



80TH GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTY NOMINEES

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTY **NOMINATION** PROCESS

Article V of the Diocesan Constitution specifies who is eligible to be elected as deputies to General Convention: The Clergy Deputies shall be clergy canonically resident in this Diocese at the time of their election and throughout their period of service and the lay Deputies shall be communicants in good standing of a Parish or a Mission of this Diocese at the time of their election and throughout their period of service.

Nominees were required to submit a photo and written answers to the following questions:

1. Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?
 2. What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?
 3. Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.
 4. What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?
 5. How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of our diocese?
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CLERGY NOMINEES

The Reverend Melissa Adzima, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Denver

The Reverend Tory Moir, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Boulder

The Reverend Nick Myers, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Centennial

The Reverend Debbie Shew, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Durango

The Reverend Brian W. Winter, Christ's Episcopal Church, Castle Rock

LAY NOMINEES

L. Zoe Cole, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Denver

Larry Hitt, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Centennial & St. John the Baptist, Breckenridge

Erica Hein Pomerenk, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Denver

Brother Scott-Michael Pomerenk, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Denver

Chuck Theobald, Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Colorado Springs

George C. Wing, Chapel of Our Saviour Episcopal Church, Colorado Springs

Jim Wolfe, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Centennial

GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTY ELECTION PROCESS

This annual convention will elect four clergy deputies and four lay deputies, as well as clergy alternates and lay alternates, to General Convention 2021. Deputies will be elected by a single transferrable vote system in both clergy and lay orders. A single-transferrable vote system accomplishes an election from among several candidates on one ballot by reallocating votes based on voters' stated rankings.

Clergy and lay delegates to this convention will receive separate ballots, because votes must be tabulated by order. Each ballot will have a list of clergy candidates for General Convention Deputy and a list of lay candidates for General Convention Deputy.

To be elected, candidates must receive the required number of votes from both the clergy and the lay order. For example, since there are 5 Clergy candidates and 8 Lay candidates for the four deputy positions in each order, each delegate to Annual Convention will rank the 5 Clergy candidates from 1-5 and will rank the 8 Lay candidates from 1-8. Any ballot that does not have candidates ranked (1st choice through 5th/8th choice) will be considered invalid.

The basic procedure is as follows:

1. Any candidate who has reached or exceeded the quota of votes required to win is declared elected.
2. If a candidate has more votes than the quota, that candidate's surplus votes are transferred to other candidates. Votes that would have gone to the winner instead go to the next preference listed on each ballot.
3. If no one new meets the quota, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and that candidate's votes are transferred according to the next preference listed on each ballot.
4. The tellers repeat this process until either a winner is found for every seat or there are as many seats as remaining candidates.



THE REVEREND MELISSA ADZIMA

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER

Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?

In 2003, when I was in high school, I had the opportunity to attend General Convention in Minneapolis as a youth. It was an incredible experience to see the larger church at work. To worship with people from all over the world. To witness how the members of the Body of Christ make decisions with one another, even if they disagree. Ever since then, I've desired to return to participate as a deputy, being a part of something larger than myself.

What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?

I have been able to serve God in a variety of ways throughout my life, giving me a well-rounded view of the church. I have experienced being active and serving churches from Northwestern Pennsylvania to Alexandria, Virginia, and now here in Colorado. The churches range from rural to suburban to urban from small to large and in between. I attended a course called Nonprofit Management and Leadership for Ministry through Seabury Western and the Kellogg Institute which focused on learning tools to lead churches in the 21st Century. As a young adult priest in this Diocese, I had the opportunity to benefit from the Church Development Institute and later serve as an Intern Trainer. This has allowed me to receive wonderful training and experience early in my ministry that will only enhance and strengthen my future ministry.

Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.

As a cradle Episcopalian, I am grateful to have been formed by the Episcopal Church through Christian formation, service, and community since my birth. My father was an Episcopalian as were my Grandparents before him. Active in my church

growing up, I served as an acolyte and chalice minister as a youth. I was on a Diocesan Committee to design church camp and youth retreats in middle and high school. These experiences, including going to Honduras twice on mission trips, led me to start praying about becoming a priest as a youth. I've also been able to travel and experience the fullness of the Anglican Communion. While studying Spanish in college, I served as a member of a Diocesan ministry that developed a partnership relationship with a church in Spain. In seminary, I participated in the Canterbury Scholars' Program in Canterbury. The course was designed to facilitate conversation, prayer, and study with Anglicans/Episcopalians from all over the world. In this Diocese, I have served on the High Plains Region Executive Board as a Clergy Representative. In my call at St. Andrew's, Denver, I am passionate about pastoral care, social media for sharing the Gospel, supporting all those in their baptismal ministries, and how everyone is welcome at God's table.

What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?

Meeting the needs of today is not totally Sunday-morning-focused anymore. As a church, we need a dynamic response to a rapidly changing culture. In any of the issues facing the church, whether it is how we continue to pray and worship with one another, how we respect the dignity of every human being, how we discern to invest and spend our money in our churches and in the world, and many more, what interests me in particular is making the Gospel and aspects of our rich tradition relevant today. How do we find God present through Jesus in these issues, and how are we called to share that Good News with the world in how we live our lives individually and corporately?

How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Colorado?

I hope to share with the Diocese a sense of the current issues and trends the Church is encountering. It will also give me a chance to network with other Episcopalians, getting new and fresh ideas to bring back home. I'm looking forward to sharing about the experience with the Diocese, answering any questions people might have, and connecting those here with the wider church.



