**Short Biographies of Candidates for Elective Offices**

*\*denotes a contested election*

**Standing Committee**

*1 Clergy for three year term*

**\*Steven Burns+**

*Priest in Charge, St Alban's, Superior*

I have been a priest for just over 4 years now, but before this I had been a high school teacher in Scotland for Religious, Moral, & Philosophical Studies from 2002. In 2005 I was invited to join a Missionary organization developing materials for their Discipleship Training Course and providing support for the missionaries serving on Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation. Since being ordained to the Priesthood I have served as an on-call chaplain at St Mary's Medical Center/ Regional Trauma Center in Duluth alongside my responsibilities in the parish.

**\*Deacon James Lorenze**

*Deacon, Christ Church Cathedral*

Dn. Lorenze has been a member of the Cathedral for over 30 years and has served as a Deacon for more than 20 years. He has served as a member of the Deputation to the last two General Conventions. His local ministry includes taking Communion to home-bound parishioners.

*1 Lay Person for three year term*

**Diane Bilderback**

*Vestry Member of Christ Church Cathedral Eau Claire*

Diane is a former Sunday School Teacher (for 20 years) and is active in Cathedral Administration as well as the Cathedral’s ECW. She also enjoys her time on the Cathedral’s Prayer Shawl Ministry team.

**Executive Council**

*1 Clergy for three year term*

**Tanya Scheff+**

*Priest in Charge St. Andrew’s Ashland and Christ Church Bayfield*

Tanya came to Eau Claire in September 2017 from the Diocese of Northern Indiana where she served several years in Michigan City. She is a graduate of Nashotah House and has worked in Florida as an environmentalist. She has captured and tagged alligators!

*2 Lay Persons for three year terms*

**Paul Chase**

*Sr. Warden of Grace Church Rice Lake*

Paul is completing a partial term on Executive Council and is eligible to serve a full three year term. Paul also serves on the Commission on Ministry. He is retired and for many years was President of UW Rice Lake.

**Alexandra Lorenz**

*Member of Grace Church Menomonie*

I have been a member of the Episcopal Church all of my life, and I currently attend Grace Episcopal church in Menomonie. I had served on Grace’s vestry in the year 2013, and was a part of the process of electing a new priest. I have also been an acolyte, a reader, and a Sunday School teacher at Grace. I have been attending Camp Horstick since I was about 11 and have been a part of keeping it going for the past three years. I have visited various churches in the Diocese, been an adult leader, and helped answer questions and helped coordinate scholarships. I currently attend the University of Wisconsin-Stout as an Engineering Technology major, and at Stout I participate in and lead various clubs. These clubs include leading in Cru, a college Christian ministry on campus; being vice president of Bridges, an organization dedicated to sharing the Gospel with international students; and being president of Force for Freedom, a Christian group that fights for justice and the end of human trafficking.

**Commission on Ministry**

*1 Deacon for two year term*

**Deacon Steven Russell**

*Deacon at Grace Menomonie and St. Paul’s Hudson*

Steve is completing a partial term on the Commission on Ministry and is eligible for a full two year term. Steve was ordained Deacon in October 2016. He and his wife work as professional entertainers.

*1 Lay Person for two year term*

**Debbie Conover**

*Member of St. Paul’s Hudson*

Debbie is completing a partial term on the Commission on Ministry and is eligible for a full two year term. Debbie has served in various capacities at St. Paul’s Hudson for many years. She has been involved with Cursillo weekends and past Diocesan Family Retreats.

**Secretary**

*1 person for one year term*

**Aaron Zook+**

*Canon to the Ordinary, Priest in Charge at Christ Church Chippewa Falls and St. Simeon Lafayette.*

**Treasurer**

*1 person for one year term*

**Robert Weathers**

*Treasurer or Christ Church LaCrosse, Treasurer of the Diocese of Eau Claire since 2012.*

**Trustees of Funds and Property**

*2 persons for two year terms*

**C.R. Hackworthy**

*Member of St. Paul’s Hudson*

**Drew Lorenz**

*Member of Grace Menomonie*

**Ecclesiastical Court**

*1 Clergy for three year term*

**Bruce Gardner+**

*Retired. Past service as Canon to the Ordinary and many parishes of the Diocese of Eau Claire*

1 Lay person for three year term

***Carla Marcou***

*Sr. Warden Christ Church LaCrosse*