



2020 Convention of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

## ***Election One: Election of Clergy for Standing Committee*** ***2 Clergy Needed for 3 Year-Term***

The Rev. Karl Burns  
Church of our Saviour  
Johns Island

Karl, the Rector of Church of Our Saviour, John's Island, has been involved in diocesan leadership for many years and is ready to return to this privileged opportunity of service. Former Standing Committee, including



Vice Chair and Chair, former Diocesan Council, former Board Chair of St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center, present Chair of Nominating Committee, present member Commission on Ministry.

The Rev. Ted Duvall  
Christ Church  
Mt. Pleasant

Father Ted is a 1989 graduate of the Virginia Theological Seminary, and served parishes in Greenville and Harts-ville, SC, and Augusta GA before becoming Rector of Christ Church in June of 2011. Father Ted believes



that God intends Christ Church to be a place where many lives are transformed for Jesus Christ. While caring for God's people, his ministry passions include preaching the Gospel and teaching the faith – a favorite Bible verse is Acts 20:24. Ted is married to Katherine and their two daughters are Beverly and Anne.

The Rev. Tripp Jeffords  
St. Paul's  
Summerville

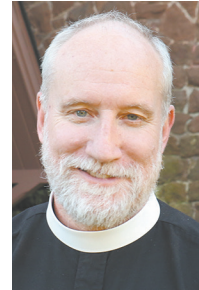
Fr. Tripp graduated from Duke Divinity School in 1994. He received a diploma in Anglican Studies from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1995. Tripp began his ordained ministry serving as the Associate to the Rector at St.



Helena's in Beaufort. Afterward, he was called to be the Rector of St. Paul's in Conway. Tripp, his wife Leslie and their three sons, Christian, Davis, and Hayden, enjoyed more than 17 years ministering to the saints in Conway. In 2015, Tripp accepted a call to serve as the Rector of St. Paul's, Summerville, where they have joyfully served ever since. Tripp has served multiple times on Diocesan Council (liaison to the department of youth ministry) and the Standing Committee. He served on the ACNA Affiliation Task Force. Tripp has served on many Cursillo, Kairos, Chrysalis, and Happening teams. A guiding verse for Tripp's ministry has always been I Corinthians 2:2, "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

The Very Rev.  
Ken Weldon  
St. John's Church  
Florence

The Very Rev. Ken Weldon is the rector of St. John's Church in Florence (2008-present) and the dean of the Florence Deanery. Prior to this, Ken served as the curate at St. Philip's Church, Charleston (2001-2008) and as the chaplain at Porter-Gaud School (2004-2008). Ken has served the diocese on the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and the ACNA Affiliation Task Force. Ken grew up in the Diocese of South Carolina and is married to "Boo." They have two daughters, Mattie (23) and Mims (20).





## ***Election Two: Election of Laity for Standing Committee*** ***2 Laity Needed for 3 Year-Term***

### **Todd Barnum** **St. Paul's, Summerville**

Born into the St Paul's, Summerville, family over 45 years ago, Todd's family helped plant St George's, Summerville. After graduating from Trident Tech Culinary Arts program in 1988, Todd left Charleston and spent the next several years traveling and cooking in some of the finest hotels and restaurants in the country. His travels brought him to Beaufort where his life took a dramatic downturn due to a divorce, becoming a father and losing his job. At that low point Christ "grabbed," him and changed his life. He became a member of St Helena's, Beaufort; taught Sunday school; was involved with the youth group, going on many youth mission trips. He served on Kairos and was active in men's ministry and became a DivorceCare facilitator. He served for six years as full-time chef and hospitality minister at St. Helena's. He is very active in Cursillo having served on team eight times. He is the rector for the BCD Ultreya and is on the Secretariat committee. Last year he was Rector for Cursillo #186. Todd met his wife, Michelle, in 2008 through Cursillo. They married in 2014 and moved back to Summerville where he returned to St. Paul's. He has one son and two step-daughters.