THE REVEREND TORY MOIR

ST. MARY MAGDALENE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BOULDER

Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?

I feel called to serve as a Deputy to General Convention primarily because I love the Episcopal Church and have appreciated every opportunity I have had to participate in our common life together. I first became interested in General Convention while taking a Polity class at the Iliff School of Theology; I was fascinated and wanted the opportunity to see how it works first hand. I believe the way we govern ourselves as the Episcopal part of Body of Christ is important, and I want the opportunity to have a hand in seeing that we live into our Baptismal vows in our canons and our liturgies.

What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?

I have spent much of my career, both in and outside the Church, working with children and youth. I also have experience working in ecumenical contexts; I attended a Methodist-affiliated Theological School for my MDiv, and now minister in both ELCA and Episcopal congregations. As an LGBTQ person and educator, I have also taught others about LGBTQ issues and perspectives, speaking from both my own lived experiences and to broader systemic issues. Finally, in my role at St Mary Magdalene Church, I am tasked with leading mission trips to the US/Mexico Border as part of an ongoing partnership with Cruzando Fronteras, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona.

Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.

I am Priest, raised by this diocese, and serving my first call at St Mary Magdalene Church; I also split my time with House For All Sinners and Saints (ELCA). My areas of focus are Outreach and Advocacy, Pastoral Care, and Christian Formation. Before my ordination, I served as a lay person in several other roles, including

as a youth missionary and as Program Coordinator of the Colorado Episcopal Service Corps. I also served as a lay and clergy delegate to Annual Convention.

What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?

I am concerned with the ongoing conversation about how best to include everyone in our corporate life, regardless of gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation. This applies to the words we say, but also who we lift up in leadership and how we order the lives of our communities to be either welcoming or exclusive.

I feel a strong call to ministry with migrants and in our Borderlands. This is one of the great moral challenges of our time and the Church has much to do to be of aid to those in need.

I am also interested in the future of the "traditional" parish; how are we being called to do ministry differently as the needs and demographics of our congregations change? How can we step bravely into this time and thrive amidst this change?

How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Colorado?

I am energetic, curious, and committed to the future of the Episcopal Church, especially in this diocese, which has given me so much. I am living proof that the Episcopal Church in Colorado welcomes everyone. I am non-binary and queer; this is certainly an underrepresented demographic in our Deputation, but also in the Church at large. I will bring my own unique perspective, but also my love of the Church and my conviction that the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement has good news for people of all walks of life.



THE REVEREND NICK MYERS

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CENTENNIAL

Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?

If I consider this honestly, serving the Church as a Deputy was not something to which I had given much attention. This was mostly due to my sense of primary commitment to parish ministry. However, over the past year I have had a number of people encourage me to consider this role, but also my deep desire to bridge the gap between what is local and global. I believe that our national church has had and continues to discover its unique voice in our world today by focusing on God's unconditional love for each and every person, our call to follow in the way of Jesus, and transform our involvement in shared ways that deny justice and respect for all of God's creation. In order for this voice to be heard and known in the church and world it is necessary for us to care for how we live in community together as parishes, diocese, and the national church. I feel drawn to this good work and stewardship.

What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?

I first came to love the Episcopal Church and our global communion when I lived in and worked for the Episcopal Church of Honduras. These experiences of living with our siblings in Christ in another part of our world opened my eyes to ways of knowing Christ that were beyond my middle-class, White, American upbringing. Certainly, my seminary training and ten years of ordained ministry as a priest working outside Washington, D.C., Connecticut, Indianapolis, and Colorado have taught me the deep importance of cherishing diverse perspectives within a common life—a core value of mine is seeking unity, not uniformity. This comes primarily from the realization that much of my work is listening to, making space with, and noticing the absence of people and voices that are rooted in experiences and realities different from my own. For example, in seeking a Doctor of Ministry, I purposefully chose to attend a seminary

in Chicago where my colleagues were from diverse denominational backgrounds, serving in non-parochial ministries, and engaged in ministry that differed deeply from my own. In nearly all of the parishes I have served I have worked to connect the liberating and transformative good news of Jesus to the issues of the local context into the life of the parish, whether this was about social issues such as systemic racism and housing or access to mental health care. At the heart of this work is my hope to seek out creative ways for people to live out their baptismal covenant and connect with the fullness of life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Our world is complex, beautiful, and heart-breaking and I believe the gospel of Jesus Christ speaks to the totality of our humanity.

Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.

I was born and raised in the Diocese of Northern Indiana. I majored in Religious Studies and Spanish at Wabash College in Indiana and attended the local Episcopal parish and worked part-time as the youth minister while in college. After graduation I moved to Tela, Honduras and worked with the Episcopal Church of Honduras as a teacher at the local parish school. After living and serving in Honduras, I attended Yale Divinity School and received a Masters of Divinity and a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School. While in seminary I interned at several Episcopal parishes in Connecticut and worked for Episcopal Migration Ministries in refugee resettlement and parish partnerships. Over the past ten years I have served in parishes in Virginia, Indianapolis, and Colorado. Currently, I am the rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Centennial. I have served on diocesan committees including the Commission on Ministry, two Bishop-Search Committees, Multi-Cultural Ministries, and Global Episcopal Missions. At the core of my ministry experience is the conviction that faithful, collaborative, innovative, and inclusive leadership is central to helping the church discover its gifts and call in the world.

What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?

