

In the city, for the city.



The nomination committee has selected six new vestry members to be presented to the parish for approval at the April 7 parish meeting. The nomination committee, composed of the retiring vestry members and three at large members, chose the slate from over 100 individuals nominated for consideration by the parish. Those selected and brief information about them follows.

The proposed individuals were chosen to bring their special talents to the current needs of All Saints'. Several completed the All Saints' Talents Roundtable program and all are active in various ways at the church, and are confirmed, pledging members of the congregation.

The procedure of presenting a slate of six candidates for approval rather than voting among 12 candidates was approved by the vestry in 2013 in order to provide for the specific needs of the church in the coming few years.

Vestry Selection 2019

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Mary Brennan

All Saints' member 1981.

Since returning to Atlanta from New York five years ago, I've been privileged to serve on the search committee

for our Director of Digital Communication (2018), serve as a Sunday greeter and help implement our Invite-Welcome-Connect plan (2017–present), lend a hand with my daughter Kate and my son-in-law Greg to 2018's St. Nicholas Dinner, facilitate the 2017 vestry retreat, and assist in setting up the blog "Around This Block" during the Interim (2016). I'm a proud member of St. Helena's Chapter.

The All Saints' activities that keep me busiest are the grandparent-focused ones. These consist mainly of ensuring my grandchildren, Liam and Charlotte, are present and on-time for whatever magic Kathy Roberts and Karol Kimmel are working at any given time.

Strengths and skills I will bring to the vestry:

Having served as Mission Communication Officer on the Presiding Bishop's staff at the national level of the Episcopal Church for 12 ½ years, I bring a depth and breadth of knowledge of church at all levels – from the smallest mission in Navajoland to global mission committees of the Anglican Communion.

As communication liaison between the mission offices of the Episcopal Church (including formation, ethnic ministries, United Thank Offering, mission personnel, and Episcopal Migration Ministries) and the wider church, I got first-hand experience in faith and service in action.

Mary would also like you to know:

I currently work part-time at the Atlanta History Center in the Development Office as Gift Services Coordinator and volunteer as a museum docent at the Center for Puppetry Arts.



Mary Jo Bryan

All Saints' member since 1991.

Currently I am a Eucharistic Visitor, a volunteer with Refugee Ministries, and an "operator" for E-Care,

the parish's email-based network for intercessory prayer requests and meal delivery needs, which I helped start in 2001. In past years, I've supported the Youth Leadership Council, taught Children's formation classes, and co-chaired Altar Guild.

Strengths and skills I will bring to the vestry:

In my professional life as a lawyer and also as an active volunteer on a variety of school-related committees and boards, I have developed analytical and communication skills that I hope will be of use in service on the vestry. I also bring a deep respect for the history of service and outreach of our faith community, an interest and excitement in helping to open our doors more widely, and a passion for supporting pastoral care.

Mary Jo would also like you to know:

I am a native Atlantan and a cradle Episcopalian. I met and married my husband Clay at All Saints'. Shortly after our son James was born, Clay was diagnosed with metastatic cancer and died three months later. The All Saints' community supported and sustained me and James in countless ways during that very difficult time, for which I will be eternally grateful.



Bert Clark

All Saints' member 1985.

I've been very fortunate to have many opportunities to serve (and grow) at All Saints' since joining

in 1985. I've served as a lector, taught several Sunday School classes, served on a couple of clergy search and planning committees, served previously on the vestry, and currently chair a committee seeking to increase our planned giving. Cathy and I just recently returned from the All Saints' pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan, an amazing trip that was one of the most impactful spiritual experiences of my life.

Strengths and skills I will bring to the vestry:

I have a strong interest in strategic, long-term planning, as well as the fundraising that is necessary to make those strategies come to fruition. I have served on the boards of several institutions, including the Woodruff Arts Center, the High Museum of Art, and my alma mater Berry College; I also recently joined the board of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta. My work as a financial advisor provides the opportunity to apply that same long-range outlook to my clients' financial and estate planning. I look forward to serving on the vestry during this exciting period of All Saints' history.

Bert would also like you to know:

My family is my greatest treasure! Cathy and I were married at All Saints' and we have three children: Ben (25), works for a non-profit in Tucson, Arizona; Matthew (23), is a financial advisor in Atlanta; and Julia (19) is a freshman at NYU. All of our children were baptized and confirmed here, and participated in the choir, pilgrimage, and other activities. I enjoy any activity that gets me outdoors, especially golf.



