



2020

Vestry

Nominees

2019 Annual Meeting and Election

The parish's Annual Meeting will be **Sunday, January 26th**. Reports will be presented and four new Vestry members will be elected.

On **January 26th**, the schedule will be:
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist in the church followed by the Annual Meeting in the Parish Hall and a covered-dish lunch.

There will be no classes for adults.
Offerings for children and youth:

- Catechesis will meet from 10:00 until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, 2nd floor atria
- Youth in Rite 13 and J2A are invited to get together from the conclusion of the 10:00 service until the Annual Meeting concludes, 2nd floor Gathering Room
- Nursery care will be available for children age 5 and under from the start of the 10:00 service until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, main floor nursery

Please remain in the sanctuary at end of the worship service for voting.

On the next page, you will find election information, including photographs and brief biographies for each nominee.

2020 Slate of Vestry Candidates

Four to Be Elected in 2020

(will serve 3 years)

Newman Aguiar
Leigh Bordley
Laura Branton
Paul Jacobson

Richard Ammons
Ginny Bowman
Amanda Fratick
Steven Moore

Current Vestry

Elected in 2019

(Will serve 2 more years)

Treat Harvey
Kelly Ryan
David Shumate
Freda Tucker

Elected in 2018

(Will serve 1 more year)

Pamela Njai
Dan Pearson
Glenn Walters
Callie Woods

Elected in 2017

(Outgoing after 3 years)

Amanda Fratick (replacing Liz DeGaynor)
Marjorie Miller
Bynum Walter
Chapman Williams



Newman Aguiar

Served in the following St. Philip’s ministries: Durham CAN, J2A Auction Planning, Stewardship, Reader.

Newman Aguiar is owner of Mowbot of the Triangle, which provides robotic lawn mowing services. Along with his wife Ann-Louise, and 19-year old son, Joshua, they enjoy being part of the inclusive and welcoming St. Philip’s community, and appreciate its focus and action on social justice in downtown Durham. Members of Christ Church in Raleigh since 1995, Newman completed his Education for Ministry (EfM), a four-year certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice.

Newman served as Chairman for the Steering Committee of Durham’s Gang Reduction Strategy, the Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau and Durham Social Services Commission, as Vice-Chairman of the Central North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the Community Empowerment Fund. He has worked with Durham CAN, political leaders and service providers to develop a unified intake system for homeless families and is developing opportunities for individuals who are hard to employ.

Year Joined St. Philip’s: 2010

Present Occupation: Vice President of Operations, Mowbot of the Triangle

Name of spouse or partner: Ann-Louise Aguiar

Name(s) of children: Edgar “Joshua” James Aguiar



Richard Allen Ammons

Served in the following St. Philip’s ministries: Chalice bearer at 11 am service; Stewardship Working Group; Communications Ministry Search Committee; Race and Reconciliation Committee

I was drawn to St Philip’s because it is a multi-generational, multiracial and open community, committed to social justice. It is a congregation striving to be a living example in Durham, and beyond, of Christ’s teaching, as expressed in Anglican theology. The city of Durham and our neighborhoods are undergoing significant change. At the same time. St. Philip’s is undergoing demographic changes. Parishes like St. Philip’s have the opportunity to welcome new members who bring diverse identities: Millennials and seniors; families and singles; gay, straight with various racial and cultural backgrounds. I am interested in working with others to think about how St. Philip’s responds to these opportunities and affirms, through worship, education and service, its mission to build the “Beloved Community”.

I am a lifelong Episcopalian and was an acolyte as a youngster in Atlanta and Queens, New York. As an adult I have served on the vestry and the rector search committee of another endowed urban parish, St. Luke’s in Atlanta. More recently, I served three years on the board of trustees of the General Theological Seminary. My career has been in higher education, leading and advising colleges and universities on their strategic fundraising efforts. With these experiences, and life lessons learned over time, I would be honored to serve on St. Philip’s vestry.

Year Joined St. Philip’s: 2017

Present Occupation: Senior Consultant and Principal, Marts & Lundy

Name of spouse or partner: Noel James

Name(s) of children: Moriah Ammons Simmons



Leigh Bordley

My family joined St. Philip's in 1998 – which constituted my second stint as a St. Philipian. I have memories of attending St. Philip's as a child when my dad was working on a PhD at Duke. As an adult I was drawn to St. Philip's by its location downtown and reputation for engaging in issues of social justice. I have expended most of my energy over the two past decades raising my three children and involved in work around educational equity, as the founder and director of a teen mentoring program (now Partners for Youth Opportunity, 1998-2011), as a member of the Board of Education for Durham Public Schools (2008-16), and, since 2012, as the director of the Latino Educational Achievement Partnership. I have served as an assistant in the children's Atrium, the leader of the Beloved Community gatherings in 2010 and 2011, and a greeter for the past several years. As a lifelong resident of the Triangle, I am concerned with the ways in which the area is changing and would like to be a part of figuring out how St. Philip's can bring historically marginalized people into Durham's growing prosperity. I believe my work experience and willingness to consider varying perspectives would be an asset as the vestry envisions the future for St. Philip's and all of God's children.

Year Joined St. Philip's: 1998

Present Occupation: Coordinator of Latino Education Achievement Program

Name of Spouse or Partner: Clay Bordley

Names (s) of Children:



Ginny Bowman

Served in the following St. Philip's ministries:

Altar Guild, Sunday School Teacher, Share Your Christmas, Social Hour Committee, Stephen Ministry, Stewardship Committee & Campus Study Committee

My husband, John, and I were drawn to St. Philip's over 35 years ago because of its ministries, welcoming parishioners and quaint atmosphere. I have always been impressed by our church's outreach programs and want to ensure that they continue to thrive. Since I have spent my entire professional career involved with real estate development in Durham, I am anxious to see St. Philip's develop its campus in a thoughtful yet deliberate way taking into account the many community issues that need to be addressed as downtown Durham continues to expand its boundaries and be revitalized.