I strongly believe in sharing the Good News of Jesus in the world today. That good news is made most clear to me in Luke, chapter 4, as Jesus invites us into God's work of redemption, liberation, healing, forgiveness, and celebration. I think that the Episcopal Church has a unique voice today that offers both rootedness in tradition, as well as proclaiming God's life-giving love for all people. I am more convinced now than ever that the Episcopal Church, our parishes, and our people need to be rooted in our Scriptures, our practices, and core values as followers of Jesus. We need to be shaped, first and foremost, by the liberating and challenging message of Jesus. And we need to know what our good news is as followers of Jesus. I am most passionate about communities of faith getting back in touch with that first love, that central call in their common life to show Jesus to the world. Part of this is helping our leadership claim their voice as spiritual leaders; it means staying focused on our core relationship with God through Christ and letting God do the leading. As I have heard it said before: God's church doesn't have a mission, God's mission has a church—and I am most alive when we have helped create an environment where people are asking the hard questions and working to give more of themselves to the liberating and life-giving work of Jesus.

How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Colorado?

My hope is that my participation will enhance the visibility of and continue to create space for young clergy and lay leaders who are passionate about the life and mission of the Body of Christ. Additionally, I hope my participation will encourage young people to see themselves represented, thereby sending the message that the Diocese of Colorado believes in

raising up people of all ages for leadership within the church. I believe that I bring a passion for both rootedness and restlessness in the life of the church; I want our diocese to deepen its voice and engagement with the needs of our suffering world, as well as equip our people to strengthen and own our following of Jesus. My hope would be that the core values of our Diocese would be well represented by my participation, but also lead us into deeper places of commitment and innovation. This would be my first time as a deputy to General Convention and I would seek to learn from my fellow deputies and other people from different parts of the Episcopal Church and carry those lessons with me as I continue in my ministry, leadership, and service to our church and world.



THE REVEREND DEBBIE SHEW

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DURANGO

Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?

I believe that I have gifts and experiences that would be useful to our deputation and to the deliberations of the Convention, especially at this point in my ministry inside the Episcopal Church. I've been ordained 25 years, long enough to see ideas and efforts come and go, and believe that I now have a longer-term view of "church life" that would enable me to contribute well to the important conversations our church is having. Even on days when I get frustrated with this institution, I have a deep and abiding love for it, and a desire to "give back" to the church that has given me so much. It's where my own faith has been deeply nurtured since I was a young adult newcomer to this corner of God's household, and it's where I have loved inviting others into the circle. It feels like "the right time" to offer myself in this way, both in terms of my life at St. Mark's and in my family's life (our youngest is a senior in high school. Yikes!)

What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?

I have long experience with social justice, poverty alleviation ministries, community organizing, anti-racism work (a trainer in Atlanta) and global mission. I have experience as a retreat and quiet day leader, as a youth leader, including as planner of summer and weekend experiences for them. I love preaching and have served twice on the invited "faculty" of the Preaching Excellence Conference for seminarians.) I have both served as a missionary overseas - 2 yrs teaching high school as an Episcopal Church missionary teaching in the Anglican Church of Kenya, and also helped individuals and congregations learn about how to serve effectively as missionaries themselves. I helped coordinate and did some teaching in the diocesan training for deacons in Atlanta, have served as a supervisor for seminarians in 3 dioceses. I'm a Safe-guarding God's Children facilitator. One of my best experiences of "church" was serving on the board for Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation (including exhibiting with them at

GC '06 and '09), where I learned a great deal about engaging individuals and congregations across theological divides to bring them together for the work of Jesus. It really can and does happen, in some very exciting ways!

Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.

As a fairly new Episcopalian, I attended General Seminary, where I found my love for the Anglican way of being Christian growing ever deeper. Since then, I have served in a large suburban parish (2000+ members, 5 clergy staff), an inner-city mission and ministry in the heart of Atlanta called Emmaus House, including serving as vicar of its family-sized worshipping community (and where I lived as well as worked), served 7+ yrs on the bishop's staff in the Diocese of Atlanta as the Canon for Community Ministries (social justice, local and global mission, director of Episcopal Charities Foundation, diocesan liaison to Global Episcopal Missions, UTO, Episcopal Relief and Development, and other church-wide groups and events, staff liaison to the diocesan Stewardship of the Environment Ministry which I helped start and), served as interim at an historically-black parish in New Haven, CT, as interim at a transition-sized congregation in suburban Atlanta, and now as rector at St. Mark's in a small town setting in a rural area. I believe that width of experience has given me a wide perspective on "church life" and has enabled me to understand the possibilities and challenges of real people and real congregations. Currently a particular gift has been creating relationships with and learning more deeply about the Episcopal Church in Navajoland.

What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?

I'm excited about the Episcopal Church! Still, after 25 yrs and lots of changes in both the church and myself. So I'm especially interested in figuring out

new and fresh ways to share what we have with the communities around us. I'm passionate about helping individuals and congregations deepen their spiritual lives and connection with God, and then figuring out what the implications of the that personal and lively faith are for engaging the communities around them. I'm also deeply interested in finding ways for our church to create space for important conversations that our communities and our nation desperately need to have in this profoundly divisive and troubling time. I want us to learn to listen deeply ourselves, to one another - especially around issues like race - and then to learn ways to carry what we've learned to our families, places of work, communities. Always, always, I want to find ways for us to deepen relationships - whether in our parishes, dioceses, global partners, local communities. I'm also interested in looking at the ways we structure ourselves and finding ways for those structures to better serve our mission.