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### **John Benson** **Prince George-Winyah** **Georgetown**

John has been a member of Prince George since 1983. On

the Diocesan level he just completed his 3rd term on Diocesan Council. He is also on the Board of Directors of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. He was a delegate to the 2017 and 2019 ACNA Provincial Assembly and has been a delegate to 15+ Diocesan Conventions, plus served as a member of the Diocesan Task Force for Provincial Affiliation. At Prince George, he has served eight terms as Senior Warden and is currently serving on the vestry. He is currently Vice-Chairman of the Historic Preservation Trust, and is a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, and is involved in Men's Ministry and a regular Men's Conference attendee. A major part of his spiritual life has been the M2 Gospel Challenge and weekly Small Group Bible Study. John is the Professional Products Business Development Manager with Verbatim Americas. He has been married to Elaine for 41 years and they have three grown children and six beautiful grandchildren.



Russ is married with four married adult children and five grandchildren. In 2019 he retired from being a TD Bank Executive, his specialty was commercial business banking. January 2020, he opened Barnabas Associates, LLC - a small business consulting firm. Russ has been active on both the

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diocesan and local levels, having served on the leadership teams of the Men's Ministry, the Men's Summit, the Christian Men's Conference, and was part of the Behold the Man Pilgrimage to Israel in 2015 and 2017. At St. Paul's, Summerville, he has been a Discipleship Leader, a former co-leader of Men's Ministry, a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and part of a men's and a couples Bible study. He has a heart to serve and is very dependable.

### **Cal Huges** **St. Paul's, Summerville**

Cal Huges, a member of St. Paul's, Summerville, is a retired attorney, farmer, educator and overseas mission worker. A graduate of FSU, with a law degree from



Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America, Huges worked as a financial analyst then lawyer for the SEC before spending several years in private practice and 10 years managing the family farm in Wateree, SC. In 1987 he and his wife, Libussa (Bu), joined Mercy Ships in Switzerland managing its European and African affairs. For the next three years he worked in numerous countries in medical and agricultural outreaches. After returning to the States they lived in Franklin, NC where, in need of R&R, he took a job coaching basketball. In 1994 they moved to Charlotte where he became finance manager and eventual headmaster of Charlotte Christian School. Love of sailing brought him to the Charleston area where he served as headmaster of Cathedral Academy before retiring (again) to enjoy competitive sailing. Cal and Bu joined St. Paul's

in 2005. Since then he has done short-term work in Afghanistan and served as CEO of Mercy Ships before "finally" retiring in 2009. He and his wife have been married 45 years and have five children, 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

### **Francis Mack** **Saint Matthew's** **Fort Motte**

Francis Mack is a member of Saint Matthew's, Fort Motte. He has served on the Vestry and as Treasurer. He is currently Chancellor and chair of the finance committee at Saint Matthew's. He is chair of the Board of Directors of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. He previously served on Diocesan Council and the Ecclesiastical Court. He



is a member of the Anglican Lawyers Network. Francis received Bachelors and Masters degrees in engineering from the University of South Carolina. After working 10 years with the Savannah District of the Army Corps of Engineers, he attended law school at USC. He practiced law for 32 years and retired from private practice in 2014. He remains an active member of the South Carolina Bar and is admitted to practice in Federal Court in the District of South Carolina, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Court of Federal Claims and the US Supreme Court. He served in the SC National Guard and the US Army Reserve for nine years. He is married to Nina Reid Mack. They recently celebrated their 40th anniversary. They have two grown children and three grandchildren.





## **Election Three: Election of Clergy for Diocesan Council** **2 Clergy Needed for 3 Year-Term**

The Rev. Donnie Hayes  
Christ Church  
Florence

The Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hayes has served as Vicar of Christ Church in Florence since May 2015. Christ Church continues to grow having confirmed and baptized new members



every year since his institution. Christ Church now has an active Sunday School, weekly Bible Study, weekly Healing Services as well as refreshments after service. Our motto is *Come Home - Refresh, Restore, and Renew*. Additionally, Fr. Hayes serves as Priest-in-charge of the Anglican Church of the Advent, Marion, which suffered severe damage from Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Since that tragedy, the sanctuary has been completely restored and now the business of building the 'real' church through its membership is well underway with the addition of Grand Day, Nativity Tour, and Blessing of the Animal services. Fr. Hayes is married to Cynthia Bush who serves as secretary of Advent Marion, and they have two daughters and six grandchildren.

