



The Bellringer

Special Edition, Part 1 Vestry Nominees and Annual Meeting Information

Annual Meeting Information

by Mtr. ClayOla Gitane

It's the time of year when we gather as a parish to carry out various tasks, as required by the Canons of the Church. These include electing a vestry and convention delegates, and receiving reports about membership, sacraments, programs, and finances.

In order to safeguard our members from infection during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will live stream the Annual Meeting on Zoom this year, just as we've been live streaming worship and meetings. We want to help you prepare for this meeting, so we are dedicating the January Bellringer to a special edition about the Annual Meeting.

This special edition of the Bellringer will come to you in two parts. The first part (this one) contains information about the Annual Meeting. It also contains information about nominees to the vestry and alternate delegate to the diocesan convention.

Part two of this special edition will come to you next week. It will contain the Annual Parish Report for 2020, as well as the 2021 budget approved by the vestry. Having this information a week before the Annual Meeting will allow you to review it and ask any questions you may have by email prior to the meeting itself. Any questions and answers will be published before the meeting by Friday January 22. The meeting itself will not have any time slot for these; they will all be handled by email and published before the meeting begins.

Next week's section of the Bellringer will also contain instructions for how to vote at Annual Meeting and the rules for procedure for the virtual meeting.

We will livestream the Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 23rd; the meeting will begin at 3:30 pm (although we will open the Zoom link earlier). That link is available at the bottom of this email. It will be sent out with the Sunday morning emails, as well.

We hope the meeting will be informative and fun, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Peace to you,
Mtr. ClayOla Gitane+

Vestry Nominees

submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Melodie Canon, Mtr. ClayOla Gitane, Joe Nuber, cfc, Jim Reker, and Donna Willy

Vestry members who complete their terms this year include Melodie Cannon, Jim Reker, and Donna Willy. We are very thankful for their faithful service, especially in this difficult time.

Continuing Vestry members will be Kelly Steward, Joe Nuber, cfc, Margie Whitmore, Liz Wolf-Troberg, Stacie Koochek, and Steve Cole.

This year we are happy to announce the following people who are standing for election to the vestry.

Karen Junell

I'm Karen Junell. I would like to serve St. Luke's



on the Vestry. I was raised in Port Angeles, attending St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. My husband John and I were the first couple to be married there in the "new" church in 1972. We took jobs here in Sequim and began attending St. Luke's. My degrees in language arts education and early childhood education lead me to work in preschools and for Head Start. I was a teacher supervisor and later an auditor for national Head Start. I was an administrator for the Title 1 federal program, state remedial math program, and state bilingual education program for the Sequim School District until retirement. At St. Luke's, I attend the 8 o'clock service and have been the Altar Guild director for the past 15 years. I bring organizational and administrative skills as well as deep knowledge of the Episcopal Church to a Vestry position at St. Luke's.

Jill Palmquist



I am honored to be a nominee for St Luke's Vestry because the Parish is known throughout for its extraordinary service to the community and world.

My name is Jill Palmquist and I have been attending 10 am service for the last three years. I was a Cradle Catholic for 60 years. What drew me to St. Luke's was the spectacular acts of compassion and giving aid to others that I kept hearing about all

throughout Sequim such as: Soup's On, aid for the Sequim Children and Food Bank, the physical opening of the church's doors to many outside groups that needed to gather such as AA and the Warming Center... the list goes on with St Luke's desire to help others. I presently am active on the parish hall renovation committee, and before COVID I was proud to be one of the dishwashers for Soup's On.

I feel I could be an asset serving on St. Luke's Vestry because of my strong belief in the power of faith that was rooted in me from my mother and grandmothers. I was a former special education, 6th grade teacher and middle school administrator for 30 plus years (most of it in the Seattle area). I was raised in Eastern Washington and presently am the president of the nonprofit "Honky Donkey Care Farm," which hopefully will have its grand opening in

2021. I work on fostering Sequim community connections through my nonprofit work, golf membership at Cedars, and participating with Audubon and Clallam District Extension educational activities with small farms and landscaping with native plants.

Thank you for considering me for St. Luke's Vestry. May God continue to embrace and care for us all.

John Willy



My name is John Stuart Willy and I am a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Sequim, Washington. I retired in 2018, and my wife and I moved from California to Sequim. My background and profession is in Electrical Engineering in the areas of embedded hardware and software design. I was baptized in Georgia and was confirmed at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, California in 1969.

Nominee for Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention

submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Melodie Canon, Mtr. ClayOla Gitane, Joe Nuber, cfc, Jim Reker, and Donna Willy

Jill Palmquist served as Alternate Delegate to the Diocesan Convention last year. She is stepping down in order to stand for election to the Vestry.

Continuing Delegates to the Convention are Donna Atwood, Diane Grove, Mark Wegehaupt, and Trudy Wegehaupt.

We are grateful for their service at our Diocesan Convention last year, which was held online.

This year we are happy to announce the following person who is standing for election as Alternate Convention Delegate.

Joe Nuber, cfc

Br. Joe Nuber, CFC grew up in a Roman



Catholic family in Pennsylvania and at the age of twenty-five entered a Franciscan Community. He lived in several different friaries over about six years and then decided to leave the Order. After that, he moved to Houston where he worked in public education for twenty-five years as a teacher, program coordinator, assistant principal, principal, and district superintendent. After retiring, he moved to Port Townsend, WA,

which is where he found the Episcopal Church. He then also found Episcopal Franciscans. Br. Joe serves as the Vocation Director for the Community of Francis and Clare. He also serves on the vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Sequim, WA, where he serves as Senior Warden, on the Liturgy committee and, before the building had to close, worked every Wednesday at the Soup's On program.

Zoom Link to the Meeting

St. Luke's Episcopal, Sequim is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Annual Meeting

Time: Jan 23, 2021 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85915106853>

Meeting ID: 859 1510 6853

Passcode: 951029

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