

MEET THE 2025 SLATE OF NOMINEES



Barbara Dortch-Okara

Junior Warden, 2026

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 where she was appointed to the Anti-Racism Planning and Design Task Force which 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.



Chuks Okoli

Vestry, Class of 2028

Chuks joined Trinity Church Boston in 1982 as a single individual but married and wedded at Trinity Church 1986. Chuks was a founding member of Nigerian Christian Fellowship Group at Trinity Church, an evangelical Christian group of Anglicans worship in various churches in greater Boston area. His children, David and Michael, were acolytes at Trinity. Chuks has been a lifelong member of the Anglican (Episcopalian) Communion originally at Emmanuel Anglican Church Ubulu, Imo State,

Nigeria. Chuks graduated from Suffolk University, Boston, Massachusetts with a BSBA in Accounting and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA). Chuks also earned a Doctoral Degree, (Ed.D) from Northeastern University Boston, Massachusetts. He has been a resident of Jamaica Plain for close to 3 decades and has been a licensed CPA (Certified Public Accountant) since 1996. Chuks was formerly the Comptroller and the Vice President for Administration & Finance (CFO). Currently, he is the CEO and founder of Okoli Financial Inc., a Certified Public Accountant Practice and Real Estate Brokerages Services since 2017. Chuks is blessed with three children, a granddaughter Anayah Oluchi and a grandson, Noel Ikenna.



Sukaina Garcia

Vestry, Class of 2028

Suki has been a parishioner since 2008 and has served the parish in a variety of ways. She has been a member of the Outreach Leadership committee and Co-Chair of the Anne Bonnyman Symposium. She is currently a member of the Audit Committee, a Eucharistic Minister, and Co-Convener of the Finance, Facilities, and Administration Cohort of the Ministry Council. In addition to her service at Trinity, she is also a tax accountant. Suki and her husband, Chris, currently reside on the South Shore.



David McFerrin

Vestry, Class of 2028

David McFerrin grew up an acolyte at Grace Episcopal Church in Amherst, Massachusetts. Now a professional classical baritone with an active performing career around the United States and Europe, David first came to Trinity Church in 2010 as a staff singer in the choir. Trinity soon became his spiritual home, and his engagement expanded beyond the music program. In addition to singing in the choir for seven years, David led morning prayer services during Advent and Lent, served Trinity's Habitat and Pine Street Inn ministries, and

was a Confirmation mentor. More recently, David was a member of the church's 2020 Leadership Development Task Force and led the weekly online Compline ministry. He is currently in his third year on the Stewardship Committee, and he serves as co-facilitator of the Ministry Council Outreach and Justice cohort. For the past two years, David has been a co-leader of Team Trinity's participation in the Rodman Ride for Kids to support the programs of Trinity Boston Connects. A frequent lector on Sunday mornings, David has also recorded the church's audio tour. Early in his Trinity life, David was introduced by a mutual friend in the choir to Erin Doherty; David and Erin married in 2014. Now living in Natick, they attend Trinity with daughter Fiona and David's parents, John Lemly and Catharine Melhorn.



Christy Taylor

Diocesan Convention Delegate, 2027

After many years of occasional attendance at Trinity, Christy became actively involved in the Church community in 2021. She currently is part of the Hale House visiting ministries team and weekly Bible study groups and serves on the Stewardship and Adult Formation Committees. Christy was recently admitted as a Postulant for Holy Orders to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Massachusetts. She is incredibly grateful to the Trinity Church community for their support throughout her discernment process. Christy was born in New

Orleans and moved frequently as a child and young adult. Christy works as a tax accountant. She met her husband, Lee Watkiss, while they were working for the same professional services firm. They lived in London and Atlanta before moving to Boston in 2008. Christy and Lee live in the South End and are the proud parents of a daughter, Liana, who is a freshman in college.



Anne Stetson

Episcopal City Mission, 2027

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.



Katie Wrisley Shelby

Boston Harbor Deanery Delegate, 2027

After growing up and being married in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Katie and her husband, Tyson, were formally received into the Episcopal Church in 2019 after attending Trinity since around 2011. She finished her Master's in Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School in 2012 and defended her dissertation in Historical Theology at Boston College in 2018, and has since taught as a contingent faculty member in Theology at both BC and Providence College. Throughout her years experimenting in the stresses of academic theology, Trinity Church has served as a spiritual home, space of solace, and source of beloved community for Katie and her family, which now also includes their daughter, Rebecca Jane, who can often be found in the nursery during the 10 am service. Since 2011, Katie has participated in various ministries at Trinity, including as a server at Rosie's Place, as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, on a Discernment Committee, as an attendee of the 20s/30s Group, a member of the Bible Study Guide Writing Team, and most recently as the Co-Convener of the Lifelong Formation Cohort of the Ministry Council. The Shelbys currently reside in Concord.