Year Joined St. Philip's: 1983

Present Occupation: Property Management

Name of Spouse or Partner: John Bowman

Names (s) of Children: Palmer Bowman, married to Jaimie, two grandchildren Callum 3 ½ & Parker 16 mos.; Jae Bowman, married to Katie



Laura Branton

Served in the following St. Philip's ministries:

St. Philip's ministries in which you currently serve or have served in the past:

Common Threads (Knitting Ministry), Greeter, Photographer, Prayer Bead Ministry, J2A Leader

I'd like to introduce myself. I am Laura Branton- a lifelong Episcopalian, resident of Durham since 1989, married to Mike, mother of Elizabeth (30), Caroline (28) and Margaret (26). We were members of St. Philip's from 1989-1992, left for St. Stephen's (because it was closer) but came back to St. Philip's in 2004.

Why am I running for the vestry at St. Philip's? Besides the fact that Bynum Walter is very persuasive, I feel strongly that rather than asking why me? I should ask why not me? I want to be of service to our community.

St. Philip's has been great church home for our family and I have been fortunate to share some of my passions at church. For a while I led the Common Threads ministry (fellowship through knitting with some production of prayer shawls) and the Prayer Bead ministry (fellowship and prayer and the making of prayer beads). You may have seen me taking pictures on occasion. I love photography and am very happy to take photos of the life at St. Philip's. Being a J2A leader as my children were leaving the nest was also a very rewarding experience for me.

I have spent most of my adult life with children, as a parent, a volunteer in the public schools, and now as an educator. My interest in raising and educating children led me to join the LEAP board in 2014. I will roll off the board this year so I feel ready to serve on the vestry.

Year Joined St. Philip's: 1989-1991, 2004 – present

Occupation: preschool assistant at Westminster School for Young Children

Name of Spouse or Partner: Mike Branton

Names (s) of Children: Elizabeth, Caroline and Margaret



Amanda Fratrick

Served in the following St. Philip's ministries:

Women's Book Club, Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee, Marks of Mission, Lector/Intercessor, Children's Ministries Steering Committee, Fun is Faithful, Kids-in-Action, completing the remainder of Liz DeGanyor's Vestry term.

Our family joined St. Philip's because we wanted to be part of a community of Worship, Love, and Action. We have been abundantly blessed by the opportunities for us to grow as a family and as individuals in our time here. While serving on the Vestry the last five months, I have seen that this is a time of great possibility at St. Philip's. I am excited to continue working on youth and adult formation, discernment around the Jacqueline Harris gift, moving towards a sustainable model of stewardship, and addressing problems of gun violence and homelessness in our swiftly gentrifying neighborhood. I believe my experiences as a nonprofit administrator, lawyer, and educator make me especially effective in serving on the Vestry at this dynamic moment in our collective journey of faith.

Year Joined St. Philip's: 2015

Occupation: Academic Editor

Name of Spouse or Partner: Craig Fratrick

Names (s) of Children: Oliver, Kai, and Violet



Paul Jacobson

Served in the following St. Philip’s ministries:

Global Missions Committee, Finance Committee, Parish Treasurer, Vestry member, J2A leader, YAC leader, Parish House Building Committee

St. Philip's is a wonderful community of faithful, talented and committed Christian people, and I have enjoyed working with a number of the vibrant and diverse ministries at the Parish.

I have previously served on the Vestry not only at St. Philip's but also at churches in Virginia and Arizona. Most of my career as an attorney has been spent working in public finance and local government areas, dealing with financial and governing body organization and procedural issues. I believe this experience will be an asset if I am selected to be a member of the Vestry, particularly as the church discerns what directions to take with opportunities provided by the generous financial gifts it has received.

I respect and listen to different opinions and points of view, try to reach consensus whenever possible, and will work to bring a prayerful, thoughtful and organized approach to serving on the Vestry.

Year Joined St. Philip’s: 2000

Present Occupation: Attorney

Name of Spouse or Partner: Paula McClain

Names (s) of Children: Jessica and Krissy (adults)



Steven Moore

Served in the following St. Philip’s ministries:

Newcomer’s Ministry, Convention Delegate 2019 Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, Lector / Intercessor, Acolyte, Stewardship Committee 2019, Urban Ministries Durham kitchen volunteer

St. Philip’s has quickly become my spiritual home during the past two years. I am a Johnston County, NC native and was reared in a small Baptist church. As a freshman at UNCW, I became active in the college group at Winter Park Baptist Church in Wilmington, where I was baptized. Upon graduation, I taught elementary in Brunswick and New Hanover Counties also working as the children’s ministry coordinator at Winter Park Baptist Church. In 1998, I returned to the Triangle area and have since worked in the Wake County Public School System. Upon completing my MSA, I became a principal in 2006 and have served in that role at three elementary schools. Currently, I am the principal at Oakview Elementary School in Holly Springs. I met my husband in 2006 and we settled in Durham in 2014 where I visited St. Philip’s on several occasions. I was confirmed in October 2018 and have found a place where I am spiritually nourished. My leadership positions in public education have generated a calling for me to be a servant of St. Philip’s and the vibrant city of Durham. St. Philip’s has a clear vision of recognizing our past, opening ourselves to the present, embracing and preparing for the future. I am humbled to be considered for a position on the vestry and welcome the opportunity to serve.

Year Joined St. Philip’s: 2018

Present Occupation: Elementary School Principal – Oakview Elementary School, Wake County Public School System

Name of Spouse or Partner: Stephen Kane

Names (s) of Children: