings (2021-present)
- Regularly communicates with city officials and community leaders to involve Epiphany Opelousas in ongoing community activities such as the trick-or-treat trail, Christmas parade, annual gumbo cook-off fundraiser, Opelousas Love Fest, Hope for Opelousas, the Refinery Mission, ICONS food bank, and freeze shelters, Acadiana Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster, St. Landry Chamber of Commerce, Epiphany Opelousas Pumpkin Patch, Community Movie Events, City Wide Prayer Revival, and more.
- Submitted a UTO Grant to install a Reverse Osmosis Water Station for the Community (2025)

# THE REV. DR. MITZI GEORGE

## RECTOR OF GOOD SHEPHERD, LAKE CHARLES



- **Parish Involvement/Activities**

Mother Mitzi is the Rector of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lake Charles. She has been the rector since June of 2022. As the Rector she has worked with the Congregation, Vestry, and officers of the parish to complete a total overhaul of the financial practices and procedures of the parish, along with the business practices, worship, and by-laws. She has worked very closely with the reconstruction of the entire plant, and is actively putting systems in place that will ensure the health and vitality of Good Shepherd

- **Diocesan Involvement/Activities**

She presently Serves on the Finance Committee, the Diocesan Council, and the Diocesan Disaster and Relief Committee. She recently accepted a position on the Title IV Committee. She has previously served on both the Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee 3 times each, has served on the Commission on Ministry multiple times, and served as the Diocesan Youth Coordinator under all Bishops of W. LA. Mother Mitzi was also the Diocesan Disaster Coordinator under both Bishop Hargrove and Bishop McPherson

- **Wider Church Involvement/Activities**

Mother Mitzi has served on the Provincial Youth Board, Developed and Planned the only Provincial Youth Event to be held in our Diocese, she has been an active member of the Episcopal Relief and Development network, and has served as a part of our General Convention Deputation and attended three previous General Conventions.

- **Personal Involvement/Activities**

Mother Mitzi is actively involved in all of Good Shepherd's outreach activities. She was instrumental in bringing back the Brown Bag Program which provides food for those in need once a month.

# THE REV. JOHN HENSON

VICAR OF ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR THE HIGHLANDS, SHREVEPORT



- **Parish Involvement/Activities**

Vicar of St. Francis Episcopal Church for the Highlands, Shreveport.

- **Diocesan Involvement/Activities**

Serves as the Bishop's Missioner for Racial Reconciliation, Chair of the Racial Reconciliation Commission, and attends the Diocesan Fresh Start program for the newly ordained/clergy who have a new cure.

- **Greater Church Involvement/Activities**

Episcopal Migration Ministries; Indigenous Ministries

- **Personal Involvement/Activities**

Chaplain of Volunteers of America Louisiana; Highland Center Ministries

# THE REV. RITA JEFFERSON

PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE OF ST. THOMAS, MONROE & VICAR OF ST. LUKE, GRAMBLING



## ■ Parish Involvement/Activities

- Chaplain for Canterbury at Grambling State University
- Started Mid-High youth group at St. Thomas along with other churches in our convocation
- Started Kid's Fun Days which are held twice a year
- Started Children's Service every third Sunday of the month
- Started Welcoming Committee at St. Thomas
- Started Children's Committee at St. Thomas
- Started ULM Committee
- Started St. Thomas Food Pantry
- Installed Outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas
- Helped with Children's Reading Day at the CCA House in Grambling
- Participated in the Lincoln Parish Retired Teachers Forum in Grambling
- Attended Kwanza gathering in Grambling

## ■ Diocesan Involvement/Activities

- Dean of Monroe Convocation
- Diocesan Finance Committee
- Served on Camp Hardtner Board of Directors
- Served on Camp Staff for Camp Hardtner and Camp Able
- Attended Cursillo

## ■ Greater Church Involvement/Activities

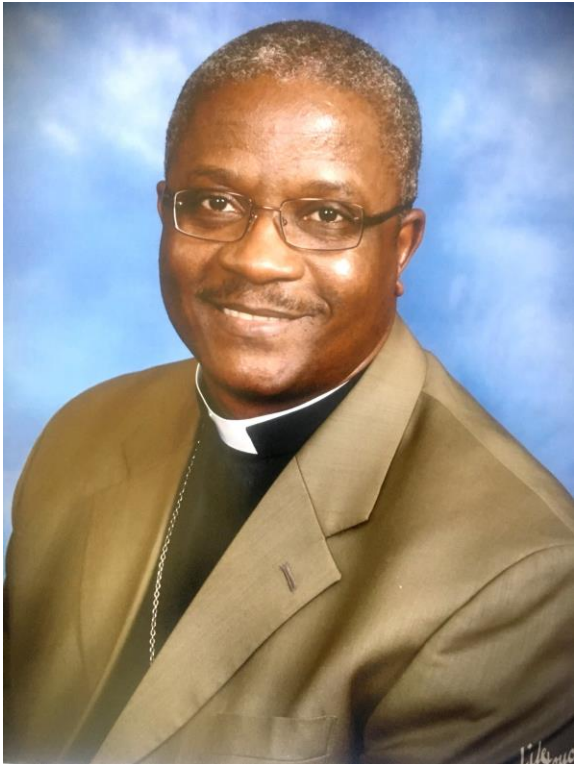
- Board of Directors for the Dominican Development Group
- Member of DOK

## ■ Personal Involvement/Activities

- Served on Board of Directors for Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo as a Docent
- Served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

# THE REV. THOMAS NSUBUGA

SUB-DEAN OF ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL, SHREVEPORT



- **Parish Involvement/Activities**

- Sub-dean, St. Mark's Cathedral
- EFM mentor
- Leader of Stephen Ministry
- In charge of Adult Education for young adults
- Member of (RBL) Reading Between the Line

- **Diocesan Involvement/Activities**

- Current member of the Standing Committee

- **Greater Church Involvement/Activities**

- Deputy to General Convention for three conventions (2015, 2018, 2022).

- **Personal Involvement/Activities**

- Court Appointed Special Advocate for disadvantaged children in Shreveport



# THE REV. DAWNELL STODGHILL

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE AT ST. ANDREW, MER ROUGE & VICAR OF REDEEMER, OAK RIDGE  
CO-VICAR OF IGLESIA EPISCOPAL LA ESPERANZA DE FAMILIAS UNIDAS, MONROE



- **Parish Involvement/Activities**

Priest in Residence at St. Thomas, 2007 - 2021

Priest in Charge at St. Andrew's, & Vicar of Church of the Redeemer, 2021 till present

Co-Vicar, Iglesia Episcopal La Esperanza de Familias Unidas, 2015 till present

- **Diocesan Involvement/Activities**

Previous Chair of the Commission for Racial Reconciliation

Previous Chair of the Standing Committee

Previous Member of Diocesan Council (Monroe Convocation)

Previous Dean of the Monroe Convocation

Hardtner Board of Trustees

- **Greater Church Involvement/Activities**

Baptized and Confirmed at St. James' Episcopal Church, Dillon, MT

Graduate of The Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 1996

- **Personal Involvement/Activities**

Reading, spending time with family, and quilting.

# THE REV. T. WHITFIELD STODGHILL, III

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE AT ST. ALBAN, MONROE

CO-VICAR OF IGLESIA EPISCOPAL LA ESPERANZA DE FAMILIAS UNIDAS, MONROE



- **Parish Involvement/Activities**

Rector at St. Andrew's, and Vicar of Church of the Redeemer, 2000 - 2011

Priest in Charge at St. Alban's, 2011-present

- **Diocesan Involvement/Activities**

Member of Commission for Racial Reconciliation

Former Secretary of the Diocese

Current Vice Chair of Diocesan Council (Monroe Convocation)

Dean of the Monroe Convocation

Hardtner Trustees

EfM Mentor and Diocesan Coordinator

Safe Church, Safe Communities Administrator

- **Greater Church Involvement/Activities**

Baptized (United Methodist Church), and Confirmed at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Monroe

Graduate of The Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 1996

- **Personal Involvement/Activities**

Reading, spending time with family



LAY  
NOMINEES

# LACEE BROWN

## MEMBER OF ST. JAMES, ALEXANDRIA

### ■ Parish Involvement/Activities

- Community Breakfast
- Outreach Ministry
- Usher
- Parish Life Committee: helping in the coordinating event for parishioners including the Parish Picnic, Food Truck Sunday, Shrove Tuesday, etc.
- Loves to sing the praises of Camp Hardtner and help facilitate children's attendance to camp.