The Rev. Will Klauber  
Good Shepherd  
Charleston

The Rev. Will Klauber recently accepted a call to serve as the Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Charleston. The Rev. Will Klauber recently accepted a call to be the rector at The Church of the Good



Shepherd. Prior to this call he was the vicar of St. Aidan's of the Sea Islands, a church plant on John's Island. He and his wife,

Sara, have been married for 15 years and have two children, Elizabeth and William. Will received his master's in divinity from Trinity School for Ministry in May. Before his call to ordained ministry, he served as the Summer Camp Director at St. Christopher for five years, and before that he was the Director of Youth Ministries at Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant. He has spent time on the Christian Men's Conference board, and also served for a term as a chaplain delegate to the Health Advisory Committee for the Charleston County School District (CCSD). He has a passion to see our church communities engage more with the communities in which we live, work, and play. Will emphasizes the importance of relationship in building trust within our communities, loving our neighbors, and sharing the Gospel.

The Rev. Jady Koch  
Christ Church  
Mt. Pleasant

A graduate of Washington & Lee University (2000) and Trinity School for Ministry (2007), The Rev. Dr. John D. "Jady" Koch earned his Doctorate in Systematic Theology at the University of Humboldt in Berlin, Germany in 2014. In addition to various articles and lectures, he is the author of *The Distinction Between Law and Gospel as the Basis and Boundary of Theological*

*Reflection*, which was published in 2016 (Mohr/Siebeck) and explores the interrelationship between the doctrine of justification by faith alone and the preaching and teaching ministry of the church. Having served churches in Berlin, Vienna, and Louisville, KY, Jady is excited to have been called to Christ



Church and into The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and is looking forward to continuing his work in bringing the truths of the

Gospel to bear on the everyday realities of life in our modern world. At Christ Church, he oversees the family discipleship ministry and various other classes and offerings. He is on the board of trustees for Trinity School for Ministry. He and his wife, Liza, have three children and about a thousand house plants.

The Rev. Newman  
Lawrence  
St. Jude's, Walterboro

The Rev. Newman Lawrence recently accepted a call to serve as the Rector of St. Jude's, Walter-



boro. Prior to that he served as the Assistant at Church of Our Saviour on Johns Island where his ministry focus was on families and children's

ministries. Newman is married to Trish Sosnowski Lawrence

and they have twin sons, Hank and Huck. Prior to seminary, Newman was a member of St. Michael's Church, Charleston since 2002. While there, he volunteered in the areas of Youth Ministry, Men's Ministry/Hikes, Alpha, and was a Lay Reader. In the midst of that time, Newman and Trish spent two years in Uganda working for One World Health. He graduated with an MDiv from Trinity School for Ministry in May of 2019 and a BS in Education from The Citadel in June of 2006.

The Rev. John Sosnowski  
Holy Comforter, Sumter

Fr. John Sosnowski has served as the Associate Rector at Holy Comforter, Sumter, since June of



2015. Here he oversees Pastoral Care, Men's ministry, Prayer Ministry, Grandparenting ministry. Before that, he enjoyed a successful

career in pharmaceutical sales and served in lay leadership at St. Michael's, Charleston. On a diocesan level, Fr. John has served on the Ecclesiastical Court, is currently on the Evangelism Committee. He and his wife Patti have led workshops on Healing Prayer and been very active in the promotion of Intentional Christian Grandparenting. His passion is that God's people would be equipped and motivated to share the Gospel from cradle to grave. John and Patti have two daughters and three grandchildren, with a fourth on the way. John is an avid outdoorsman.



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## ***Election Four: Election of Laity for Diocesan Council*** ***2 Laity Needed for 3 Year-Term***

Phil Dixon  
Resurrection  
North Charleston

Phil is a Citadel graduate, a professional engineer, and a certified facility manager having his own company as a consulting engineer. Since 2002 he has also been the Director General of the International Order of St. Vincent, an Anglican



Lay Order, and since 2013 a Board Member of The Society for the Advancement of Christianity. In 2017 he was elected to the Board of Directors of St. Alban's Chapel Society. Phil was a member at the Cathedral for approximately 24 years and left to help start the Church of the Resurrection in North Charleston in 2013. As a strong believer that we should contribute our time and talent as well as our treasure, Phil has been actively involved as a member of the Vestry and as Junior Warden at both the Cathedral and Church of the Resurrection. Additionally, as a volunteer at Water Mission he acted as their liaison for Church of the Resurrection during the six years they worshiped there.