Sydney Cleland

All Saints' member 1985.

Over my thirty-something years at All Saints' I have served in many roles, most recently as chair of the search

committee that recommended Zack Nyein and as a facilitator for the Faith to Table dinners. After so long admiring the floral offerings, I have just joined the Flower Guild and look forward to being part of bringing beauty to worship.

Strengths and skills I will bring to the vestry:

In work, committee, and board settings, I'm seen as an idea generator, questioner, problem-solver, quick learner, collaborative colleague, and consensus builder. In conflict, I listen and look for commonality among disparate ideas. I am forward-looking and optimistic while respecting institutional traditions. Having served on the Vestry in the 1990's, I am familiar with its processes and eager to engage in this ministry again. I love All Saints' and want to see it continue to thrive, pastor members and welcome neighbors, and find ever new ways to offer God's love.

Sydney would also like you to know:

I have had three equally challenging occupations: home-tending parent, lawyer (Alston & Bird and Waste Management, Inc.), and teacher (Paideia School). And I have had the good fortune of forty years of marriage with Craig Cleland. In retirement, I'm pursuing many interests, including service on the board of the Atlanta Master Chorale, political involvement, knitting, and book clubs. Craig and I live in the Druid Hills/Fernbank area with our Basset Hound, Peaches. Our children, Lucy (27) and Henry (24) live in Boston and Denver now, but they were baptized here and grew up with the support of many All Saints' children's and youth programs and steadfast adults.

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Dante Hudson

All Saints' member 2016.

I currently serve as an Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and Usher with Anderson's Army. I also participate in the All Saints' Talents Roundtable. Previously, I have served on the Parish Picnic Committee and the Washington, D.C. Pilgrimage Committee. I attend Wednesday Night Supper regularly.

Strengths and skills I will bring to the vestry:

I am a quintessential ISTJ. I tend to focus on facts and details and make decisions based on logic and reason. More importantly, I love the Episcopal Church and this parish. I feel indebted to the church for helping me through the very difficult time of coming out as a gay man. I will bring this great sense of gratitude and a duty to serve to the vestry.

Dante would also like you to know:

I am a native of Millersville, Maryland. I am a graduate of Morehouse College, and an Ellen R. Jordan graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law. I have previously served in AmeriCorps and on the staff of Hands on Atlanta. I am currently a solo practicing attorney, but I've spent the majority of my career as a public defender. I live in the Hapeville area with my two children: Walker (Labrador Retriever), and Pippa (Miniature Pincher). In an ideal world, I would spend all of my time playing golf or sitting on the beach. I have a strong interest in historic preservation.



Dan Pennywell

All Saints' member since 2014.

I currently serve as the "Team 2, Team Leader" for the Welcoming Committee. We welcome everyone into the church and the church grounds. Our main goal is to welcome everybody with a hand shake and a smile. I personally believe the ultimate goal for the Welcoming Committee has been the "Name Tag Drive".

I also represent the "Dot Miller" Usher Team which includes Sunday Worship Services and Funerals.

I have served on the Concert Series Committee for the last three years. This committee supports the "Concert Series" events.

I was part of All Saints' Round Table in 2016–2017 class, and continue to be a sponsor and host to this outstanding All Saints program.

Strengths and skills I will bring to the vestry:

I am a cradle Episcopalian and joined Holy Trinity Episcopal in Decatur in the 1990's. I served as Head of the Usher Team there for 10 years and served 5 years as Treasurer.

I hope to bring my past Vestry experience in Finance and Planning along with Community to All Saints'. I want to expand "Parish Life", as we welcome people into our various Ministries and show them the various ways to serve. I hope to lead by example.

Dan would also like you to know:

I was transferred to Atlanta in 1984 with Gemcraft Homes of Texas. I served as the 2014 President of the West Georgia Board of Realtors. I was awarded the 2017 and 2014 West Georgia Board of Realtors, Realtor of the Year. I served as the 2017 Georgia Association of Realtors Communication and Public Relations Chair. I currently serve as the 2019 Georgia Association of Realtors, as a Trustee for the Scholarship Fund.