### ■ Diocesan Involvement/Activities

- Commission on Racial Reconciliation
- Panelist for discussion on racial reconciliation with Right Reverend Curry
- Attended Adaptive Leadership Workshop with now Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe

### ■ Greater Church Involvement/Activities

Visited Diocese of Louisiana, St. Anna's in New Orleans for Bishop Curry's visit.

### ■ Personal Involvement/Activities

A full-time mom, wife, and high school math teacher. Coordinates a community service club at local high school to get students involved in community and school outreach. Enjoys travel with family and attending local community events that support local causes and ministries.



# TODD COLVIN

## MEMBER OF GRACE CHURCH, MONROE

- **Parish Involvement/Activities**

Present: Eucharistic Minister

Past: Vestry, Sr. Warden, Finance Committee, Grace School Board

- **Diocesan Involvement/Activities**

Present: Diocesan Board of Trustees, Diocesan Finance Committee.

Past: Diocesan Council, Small Congregation Sustainability Task Force

- **Greater Church Involvement/Activities**

Breaking Bread with Grace providing Thanksgiving meals for the needy.

Mission trip to Cuba.

- **Personal Involvement/Activities**

United Way Of Northeast Louisiana

Past Board Member and Finance Chair of Our House (Monroe)

Past Board Member and Chairman of Glenwood Regional Medical Center

Past Chair of Finance for Ouachita Community Enterprise Zone



# LARRY GRIMMETT

## MEMBER OF HOLY TRINITY, SULPHUR

- **Parish Involvement/Activities**

Have served as Sr.Warden and Jr.Warden  
Lease Committee Chairman

- **Diocesan Involvement/Activities**

I served on the Diocesan Council.  
I am currently serving on the Diocesan Board of Trustees.

- **Greater Church Involvement/Activities**

Currently, I am not involved in any outside church activities.

- **Personal Involvement/Activities**

Been a member of Holy Trinity, Sulphur since 1976  
Been married since 1977  
I like to fish, hunt and travel



# KAREN HAYWARD

## MEMBER OF ST. THOMAS, MONROE

### ■ **Parish Involvement/Activities**

As a "cradle" Episcopalian, I have appreciated the need for lay persons to participate fully in the ministry of the parish church. From babysitting in the nursery as a teen to serving on a search committee as a college student to teaching Sunday School as a young mother, I have been involved. In my adulthood, I have participated in Cursillo, Ultreya, choir, Daughters of the King, and various vestry positions including senior warden. I now serve as an acolyte, lector, and Eucharistic minister. For over three years, I have served as the Parish Coordinator of St. Thomas on the Bayou in Monroe.

### ■ **Diocesan Involvement/Activities**

Much of my diocesan involvement has centered around the Cursillo movement. I have served on multiple weekends and now work through Ultreya to encourage others to experience the weekend to strengthen their home churches and communities. I served on the diocese's last bishop's selection committee. Presently, I am a member of the Standing Committee, Secretary of the Diocesan Council, and Secretary of Convention.

### ■ **Greater Church Involvement/Activities**

In the wider church, I have served as a deputy to General Convention in 2022 and 2024. I helped to begin a non-denominational singles' ministry which continues today and offers wholesome social interaction among the area's single adults. I devoted time to Northern and Central Louisiana Interfaith and its non-partisan efforts to improve the lives of all people in our city and state. For the last six years, I have served on the Board of Directors of NOVA, a workforce intermediary in 12 parishes which focuses on preparing people to move into jobs with a career path and benefits while providing solid workers to area businesses and institutions.

### ■ **Personal Involvement/Activities**

I am a retired high school English teacher. I am interested in the care of God's creation. I enjoy traveling to places far and near, reading, walking with my dogs, working in my yard, and spending time with friends, my children and, especially, my grandchildren.