Olivia Sporinsky  
Holy Comforter  
Sumter

Olivia Sporinsky has been married to Nick for nearly 20 years. They arrived in Sumter in 2012 and joined Holy Comforter in 2013. They have three children whom they homeschool. Olivia has previously served on vestry, both here and in Tex-



as as well as serving here as the Children's Minister. From 2015-2018 Olivia served as Junior Directress for the SC Assembly of DOK. In 2016 she co-led the first JDOK international trip to the Dominican Republic. Currently Olivia serves on the altar guild, volunteers at the Sumter Pregnancy Center, is active in Ultreya, and is a member of The Daughters of the Holy Cross.

Chet Houston  
Parish Church of  
St. Helena, Beaufort

Chet Houston is originally from Arkansas City, Kansas. Shortly after graduating from high school, Mr. Houston enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During a career which exceeded 26 years, Mr. Houston worked in a variety of billets in



many different locations, including California, Hawaii, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, and overseas on Okinawa Japan. Additionally, he completed three combat tours in the Middle East. Mr. Houston's military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Outstanding Volunteer service Medal. After retiring from the Marine Corps in 2015, Mr. Houston began a career with Low-country Habitat for Humanity as the Executive Director for the affiliate in Beaufort, South Carolina, until he accepted a position aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island in October of 2019. He graduated from the University of Maryland, University College with a bachelor's degree in management studies, and also holds a Master of Science degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Norwich University. He lives in Beaufort, South Carolina with his wife of 28 years, Marcy; together, they have three children.

John Stenger  
St. Paul's  
Summerville

John and his wife, Mary Ellen, have been members of St. Paul's since 2010 after moving back to the Low Country. John is a retired US Army Lieutenant Colonel and retired executive from Honeywell. He currently serves as a LEM, a volunteer for



St. Paul's Food Distribution ministry and on the Pastoral Care ministry. He also works as a construction volunteer for Dorchester County Habitat for Humanity. He has served on St. Paul's vestry and as a delegate for the Diocesan Convention and co-chaired the Buildings and Grounds Committee.



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## ***Election Five: Election of Laity for Diocesan Trustees*** ***2 Laity Needed for 6 Year-Term***

Fred Hoose  
St. Paul's  
Summerville

Frederick Hoose (Fred) has been a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville, since 2008. Fred was confirmed in the



Anglican faith at the Anglican Cathedral, Church of the Epiphany, in Columbia, SC in 1996. At St. Paul's, he serves as a

Lay Eucharistic Minister, Parish Treasurer, and has been a delegate to a Diocesan Convention. Fred retired from the Army as a Colonel (30 years) serving in multiple posts including the Pentagon and around the world. As a civilian, Fred was VP for an international logistics company serving the US around the globe. Fred holds a BS in Mathematics from The Citadel, an MS in Computer Science and a degree in International Studies from The Army's Senior Service College. Fred and Linda have been married for 53 years and have three children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Ann Hester Willis  
St. Philip's  
Charleston

Ann Hester Willis is a member of St. Philip's Church after transferring from St. Michael's Church in February 2019 where she



had been an active member for more than 20 years. Ann is a lawyer and was in the private practice of law for 17 years. Ann

managed a capital campaign for St. Michael's. Following its success, she was recruited by Bishop Salmon to work for the Diocese, ultimately working with churches within the Diocese to raise money to pay off debt. Ann has served on/as the Diocesan Standing Committee (Secretary), a delegate to several Diocesan Conventions (and several Convention Committees); the Ecclesiastical Court; Vestry member, Junior Warden and Senior Warden of St. Michael's Church; a Trustee of the St. Michael's Trust; the Anglican Leadership Institute Board of Trustees (VP-Governance); the Canterbury House Board of Trustees (Executive Committee); a Lay Eucharist Minister, Lay Reader; Bible Study/Life Group Leader; and a Greeter. She has completed Disciple I and Disciple II courses; Cursillo; served on team for Cursillo; the Alpha course, Apologetics 101, a leadership training course at St. Michael's and an Alpha Leadership Conference at HTB in London. Ann and her husband, Fred, have two married children and four granddaughters.

Kenny Wilson  
Christ Church  
Mount Pleasant

Kenny is a lifetime Anglican who moved to Charleston in 2008. He has been actively involved in various Christ Church minis-



tries since -- teaching in children and youth ministries and has served as a vestry member and Senior Warden. Professionally, he

is a licensed broker, and CEO of a high-technology, automated trading firm, where his role mostly consists of directing policy, compliance, and risk management. In the community, he is co-founder and volunteer administrator of a local foundation which raises funds for public schools. Kenny and his wife of 20 years, Phoebe, have two teenage children.





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## ***Election Six: Election of Clergy for Ecclesiastical Court*** ***2 Clergy Needed for 3 Year-Term***

The Rev. Michael Ridgill  
Church of the Holy  
Cross Sumter

The Rev. Michael Ridgill is in his 18th year of ordained ministry currently serving as Pastor

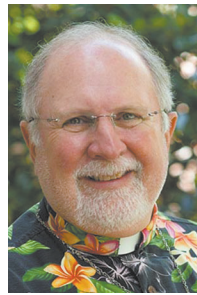


and Rector of Church of the Holy Cross, Sumter. He previously served as Rector at St Bartholomew, Hartsville and Curate

at Trinity, Myrtle Beach. Prior to ordination he practiced law seven years graduating from the University of South Carolina. Michael is married to Devvy for 33 years as of 1 August and they have one adult son, Albert. This past year they hosted Sarah Dekens an exchange student from France and in previous years hosted clergy from the Diocese of Egypt. Michael has previously served on Diocesan Council, Ecclesiastical Court, and on the Diocesan Evangelism & Mission Committee and currently chairs the Diocesan Stewardship Committee. He also serves as Secretary to Diocesan Convention. In January, Michael traveled to Myanmar on a SOMA Mission to present teachings on Paul's letter to Titus and preach. He loves to bake and cook and his favorite Bible verse is the summary of the Good News, John 3.16.

The Rev. Tom Woodle  
The Well By the Sea  
Myrtle Beach

Tom Woodle is the founding Priest for The Well By The Sea, a 10-year-old congregation



in Myrtle Beach. He also currently serves as Head Spiritual Adviser for Cursillo in our Diocese. Prior to becoming a Priest in 2000, he

worked as a psychology professor and therapist for 20 years. He holds a Ph.D. in psychology and is a graduate of Trinity School of Ministry. After ordination he served as a religious studies professor and counselor at Coastal Carolina University in addition to being Vicar at The Well. He retired from Coastal in 2018. He and his wife, Jackie, have seven grown children and 12 grandchildren. Fr. Tom considers the most important part of his ministry to be the proclamation and practice of the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ to a broken world.



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***Election Seven: Election of Laity for Ecclesiastical Court***  
***2 Laity Needed for 3 Year-Term***

Philip Biswell  
Church of the Redeemer  
Orangeburg

Originally from Leicestershire England, Philip and his wife, Linda, immigrated to the USA in



the 1970's. They have three adult children. He has been a longtime member of the Church of the Redeemer and has served

there as a leader in many roles including vestryman, lay reader captain, lay Eucharistic minister, head of discernment committees, and longtime convention delegate. Currently he is serving as Junior Warden at his church. He retired from Westinghouse Electric Co in Columbia S.C. and enjoys spending more time with family, friends and church family. Philip is very competent and levelheaded and he would be a great asset to the Ecclesiastical Court.

Brandt Shelbourne  
St. Paul's Church  
Summerville

Brandt recommitted his life to the Lord in 1984 through FCA. He graduated Furman University



with a BA in 1986 and Cumberland School of Law JD cum laude in 1990. He has worked as an attorney and

Dorchester County Chief Magistrate. Brandt has been married to Pamela Shelbourne since 1986. They have six children. He is a past vestry member of St. Paul's, Summerville and former board chair for the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, Palmetto Family Council and Heritage Community Services.