

Meet the 2021 Slate of Nominees

At the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 11 am, the parish will elect a new Junior Warden, three members of the Vestry, and delegates to Episcopal City Mission, the Diocesan Convention, and our region of the Diocese—the Boston Harbor Deanery. The process began with the Nominating Committee, appointed each year by the Wardens and the Vestry, which accepted candidate names for consideration and compiled this slate of nominees after a review of all those recommended. Chaired by Barbara Dortch-Okara, the 2021 Nominating Committee included Chris Allen, Christopher Atwood, Joan Hadly, Wardens Mark Morrow and Jill Norton, and the Rev. Morgan S. Allen

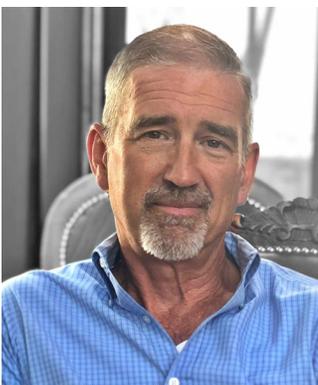


Barbara Dortch-Okara

Junior Warden

Barbara joined her husband, Ebi Okara, at Trinity in 1992. Her earliest involvement was as a Church School teacher for several years. Since then, Barbara has served on the Vestry from which she was appointed to the Anti-Racism Planning and Design Task Force, which then resulted in the establishment of Trinity's Anti-Racism Team. Later, she was a member of the Anti-Racism Team for three years and was the moderator for the first Anne Berry Bonnyman

Symposium. For many years, Barbara and Ebi were volunteers and riders for the Team Trinity Ride for Kids outreach ministry. She has served on the Nominating Committee and was its chair this year. She recently co-chaired Trinity's Leadership Development Task Force. Barbara was a justice of the Superior Court from 1989 until her retirement in 2012. During that time, she also served as Chief Justice of the Trial Court. In 2013 she was appointed by the governor to chair the State Ethics Commission. At the same time, she joined the faculty of New England School of Law and was a professor there until 2018. She is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of her alma mater, Brandeis University. She and Ebi are the proud parents of their adult son, Preye, who faithfully served as a Trinity nursery attendee, church school student, and acolyte.



Christopher Atwood

Vestry, '25

A lifelong Episcopalian, Christopher was raised in Trinity Church in Melrose. After a decades-long absence from church life, he has regularly attended Trinity Church, Boston since 2013. He was drawn to serve initially as a Greeter, an Usher and as a Lay Eucharistic Minister at Hale House. He has been a regular volunteer for the Harbor to the Bay Rideout breakfast, the Flower Guild helping to

decorate the church for Christmas and Easter, and a Lector for the 7:45 am service. After serving as a co-Head Usher with Liz Rosselot for a year, he has been the Head Usher for the past 4 years. Christopher has also served on two nominating committees. During these difficult times while we are away from the church and each other, Christopher is grateful to be able to meet weekly over Zoom with his beloved Bay Village/South End Bible Study Group. He also appreciates being able to contribute to Trinity's community life by re-recording readings for the Sunday service as well as volunteering for Officiant responsibilities at evening Compline on Zoom. Christopher enjoys umpiring slow pitch softball for the Beantown Softball League and working as Warden for the Boston Election Department on Election Day. He works for Mass General Brigham (formerly Partners Healthcare) as a Learning Program Manager. Christopher lives in the South End with his husband, Jeffrey.



Pam Waterman

Vestry, '25

Pam Waterman moved to Boston from her hometown of Queens, New York in 1999, and found her way to Trinity Church in 2000. Pre-COVID, Pam could be found regularly on Sundays serving as an Usher, Lay Liturgist, or Lay Eucharistic Minister. With the invaluable help of her wife Michelle Coleman, Pam led the Rosie's Place Catering Team from 2007 to 2012, and in 2016 she revived Trinity's dormant Habitat for Humanity ministry. She served

on the 2014 Mission Task Force and just concluded her work with the 2020 Leadership Development Task Force. She was "an enthusiastic but terrible" 2nd baseman for the Trinity Paracletes for many years. Pam was the Trinity delegate to the Diocesan Convention in 2017, and the 2019-2020 Trinity delegate to the Episcopal City Mission. For the past 22 years, Pam has worked as a Project Director at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, and since 2017 she has also been the Director of the Museum of African American History (Boston & Nantucket) Stone Book Award. She and Michelle live in Jamaica Plain. When not working or at church, you can usually find Pam on a tennis court.