How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Colorado?

I'm a team player, excited at the thought of sharing this responsibility and experience with others from around the diocese. I am fairly new to the diocese (3 yrs this summer) and believe that gives me a fresh perspective on "how things work around here". That said, though, I know I have a great deal to continue learning about my new home in this particular part of the Episcopal Church. I believe my recognition of this - knowing I'm in "learner's mode" - is an attitude that would spill over helpfully in my work in and around the diocese. My participation both in the deputation, and in General Convention itself, would broaden what I can bring to the SW Region's Executive Committee, to my parish (and, even, I believe, my local community) and to conversations with my fellow Episcopalians around The Episcopal Church in CO.



THE REVEREND BRIAN WINTER

CHRIST'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CASTLE ROCK

name a few. As noted above, I have been active and continue to learn, explore and study within the Episcopal and Anglican traditions and hope that will never end.

Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?

I have served as a Clergy Deputy at that last four General Conventions, most recently with the deputation from The Episcopal Church in Colorado. I have history and good working memory of what has taken place in the past and where we have seen some great moments in the Episcopal Church over the last 12 years. I also have seen where we have fallen short and in some cases missed the mark. With this background and my ministry within Colorado, I feel that I can be an effective member of our deputation to General Convention in 2021.

What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?

As a father, husband, priest and former photojournalist I feel that I can relate to many in the Episcopal Church and the vast diversity we bring to the table. I have a Master of Divinity and a Doctorate of Ministry in Congregational Development, but more than these degrees, I have more than 15 years of ordained ministry in the church and more than 12 years before seminary as a journalist and observer of people. Some of my most recent training in the church has been around congregational development, prayer and conversation/ listening, evangelism, life-long learning in the church, and the Church Development Institute.

Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.

I am a cradle Episcopalian, but honestly what has formed me more than anything in the church is seeing the church through the eyes of my wife, who grew up in the Southern Baptist church and was Confirmed in the Episcopal Church shortly before we were married. Through her entry into the Episcopal Church, I saw all the wonderful aspects and gifts the church has to offer people that I had just taken for granted growing up in the church. The ability to ask questions, and search for a deeper understanding of our faith, the openness to ALL within the church, and our amazing liturgy just to

What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?

In the last few years, we have made great strides forward in the Episcopal Church, I think the calling of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry was one of those Holy Spirit moments that has changed the church and made a huge impact on the Episcopal Church. One part of General Convention 2021 will be to put together a Search Committee for the next Presiding Bishop, this will be a formative time for the church. Bishop Curry's term ends at General Convention 2024. We also are in the midst of conversations and studies on the revision of the Book of Common Prayer. In our polarized world today, we as a church must find a way to be a healing presence in the country. As Bishop Michael Curry told young Episcopalians at the Union of Black Episcopalians meeting in July, "We must help America find its soul." So as I look at our corporate life together, we have a lot to do, and a lot of love to share.

How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Colorado?

In all we do and deliberate on with and for General Convention, it all relates back to our individual diocese and congregations. As a deputy to General Convention, I would work with our deputation and our new Bishop to bring the parts of convention that touch the people and ministry of Colorado most directly back in ways we can implement or engage in corporately as well as individually. We have a great start on our ministry with Bishop Kym and her staff, I would expect and anticipate that being part of General Convention in 2021 will be a catalyst in our ministry forward in Colorado as well. If we do not share what we learn and do at General Convention with the diocese and local churches, then it ends in Maryland, rather than begin there and spread throughout the church and world.



L. ZOE COLE

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER

Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?

After 7 General Conventions (5 as a Deputy) I continue to feel passionate about and energized by the ministry of governance. I understand our polity, know many of the people involved (which makes it all much more interesting to me than national secular politics), and have the skills and interest to participate in the legislative process through which we govern our part of the Church. In addition, I feel called to share the unique vocation of our diocese with the whole church and to work with fellow deputies to share the work of the whole church with the diocese.

What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?

In addition to extensive experience within the church in a variety of lay ministries, especially formation, and including my past experience with General Convention, I bring my experience and training as a lawyer, working primarily with family and municipal law issues. I have also served on two state legislative committees. My personal formation work includes more than 20 years as an EFM mentor, personal weekly Bible Study for more than 10 years with a legal colleague, who is much more religiously conservative than I am, and work toward my doctorate in religious & theological studies (to be completed by October 2019).

Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.

Participation: began attending Episcopal Church as a child with my parents more than thirty years ago; EYC, Happening, Yearly Church Camp from 3rd Grade through High School; active member of St. Luke's, Denver, 1992-2016; Minister to Children, Youth & Families at St. Andrew's, Denver since March 2016. Experience: that TEC is a church which nourishes all parts of the person, celebrating and fostering

intellectual and emotional growth, in addition to spiritual maturation. Ministries: Lay Reader, Lector, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Visiting Lay Eucharistic Minister, and Adult Acolyte; member of Vestry, Parish Council, Diocesan Commission on Human Sexuality, Richard Hooker Forum, Bishop Transition Team, Ecclesiastical Court (Diocesan & Provincial), GC Canons Committee (committee secretary last three GC's), Episcopal Relief & Development Task Force, Safeguarding God's Children trainer, and currently member of the interim GC Safeguarding Task Force; Diocesan Convention delegate or alternate most years since 1998; GC volunteer 2000, alternate 2003, deputy 2006-2018; EFM mentor; Adult Education Forum leader; Catechist and Godly Play Storyteller (and current member of the Godly Play Foundation Board of Directors).