# MARY SHADDOCK JONES

## MEMBER OF GOOD SHEPHERD, LAKE CHARLES

- **Parish Involvement/Activities**

Mary is involved in every aspect of the Church life that is Good Shepherd. She serves as the church chancellor, she is a LEM, she is an EFM participant, she is a Sunday School participant, she is a member of the Altar Guild. She gives so much of her time behind the scenes and upfront. Mary is well versed in the Church and its workings having served on many diocesan boards.

- **Diocesan Involvement/Activities**

Mary is Chair of Constitution and Canons Committee for the Diocese. She serves on the Disciplinary Board and is a vital voice with a sound legal mind. She also serves on the Diocesan Board of Trustees.

- **Greater Church Involvement/Activities**

Mary is in her third year as an EFM student, she has been a constant voice of wisdom in guiding Good Shepherd through its recovery including dealing with Episcopal Church Insurance, the Secretary of State for LA, and multiple other things which has brought her to a point of expertise in areas most Churches don't even know they need to know.

- **Personal Involvement/Activities**

Mary has practiced law in Louisiana and Texas for 39 years in the international oil and gas industry. For the last 14 years she had had her own legal practice focusing on Ethics and Compliance. She is also a Certified Fraud Examiner. In her spare time, Mary enjoys being “Honey” to her 2 ½ year old granddaughter, with another granddaughter due in June.





# DANIEL MANUEL

## MEMBER OF ST. JAMES, ALEXANDRIA

- **Parish Involvement/Activities**

Acolyte/Lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister (2019-Present)  
Worship Committee (2023-Present)  
Vestry Member & Clerk (2025-Present)

- **Diocesan Involvement/Activities**

Diocesan Convention Delegate (2022, 2023, 2025)  
Advisor, Canterbury at LSU Alexandria (2019-Present)  
Lay Trustee, Sewanee: The University of the South (2024-Present)

- **Greater Church Involvement/Activities**

81st General Convention Visitor (2024)

- **Personal Involvement/Activities**

I am the Title IX and Disability Services Coordinator at LSU Alexandria, where I support students with disabilities and students who have experienced sexual misconduct or violence as they work to attain their degrees. I am also an adjunct instructor of history.

My faith is also fed and informed by my love for education. I am completing my second semester of coursework on the Old Testament at Bexley Seabury and my first year of Education for Ministry.



# ANDREA PETROSH

## MEMBER OF HOLY CROSS, SHREVEPORT

### ■ Parish Involvement/Activities

Andrea has devoted many years to the service of her local parishes. In past years as a member of Holy Cross Andrea served on the Vestry and sung in the choir. At St. Mark's she has been a member and soloist in the Cathedral Choir, assisted with the training of treble choristers and summer music camps, and served on the Community Ministries committee. During Katrina Andrea was on the staff of St. Marks as an administrative assistant for hurricane relief, coordination of the Fuller Center for Housing the St. Mark's build and Episcopal Relief and Development. Andrea and her husband co-founded the Willam C. Teague and Donald L. Smith Choir Scholarship which established funding for a deserving child to attend St. Mark's Cathedral School while participating in the treble choir program.

### ■ Diocesan Involvement/Activities

Andrea's diocesan activities and contributions include serving as a member of the Diocesan Council and participating and representing our diocese at General Convention as a deputy and alternate. She was also elected to multiple terms as the diocesan trustee to The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee and is frequently asked by Sewanee to be their representative at our diocesan conventions.

### ■ Greater Church Involvement/Activities

Andrea is currently very involved in wider church activities. Presently she holds the seat of the Province VII Council President and is a member of the Provincial Leadership Council. Prior to her term as president, Andrea was the Province VII Council member-at-large. Andrea was recently elected to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. In that body she has been appointed by Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe to be the liaison to both the National Episcopal Church Women and United Thank Offering in addition to serving on the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Governance and Operations. Previously Andrea has served on the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council Committee for The Church Beyond.