Peter Renner

Vestry, '25

Peter has been a parishioner since 1989 and has served our parish in a variety of ways: as CoChair of the Stewardship Committee, Chair of the Children's Ministries Committee, in leadership positions in both of our most recent capital campaigns, and as member of the Investment Committee, Nominating Committee, TrinityNext Committee, and Homeless Task Force (late 2000s). He currently serves with the Pine Street Feeding Team. He lives in Wellesley with

his wife, Mary, and they have three daughters, Madeline, Maggie, & Lindsey, all of whom were baptized at Trinity.



Chuba Udokwu

Diocesan Convention Delegate, '23

A devoted and lifelong Episcopalian (Anglican), Chuba has been a parishioner since 2010. Chuba is a former Senior Warden of Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton, MA, where he also served on the Vestry and participated in and led a number of mission outreach programs and, in particular, the Crop Walk. Chuba also served on the Vestry at Christ Church, New Brunswick, NJ. Chuba was born in Nigeria to an American (Episcopalian)

mother and a Nigerian (Anglican) father. His deep Anglican roots include being active during his high school education in the Anglican Dennis Memorial Grammar school in Onitsha, Nigeria and his membership in the youth associations and choir of All Saints' (Anglican) Cathedral in Onitsha. Chuba was educated at Columbia University in New York City where he obtained both master's and bachelor's degrees in engineering. Chuba has been a senior technology executive at Sonus Networks, Alcatel and Bell Laboratories where he held positions as a Vice President. Chuba is currently the Managing Partner of Equitas Tech Advisors. Chuba and his wife of 38 years have four children and a 5-month-old granddaughter.



Anne Stetson

Boston Harbor Deanery Delegate, '23

Anne Stetson is a mother, a theology student at Harvard Divinity School, and an independent consultant to private foundations, non-profits, and investment firms seeking to advance social and environmental change. Her areas of focus include conservation, global health, financial inclusion, and human rights. She has been a member of Trinity Church since moving to Boston from NYC twenty-six years ago. Her two daughters were baptized and

confirmed at Trinity, and they live a quick fifteen-minute walk from church. Prior to foregrounding her spiritual leadership development, she worked as an international lawyer and impact investor. Ms. Stetson served as associate general counsel to Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo, an investment firm, as counsel to Fidelity Investments, and practiced corporate law in New York at Fox & Horan where she advised foreign and US corporations. Ms. Stetson serves on a variety of foundation, non-profit, and corporate boards. Ms. Stetson received a BA in English literature from Yale University, a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University's School of International Affairs, and a law degree from Boston University. She is an avid lover of wilderness and, when not working, can be found on the hiking trail or in a kayak.



Darrell LeMar

Episcopal City Mission, '23

Darrell W. LeMar is a life-long Episcopalian. He first began attending Trinity Church in the City of Boston in the spring of 2007. He began his involvement with Trinity Church attending the 6:00 p.m. service, after which he became a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM). He later became a Lay Liturgist at the 9 am and 11:15 am services before joining the Acolytes as an Acolyte Mentor. Darrell can also be seen escorting the families of candidates for baptism to the font,

ensuring that they have a lay leader from the parish who is there to support and guide them through the logistics of the ceremony. Darrell was Trinity Church's awardee for the 2019 Absalom Jones award, sponsored by the Union of Black Episcopalians, Massachusetts chapter. He is an ideal candidate to be the delegate the Episcopal City Mission since much of his professional career has focused on social justice. His early career was as a mental health worker and child protection social worker for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He has also held leadership roles in community-based nonprofit agencies that focused on social services, childcare, mental health, family support, HIV/AIDS, and juvenile delinquency/prevention. He has also volunteered in youth development and was the founding co-chair of the former Healthy Boston Coalition for LGBTQ youth. He also went on to become the Co-Chair of the National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC), a national coalition for LGBTQ youth in Washington DC. Currently, Darrell is the inaugural Executive Director of the Center for Corporate Education, and Center for Workforce Development at Wentworth Institute of Technology, in Boston. He is single and has lived in Savin Hill, Dorchester for over two decades.