What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?

Formation (discipleship) seems to me to more important than ever to both the corporate issues facing the Church, and to the ways that Christians can be witnesses to peace with justice in all the countries that make up The Episcopal Church, and in the world. As I listen to the needs and concerns of my siblings in Christ in my parish, in the diocese, and in the Church, it is clear that discipleship has never been more important to our continuing ability to proclaim the Good News with confidence and to serve those in need, inside and outside the Church, locally and globally. The basis of our proclamation is the command to love one another as we have been loved by God. Christian formation is vital if each of us is to discern and live out our God-given vocation (the unique way each is called to love our neighbor). The way we support the vocations of all, lay and ordained, is also of great interest to me, as honoring all vocations is necessary to the healthy and holy functioning of the Body of Christ and its mission.

How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Colorado?

My participation as part of the deputation has already enhanced the life, mission and ministry of the diocese, because it has enhanced my own vocation of contributing to the formation of others. Working as a lay Deputy also demonstrates to others, lay and ordained, the importance of the ministry of the laity to the work of the whole Church. Working with others at the General Convention level, including those who understand God's will for the Church differently, hones my skills for doing the same within the diocese. Once I have finished my dissertation this fall, I will focus on working with diocesan staff to assure that all members of the diocese are equipped with the latest GC resources to keep children and vulnerable adults safe.



LARRY HITT

**GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CENTENNIAL
& ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BRECKENRIDGE**

Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?

The Episcopal Church is in the midst of a great, Spirit-filled movement of evangelism and spreading the Gospel, due in large part to the awesome leadership of our Presiding Bishop. I want to help support and nurture that movement at every level of the church. We are richly blessed in Colorado with a great new Bishop with vision and energy and gifts and we can continue to serve as examples to the greater church of how a faith community gives back and shares its blessings. I also continue to believe that the Episcopal Church is called to provide prophetic leadership to other churches in the Anglican Communion and I think we need to monitor very carefully the Lambeth Conference of Bishops scheduled for next year.

What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?

In addition to my work as Chancellor of Colorado, I served for several years as President of the Episcopal Chancellors Network, working with lay and clergy leaders, other chancellors and bishops throughout the church. I teach Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion canon law and church governance in the Anglican Studies program at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, so I have a good understanding of how the church is governed. I have also served on the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons and similar legislative committees for General Convention.

Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.

At the parish level I have served as Senior Warden and Co-Chair of the Building Project which renovated and expanded Good Shepherd. At the Diocesan level, in addition to my work as Chancellor, I served on the Steering Committee for the Cathedral Ridge capital campaign and I provide training for ordinands, clergy new to the diocese, and for the Disciplinary Board.

At the national/churchwide level, I currently am a member of the Board of Trustees of The Archives of The Episcopal Church and I am on the Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development, which is focused on assisting dioceses in finding, vetting and electing new bishops. In the past I served on the Blessings Task Force, and the Nathan Network for a Safe Church. At the Anglican Communion level, I am a member of the Anglican Communion Legal Advisors Network, the Ecclesiastical Law Society and served several years on the steering committee of the Anglican Safe Church Consultation/Network.

What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?

I believe that the election of PB Curry sent a really significant message to the world and to the rest of the Anglican Communion that we continue to see the essential need to address race relations in our church and in this country. I think we need to continue to ask ourselves if our governance structures are working and how they can be improved. For example, we should seriously address how General Convention itself can be re-structured to make it more accessible to more and younger deputies, and how it can be more efficient with respect to how resolutions are introduced.

How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Colorado?

I have been very fortunate to serve as an alternate or a deputy at a few General Conventions and I hope that I am able to bring some institutional memory of how we got where we are today, as well as some new suggestions on how to make it work better for the entire church. In addition, hopefully I can help train and support new deputies from our deputation as we continue to raise up new clergy and lay leadership.



ERICA POMERENK

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER

Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?

I feel God has brought me to the General Convention to help do the work of the church in what I see is a Holy setting. The work done at General Convention is good, hard, and Holy. It is a time to come together and work through our differences to make the Episcopal Church a church for all of God's beloved children. I feel that I have a voice to offer to this church as it continuously evolves, and to help it become the best church it can be.

What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?

Having grown up in the Episcopal Church, I have a unique perspective to offer regarding our Church. This next convention will be my 8th General Convention, and, if elected, my 5th as a deputy. From starting by being a teenage visitor while my mom was a deputy, to finding my own call to to serve the Episcopal Church in this way, I have grown in my love and passion to serve the church in its governance.

In my adult life, I have worked with all ages, from the very young in a daycare setting, to youth and young adults as a youth leader, to working in Skilled Nursing with our elders, and now working daily with all ages as a flight attendant. I have experiences helping those in the best and hardest moments of their lives, and helping to promote resolution and reconciliation in many situations.

I am an advocate for those in need, for those treated unjustly and standing up for the rights of all people. I seek to serve Christ in all people, and this includes in the setting of the General Convention and helping the church to reach out and do the same. I have travelled the world, starting as a teenager, and have learned from each place I visit. I try to stay informed on issues pertaining to human rights, to help others learn about human rights issues and to try to limit my own complacency with such things, realizing that I am still imperfect in this, but I try.

