

# ELECTIONS

*The following positions will be elected by the diocesan convention. Nominees and bios follow in the subsequent pages.*

## **Diocesan Council**

The following positions will be elected at the regional pre-convention meetings, scheduled to take place before the convention in October. Nominations may be submitted up until the date of your pre-convention meeting.

- Northern: 1 person, any order  
*There have been no nominations submitted for this position.*
- Central: 1 person, must be clergy  
*Nominee in the Clergy Order:* The Rev. Dr. Jared Cramer - St. John's, Grand Haven
- Southern: 1 person, any order  
*There have been no nominations submitted for this position.*

## **Standing Committee (1 Lay, 1 Clergy)**

The Standing Committee serves as the council of advice to the bishop and assumes the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese when there is a bishop vacancy in addition to other duties.

Lay Nominees:

- *There have been no nominations submitted for this position.*

Clergy Nominees:

- The Rev. Dr. Randall Warren - St. Luke's, Kalamazoo

## **Provincial Synod Delegates (1 Clergy, 2 Lay, plus alternates)**

The Provincial Synod is the governing body of Province V of the Episcopal Church. It meets once every three years in the Spring preceding the General Convention. Of those elected, at least one person must be a deputy to the next General Convention.

The 2021 Synod Meeting is planned to be an online gathering.

Nominees:

- *There have been no nominations submitted for this position.*

# ELECTIONS - WESTERN MICHIGAN

## NOMINEES FOR THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL - CENTRAL REGION



### **The Rev. Dr. Jared Cramer**

St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven

**Order of Ministry:** Clergy

#### **What experience, gifts, and perspective can the nominee offer in the service of our Lord in this office?**

In my mid-thirties, after more than a decade of priestly ministry, I am deeply committed to the present and future of the Episcopal Church in Michigan. Born and raised in Grand Haven, Michigan, for the past ten years I have served as the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven, MI. As a part of that ministry, I work with our parish's El Corazón Latino

Ministry Initiative—a Spanish-speaking worshipping community intentionally placed at the heart (el corazón) and not the edges of our congregation, with a particular focus on immigration justice. I hold the degrees of Bachelor's in Biblical Studies, Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Theology, and Doctor of Ministry. In 2020 I began the Executive Master of Nonprofit Administration at Mendoza College in the University of Notre Dame. I believe that my decade of experience in this diocese, my passion for under-represented communities, and my gifts and training in the areas of finance and administration could help our diocese.

#### **Please list the nominee's most recent PARISH LEVEL ministries and offices.**

Rector - St. John's Episcopal Church  
Mission Developer - El Corazón Latino Ministry Initiative

#### **Please list the nominee's most recent DIOCESAN, CHURCH-WIDE ministries and offices.**

2015, 2018, 2021 - Alternate Deputy to General Convention  
2010-2016 – Dean of the Lakeshore Deanery, Convener of the Deans of the Diocese  
2012-2015 – Commission on Ministry (Chair from 2013-2015)

#### **Please list the nominee's most recent COMMUNITY involvement and/or service.**

2020 - Present – Founder and Co-Chair of the Tri-Cities Puentes Initiative (501c3 focused on building bridges—punts—and cultural understanding through the celebration of the Hispanic and Latinx community in the Tri-Cities area.)

2019 - Present – Founder and Co-Chair of the annual Grand Haven Hispanic Heritage Fiesta  
2013 - 2018 – Current – Leadership Team, Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Initiative North  
2014 - 2017 – Board Member, Humanity for Prisoners (Treasurer, 2015 - 2017)

**Please list the nominee's participation in anti-racism training(s), including the year in which it was taken.**

I have been active with the the Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance (LEDA) since 2014, participating in various trainings, workshops, and conferences. I served on the LEDA Leadership Team for Northwest Ottawa County until that team ceased work in 2018. At the parochial level, in the previous program year, 2019–2020, I facilitated the “Sacred Ground” gatherings project for St. John’s and the surrounding community, a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. “Sacred Ground” is part of “Becoming Beloved Community,” our church’s long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. As we approach the fall of 2020, in conjunction with Humanity for Prisoners, I am facilitating a book study on Jim Wallis' book /America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America."

# ELECTIONS - WESTERN MICHIGAN

## NOMINEES FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE



### **The Rev. Dr. Randall Warren**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kalamazoo

**Order of Ministry:** Clergy

#### **What experience, gifts, and perspective can the nominee offer in the service of our Lord in this office?**

I have served on our Standing Committee for three years. During that time I have functioned as the Standing Committee liaison to the Commission on Ministry and have striven to streamline the interactions between the COM and the Standing Committee. I have a great deal of experience in group process, organizational complexity, and dealing with

difficulties. My chaplain's clinical residency was in a level 1 regional trauma center on the south side of Chicago, and I have served as an independent consultant for a variety of parishes. I am trained and experienced in group process and dynamics, and was a peer consultation leader for the Chicago Center for the Study of Groups and Organizations. I believe I have many gifts and experiences which are pertinent to our present day and situation.

#### **Please list the nominee's most recent PARISH LEVEL ministries and offices.**

I am currently the Rector of St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

#### **Please list the nominee's most recent DIOCESAN, CHURCH-WIDE ministries and offices.**

I was a member of the TEC Title IV Education Committee, a diocesan deployment officer, a diocesan misconduct case manager, and a deacons' school instructor in pastoral care. I have been an independent consultant for several parishes and have been published in the areas of liturgy, congregational dynamics, and spirituality. I was a contributor to *Enriching Our Worship 2*. I currently serve on our Diocesan Finance Committee.

#### **Please list the nominee's most recent COMMUNITY involvement and/or service.**

I and my parish are members of Interfaith Strategies for Advocacy and Action (I.S.A.A.C), a community organizing group to which I contribute regularly with both money and time. I served on the leadership team of Kalamazoo United, an ecumenical venture which brought almost 4,000 Kalamazoo Christians together to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and

commit to greater ecumenical cooperation. I have been part of numerous interfaith dialogues through the Kalamazoo Community College. I was the originator and am the liturgist for the Bronson Park Churches' annual joint Palm Sunday celebration.

**Please list the nominee's participation in anti-racism training(s), including the year in which it was taken.**

I participated in a CrossRoads 2.5 day anti-racism in Chicago around the year 2000. I also participated in a 2016 Eliminating Racism and Claiming/Celebrating Equality (E.R.A.C.C.E.) 2.5 day training, " Understanding & Analyzing Systemic Racism," in Kalamazoo. I also participated in the 30 week training program offered by Just Faith in 2014/15. I was a guest speaker at an I.S.A.A.C. sponsored worship service focused on overcoming racism and last month had a personal appointment with an assistant Kalamazoo Police Chief to discuss the dynamics of race and our community's policing.