### ■ Personal Involvement/Activities

Andrea loves to travel with her husband, Mike, and her grown children, Michael and Lauren. She also enjoys singing with the Shreveport/Bossier Prisma Vocal Ensemble, a semi-professional chorus in the Shreveport/Bossier City area.



# ROY ROSENTHAL

## MEMBER OF ST. JAMES, ALEXANDRIA

### ■ Parish Involvement/Activities

I was employed as parish administrator from September 2012 until August 2021 overseeing the financial accounting and property management activities of the multiple building campus. Since joining St. James in 2005, I have served multiple terms as a Vestry member and most recently as treasurer of the parish. I am currently the producer of the St. James Concert Series having begun that work in 2011. I am currently one of the two parish vergers and assumed the chair of the altar/flower guild at the annual meeting just held in January 2025.

### ■ Diocesan Involvement/Activities

Serving at the pleasure of Bishop Owensby, I am pleased to be a current member of the Commission on Ministry and the Commission on Liturgy and Music. I am also the current Missioner for Finance for the Diocese assuming that role upon the retirement of Kathy Richey in May of 2023.

### ■ Greater Church Involvement/Activities

I have been extremely proud to represent the Diocese at General Convention as an alternate deputy in both Baltimore (2022) and Louisville (2024).

### ■ Personal Involvement/Activities

My hobbies include a long-time yoga practice, cycling in warm weather, flying my drone and photography.



# NANCY BARNES SHAW

## MEMBER OF GOOD SHEPHERD, LAKE CHARLES

### ■ Parish Involvement/Activities

- Church of the Good Shepherd: Member and Lay Eucharistic Minister since October 2022
- St. Andrew's, Moss Bluff: Member, Bishop's Warden (2014-16), Church Secretary (2014-2022), Council Member (2011-2022)
- Certified Lay Worship Leader, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and Lay Reader
- Holy Trinity, Sulphur: Member and Vestry Member

### ■ Diocesan Involvement/Activities

Secretary of Convention (2013-2020)  
Standing Committee (2010-2013, 2015-2018, 2022-present)  
Discernment Committee facilitator  
Addiction and Recovery Commission Chair and Member (2016-2018), Member 2023-present)  
Camp Hardtner First Camp lay assistant  
Camp Hardtner fanatic since childhood

### ■ Greater Church Involvement/Activities

Deputy to General Convention in 2018, 2022, and 2024.  
Recovery Ministry of the Episcopal Church Gathering 2024, and current Member of RMEC.

### ■ Personal Involvement/Activities

EFM Graduate  
Attended Becoming Beloved Community Workshop (2016 and 2019)  
Attended LA Interchurch Conference (2015)  
Taught Bible School and been involved in youth ministry  
Participates in visitation and Eucharist at Calcasieu Care Center



# ASHLEY THOM

## MEMBER OF ST. BARNABAS, LAFAYETTE

- **Parish Involvement/Activities**

I am member of the Altar Guild, a Lay Eucharistic minister and a lector at St. Barnabas. Currently, I have taken a step back from more leadership heavy roles in the life of St. Barnabas and I am really enjoying it. I like being a part of our congregation without having the additional responsibilities of being on the Vestry or leading any committees. It has allowed me to really focus on intentional prayerful time and worship.

- **Diocesan Involvement/Activities**

I served as a Deputy for our diocese at the 81st General Convention. I am also in my final year of serving as a Trustee on the Camp Hardtner Board of Trustees.

- **Greater Church Involvement/Activities**

Serving as a Deputy at the 81st General Convention, I learned more about the work and workings of the Episcopal Church. It renewed my commitment to our denomination and deepened my faith. Since convention, I have read about and stayed engaged in the news from our church and how it can and will affect our members and the world at large. With my previous experience, I believe that I can and will be a more effective Deputy at the 82nd General Convention. There is a steep learning curve to the life and rhythm of General Convention.

- **Personal Involvement/Activities**

I am a member of Junior League of Lafayette. I am currently serving as Placement Chair and have been elected to the Board of Directors for a 2-year term. I am also very involved with my state and national professional organizations: Louisiana Academy of Audiology and the American Academy of Audiology.