Additionally, although maybe most importantly, I am a mother. Daily, I strive to help our daughter grow into the amazing person she will be, to seek justice, to love unconditionally, and to show God's love to all. As she and our future children grow, I hope they will be witness to this amazing Church that we have and to be a part of its growing into the next century. I hope to use my experience as a mother to help the Episcopal Church be a place where families can fully participate in all aspects of our corporate life together. This includes helping the Church be a more open and family inclusive place; from our boards and other governance structures to our common life together.

Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.

I am a cradle Episcopalian. Church has always been very important to me, helping me build a foundation for who I am today. Growing up in the church I was very active as a child, youth and young adult, eventually becoming a youth leader. I have worked with the youth in our Diocese at the parish and diocesan level for many of the past twenty years. I am a member of the Cathedral Ridge Board and hold a place in my heart for Camp and Conference Centers.

This involvement led me to the Young Adult Conference during the 2006 General Convention in Columbus, and my participation there brought me to my calling to serve as a deputy. I served as an Alternate Deputy for three conventions, and as a Deputy the past General Convention. I take my role very seriously; reading, praying, and listening to the Holy Spirit for guidance on matters for the Church. I also find that God will sometimes lead us places we don't expect at General Convention. During the last convention that led to my newborn daughter and I helping to change the rules of the House of Deputies regarding children on the Floor for purposes of feeding. The resolution that resulted was a very inclusive resolution so that all parents are

able to feed and care for their children while serving on the floor of the House of Deputies. This was not something that I went to GC to do, but was called to do, and while it was a difficult thing for me to go through, it was also a necessary thing and something that helped our life together as a church more fully embrace the body of Christ.

In the broader church, I was Vice Chair for the Committee on Minutes during the 2018 General Convention in Austin, and was appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations for this triennium.

What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?

There are many issues that the Church is facing today that are important to me, but most particularly, our response to the Human Rights Crisis that is sweeping the nation and the world. It is an important time for the Church to speak out and make bold decisions to help those facing injustice, both locally and abroad. This injustice includes immigration, racism and healthcare. Our response as a Church united speaks to the world about who we as Christians are called to be. In a world of growing strife, anxiety and Human Rights violations, we need to stand together and speak out.

Within the Church, as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, I have a huge interest in helping to find the right people to fill the many roles of our Church governance, from Church Pension Fund Trustees to the Executive Council. We seek to fill the roles in such a way that the diversity of the Church is represented. All the roles that we seek to fill require the right people to help the Church live into its call.

How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Colorado?

As a member of the Deputation, I will seek to grow our Diocese's knowledge about the General Convention. It is a huge and important part of our life together, and I love helping others learn more about this great family reunion we call General Convention. On a daily basis I try to encourage people who have never been to come, even for a few days a visitor, to see what we do a broader level. It's easy to forget on a daily basis that we are a part of the larger body of the Church, and even more so of the Body of Christ, but seeing it work together at its best, and sometimes its hardest moments, is an awe-some experience and helps us to remember our role in the Church on a daily basis. I have been blessed to have been a part of it for so many years, and look forward to many more years of involvement, hopefully as an elected Deputy.



BR. SCOTT-MICHAEL POMERENK, BSG

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER

Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?

Since my youth I have felt a call to, and—perhaps against common perception—found great joy in church governance; for the past three triennia I have felt a particular call to General Convention, where I have found that joy in abundance. At General Convention we work to make the Church function well and reflect the movement of the Holy Spirit. And while we often disagree about how best to do that work, for the most part we do it in a spirit of prayer and love. There are few places other than General Convention in which we can experience the full diversity of The Episcopal Church, all to God's great glory, and the experience is rich and fulfilling.

What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?

I have many years of experience in church governance in two dioceses, have served on deputations to the past three General Conventions, and have a strong familiarity with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church—how they function and how they change. My experiences at General Convention as well as my life in the Church have acquainted me with a broad network of friends in different corners of the Church and the world, and perspective on and respect for the breadth of their ideas and values. My life as a lay brother gives me the grounding of prayer and a rule of life to keep my mind and heart on following God's will for our Church and for myself.

Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.

I was first alternate deputy from Colorado to the 79th General Convention; I was an alternate deputy from California to the 77th and 78th General Conventions, and served as the deputation's Chaplain in the 78th triennium. After the 79th GC I was appointed to the

Joint Task Force to Develop Churchwide Family Leave Policies. In the Diocese of California I was a Diocesan Convention delegate from Grace Cathedral from 2009-2015, and Convener of Grace Cathedral's delegation from 2010-2014; I co-chaired the Racial Reconciliation Task Force from 2010-2014; was on the Committee on Governance from 2012-2015, chairing the committee from 2013-2015; I was an active participant in the life and worship of Grace Cathedral, including being an acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Docent, and completing Education For Ministry (EfM). At St. Thomas I am a lay homilist, acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and past chair of the Servants For Justice committee. I am involved in Together Colorado, a state-wide multi-faith community organizing group. I have attended the last six Colorado Diocesan Conventions. I am a professed Friar in the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory (BSG), a canonically-recognized religious community in the Episcopal Church.

What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?

As we move forward with Prayerbook reform, it's important to me that we don't lose our deep, rich liturgical tradition. Changing language to reflect our diversity is vital, but so is preserving our unity in Common Prayer. It's important to me that the Church presents the teachings and example of Jesus as a strong alternative to the World's values—values we see playing out today in deeply disturbing ways. The Church must keep striving to respect the dignity of every human being—particularly those who have been marginalized by society, and by the Church itself. Making sure we are reflecting God's redeeming, unconditional love in everything we do is essential to every issue the Church encounters. Presiding Bishop Curry has encouraged the Church to commit to "The Way of Love" as taught by Jesus—what better way to engage in shaping and growing our Church and serving and improving the world?

How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Colorado?

My wife Erica and I have developed a great partnership not only in life but in church governance. We have developed friendships with people from multiple dioceses and created alliances in legislation through those friendships.

As a lay brother, I bring the perspective of vowed religious life to the Deputation. Through our prayer and devotion to God through a Rule of Life, religious attempt to call the Church to greater faithfulness and love, and such things are essential in the busy time and chaotic politics of General Convention.

One of the aspects of General Convention that I find most joyful is reporting back to our diocese what we have done at Convention. It is a way to unite our siblings at home in Colorado with Episcopalians around the nation and world, and I love to take part in debriefings and discussions before and after Convention.



CHUCK THEOBALD

GRACE & ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, COLORADO SPRINGS

Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?

To an extent, each of us who has served as a deputy or alternate to General Convention see what we want to see in General Convention. It is a spiritual gathering of Episcopalians. It is a legislative body dependent on committees and process. It is the ultimate governing authority in our Church, responsible for the Constitution and Canons as well as the Hymnal and the Book of Common Prayer. It is the place where we insure our Christian values are represented in the way the church is run. To be honest, it is all of these and more.

I am called to help the church serve parishes and congregations, large and small, so that they may create the opportunities to worship Christ and serve humanity. That is the work of General Convention, and why I would like to return as a deputy.

What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?

We all take on many roles in life, and each role supports and strengthens the others. I've worked as an engineer and project manager for FedEx, as a father, as a church member and lay leader, and as a community volunteer. While most of us at this convention have similar experiences, it is the way we synthesize information, and persuade others to join that makes the difference.

Analyze – persuade – act. What is the information we have gathered telling us to DO? Whether it is managing a diverse group of engineers spread across Europe, as I did as an expatriate living in Brussels, or leading a group of parents, teachers and administrators working to improve accountability in our school district. Sometimes, the path of action is clear, but more often it requires working together to find the best road.

Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.

I have had many opportunities to serve the church. My primary ministry is as a chorister, beginning in second grade at St. Paul's in Dayton, Ohio. I have served on the vestry at St. Paul's, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Memphis, and Grace and St. Stephen's in Colorado Springs, where I am currently Clerk of the Vestry and program director for Jazz in the Garden. I have previously served as member or chair of the communications, bylaws, finance, stewardship and worship committees, and as senior warden. Beyond our parish, I am a member of the Sangre de Cristo executive committee, chair of the Board of Trustees for the Colorado Episcopal Foundation and served as an alternate deputy at two General Conventions.

What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?

I believe the Episcopal Church should be thoughtful about our liturgy and music, welcoming to all and seeking to treat all God's children with love and respect. Where we fall short we need the tools and resources of the larger church to guide us. My interest is in structures we create and the leadership we develop to help amplify and implement God's call to each of us.

How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Colorado?

As individuals and a larger communities, we are called to prayerfully consider how we carry our message as Episcopalians and Christians into the world. Our participation in General Convention connects us to the larger Church, and the larger Church to us.

Service as a deputy is not a momentary calling to attend a meeting in Baltimore in the summer of

2021. It is important that those elected are mindful of the obligations to prepare diligently, to participate actively and to communicate widely. As an alternate deputy for the past two conventions, I have taken every invitation to share both the actions taken and the experience of General Convention to many parishes within the diocese. By working to connect the people of the Episcopal Church in Colorado to the actions of the larger Church, I believe we can be more effective in delivering that message.



GEORGE C. WING

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOUR, COLORADO SPRINGS

Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?

Since the election of our current Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, I have witnessed the "birth of the "Jesus Movement" and the reclaiming of evangelism by our Church. Serving on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, I see the nuts and bolts of the work that supports the "Jesus Movement." I have watched Bishop Curry preach on love as an essential element of the work of the church as he proclaims the Gospel to the Church and the world. By serving as a member of the Colorado deputation at the coming General Convention, I can support this work and promote the "Jesus Movement" and evangelism as core values of General Convention and The Episcopal Church.

What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?

I am a life-long Episcopalian. My wife and I have four children and ten grandchildren, so I have experience with both children and young adults. I like to hike, camp, travel, read, and play with my grandchildren. After military service (US Army, Vietnam, 1970-1971), I went to Law School (J.D., Michigan, 1974). I have been a practicing attorney in Colorado Springs since 1975, assisting clients with many different sorts of problems, including business, corporate, criminal, domestic relations, mental health, real estate, probate and wills. My clients have been diverse as to race, age, ethnicity, sex, and orientation. As a member of the Colorado Executive Council, Standing Committee, and Property Committee, I have gained a working knowledge of the Colorado and TEC canons and constitutions and of diocesan and congregational governance issues. In my work as a member of the Province VI Council, the Small Congregations Standing Commission, the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, and grant committees, I have had exposure to church-wide matters and I have become familiar with the issues and struggles on dioceses and congregations across The Episcopal Church. The Episcopal Church is an international church,

in which the Gospel is preached in many different languages. Documents are routinely published in both English and Spanish. As a member of the deputation, I would bring my knowledge and experience of diocesan and church-wide matters to the table.

Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.

Baptized Episcopalian; Vestry, Chapel of Our Saviour (1988-1991); Trinity Ranch Board (1993-1994); Colorado Diocesan Executive Council (1996-2000); Sangre de Cristo Region Executive Council (1999-2014); Colorado Diocesan Standing Committee (2000-2005 and 2009-2014); Colorado Diocesan Property Committee (2001 to present); Colorado Deputations to General Convention (Lay Deputy, 2009 and 2015, and Lay Alternate, 2006 and 2018); Province VI Council (2013 to present); Small Congregations Standing Commission (2009-2015, Chair, 2012-2015); Lay Representative of Province VI on the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church (2015 to present); Member and Secretary, Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Local Mission/Mission Within the Church (2015 to present); Constable Fund Grant Review Committee (2015 to present, Chair, 2018 to present; and Roanridge Trust Grant Review Committee (Chair, 2018 to present).

What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?

I have been extensively involved in both diocesan and church-wide governance. Currently my involvement is as the Lay Representative of Province VI on the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church. In that role I serve on the Executive Council's Joint Standing Committee on Mission Within the Church. I also chair two

grant committees, one involving religious education (Constable Fund), and the other involving training for town and country ministry and rural Christian workers (Roanridge Trust). The Episcopal Church has many large, thriving churches in major metropolitan communities, but small congregations in smaller towns and rural areas often struggle with issues of distance, isolation, lack of resources and changing demographics. Even in large cities, changing demographics and life styles can be difficult for churches, as they attempt to adapt to change. The Executive Council committee I serve on deals with a wide range of mission issues and concerns that affect our church work and life at all levels. The "Jesus Movement," evangelism, lobbying Congress, anti-racism, church planting and training, youth and young adult work, Province IX, outreach to immigrant, indigenous and non-traditional communities, and much else fall within its scope. The work is fascinating. Seeing so much of it, I have become interested in looking for ways to leverage resources, such as grants, to help congregations adapt and thrive in the changing circumstances we all face. I am also interested in looking for ways to simplify governance, rather than always making the canons and reporting requirements more complex and harder for clergy, wardens and vestries to deal with.

and congregational life, An apparently simple canonical change or a minor modification of the parochial report can significant effects on congregations. Likewise the actions of General Convention on the major issues of the day can have real impact on the life of dioceses and congregations. As a member of the deputation, I will use my experience in diocesan and church-wide governance as a resource and to help keep the deputation aware that the actions of General Convention have real consequences for our diocese and congregations.

How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Colorado?

Through my work in church governance at the parish, diocesan, provincial and church-wide level, I have become familiar with many of the issues and struggles our church faces in a changing world. The deputation will be faced with a multitude of resolutions on a wide variety of issues, with limited time to analyze and reflect on each proposal. I have worked with canonical issues and budgets on both the diocesan level and the church-wide level. I can help the other members of the deputation understand the implications of proposals affecting the church budget, governance, and diocesan



JIM WOLFE

GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CENTENNIAL

Why do you feel called to serve the Church as a Deputy to General Convention?

Over the last several years I have been involved in the Episcopal Church in Colorado at the Diocesan, Region and Church Level. I have served for five years on the Standing Committee as the Secretary, on the High Plains Region Executive Committee for seven years and now serve as the Treasurer for High Plains on the Executive Committee. I have been very active in Good Shepherd as the leader of the Men's Group, the head of Stewardship and on the Finance Committee.

I attended the General Convention in Salt Lake City in 2015 and worked 80 hours as a volunteer in the House of Deputies and in the daily service area. I attended the General Convention in 2018 and met with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and attended the General Convention.

I believe my background and experience would serve me well as a Lay Deputy to General Convention.

What life experiences and/or training can you offer as a resource to the Church?

I am a cradle Episcopalian and I have served on nine Vestries in five states. I have been a Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Clerk for Vestries. We have been at Good Shepherd in Centennial for 33 years and I coordinated the Men's Group for 31 years. I am a Chemical Engineer by Background and spent 31 years in the Oil and Gas Business with my last 12 years as Vice-President of Operations for a Oil and Gas Company. I then built a successful Insurance career as an Insurance Agent for Farmers Insurance with over 1000 clients and 2600 policies for 12 years.

My experience with the Standing Committee, the High Plains Executive Committee and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church has kept me current with the current issues and business of the Episcopal Church of Colorado.

Describe your ministries, participation, and experience in the Episcopal Church.

I have completed the Church Development Institute (CDI) with the Episcopal Church in Colorado. I have also completed the EFM classes in Colorado and been a participant and supporter of Cursillo in Colorado. As mentioned earlier I have been on the Standing Committee for five years with one year left, and have served on the High Plains Executive Committee for seven years.

I was a leader in seven Alpha classes in our Church during a time that we were the fourth fastest growing Church in the United States. At Good Shepherd I have served as Senior Warden and three terms on the Vestry. I currently am chair of Stewardship for Good Shepherd and serve on the Finance Committee. I am a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and led our 40 man Men's Group for 31 years.

What aspects of our corporate life or issues facing the Church today hold particular interest or importance to you?

I am very interested in the overall budget and finances of the overall Episcopal Church. I am very interested in continuing to enhance and expand male participation in the Episcopal Church based on my coordination of the Good Shepherd Men's group. I am also an advocate for equal rights for everyone in the Episcopal Church.

How will your participation as part of the deputation enhance the life, mission, and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Colorado?

I believe I am in a very unique position with my involvement with the Standing Committee, the High Plains Region and our Church to continue to enhance the life, mission and ministry of our Diocese. I believe I am in a position to influence decisions at the Church, Region and Diocesan level and plan to continue to be involved in those areas.



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