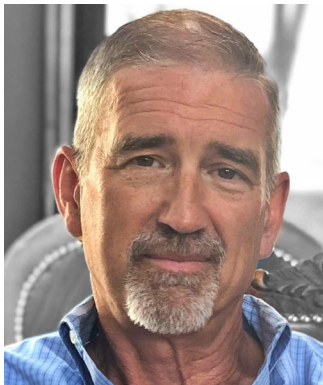


MEET THE 2022 SLATE OF NOMINEES



Christopher Atwood

Clerk, '26

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. 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.

At the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 10 am, the parish will elect a new Clerk, five 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, chaired by Junior Warden Barbara Dortch-Okara, 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.



Christine Arcese

Vestry, '26

A lifelong Episcopalian, Christine was raised as a member of Saint Mary's (f. 1703) in Burlington, NJ. Many of her most important childhood memories took place in that church as she was baptized, confirmed and then married there in 2002 to Eric. When staying with Eric's family in Boston, they would frequently visit Trinity for services which started a long distance love of the parish. When in 2016, they moved to Duxbury, MA, they began to attend services regularly with their two children, Anna (now 14) and Olin (now 11). They

both felt they had finally found their home at Trinity after years on the move for their careers. Christine and Eric volunteered to teach Sunday school and during that time, their children began singing with the Choristers. After following the choir during their last trip to England, Christine and Eric served together as parent liaisons for the Chorister program. During COVID, you could catch Christine singing in the background of choir video recordings, decorating the Narthex for the Christmas viewing in 2020, working with the return to church committee members on COVID protocols or administering COVID tests prior to Candlelight Carols and Christmas services. Professionally, Christine worked for General Electric in IT doing various project management and leadership roles for 15 years. All the while, she and Eric restored and designed homes and after a move to NC, Christine decided to change professions to become an interior designer. She now owns her design business, Lark + Soul, and does work throughout the Northeast.



Dr. Niven Narain

Vestry, '26

Dr. Niven R. Narain joined Trinity Church in early 2009 with his wife Paula after moving from Miami, FL. Together, they are proud parents of 3 children. He grew up in the Bahamas and Florida and has held leadership positions in his previous church, serving on Committees for Learning, Witness, Young Adult Formation, in addition to being on the Vestry. At Trinity, Niven has been an active member of the church, most recently as the Co-Chair of the COVID-19 Task Force, a Sunday school teacher,

and ad hoc member for various Committee initiatives. Niven and Paula were married at Trinity. Their sons Paul and Philip, have been baptized at Trinity — with hopes to soon baptize their daughter, Margaret.

Niven is passionate about his work in healthcare and global medicine. He is Co-Founder, President & CEO of BERG, a Boston-based biopharma that employs patient-driven biology and Bayesian AI to develop drugs and diagnostics in cancer, neurodegeneration, and rare diseases. He is an Advisor/Board Member to NASA/Gene Lab Steering Committee, DoD, No. 10, Meharry Medical College, and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School. Niven attended St. John's University, NY and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, where he is still Faculty. He is a frequent international speaker and lectures often at Harvard. He is very active in educational STEM programs in Massachusetts and participates in mission trips to the Caribbean.



Richard Henderson

Vestry, '26

Richard and his wife Audrey have been parishoners since 1993. Richard has been involved in various outreach ministries over the years, including GBIO, the Oasis Feeding team, Trinity Tutoring, and the Dever Book Drive. He served on the Building Master Plan Committee that led to the development of the Undercroft, was Trinity's Delegate to the Episcopal City Mission in 2018, and Delegate to the Boston Harbor Deanery in 2019-20. An urban planner, Richard is a member of the Boston Landmarks

Commission, and has worked for several State and local agencies over the years. He is currently Chief of Real Estate for the MBTA. Richard and Audrey live in Jamaica Plain, where they raised their daughters Helen and Emma.



Dr. Chuks Chijioke Okoli

Vestry, '25

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 2 years old and a 6 months old grandson, Noel Ikenna.



Constance Perry

Vestry, '24

A cradle Episcopal, born and raised in Boston, Constance grew up worshipping at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church in the South End. She began attending Trinity Church in 1998. In 1999, the Rev. William Barnwell invited her to join the Advisory Committee to explore bringing a summer program for inner city Boston youth to Trinity. The results -Trinity's TEEP was created, and Constance met Dain Perry whom she would marry at Trinity Church in 2006. In 2002, the Rev. Sam Lloyd charged Constance and Dain to form and co-chair a committee

to explore bringing an anti-racism initiative to Trinity. Over time and with participation from many others, that exploration led to the formation of the Anti-Racism Team. She has served on the Urban and Justice Steering Committee, Grants Committee, Trinity Church Welcome Task Force, the 2005 Parish Profile Committee, and currently serves as co-chair of the Trinity Church Task Force for Justice and Reparations. Constance has also served on a number of diocesan committees including Diversity and Leadership, Co-Convener of the Boston Harbor Deanery, two separate terms on the Standing Committee, and currently co-chairs the Reparations Subcommittee of the Diocese of Massachusetts Racial Justice Commission. For six years she was on the board of Episcopal Relief and Development, the international relief and development arm of the Episcopal Church, serving the last three as Vice President. Along with her husband, Constance facilitates screenings of *Traces of the Trade* across the country in a variety of venues including Episcopal Churches. Prior to "retiring", Constance designed and managed workforce development programs, and was a self-employed national consultant. Constance enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, reading, knitting and running.



Alec Vaughn

Diocesan Convention Delegate, '24

Alec Vaughn is a Master of Divinity Student at Boston University who joined Trinity in 2020. His life and studies as an undergrad at Boston University led him to the doors of Marsh Chapel where his faith life grew and he began to explore the church as a more central part of his life. From Marsh Chapel, Alec sought a permanent church home and found it at Trinity. He grew up in Chatham, MA and was involved throughout his early years at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in their vibrant

youth ministry programs. His academic work focuses on Episcopal history, thought, and tradition as well as the field of Chaplaincy. He is a Ministry Associate at Marsh Chapel, participates in fellowship programs, and attends Trinity Church in the evening. He is grateful to have found Trinity on the eve of the pandemic, as Trinity has served as his bedrock. Since much of his time at Trinity has taken place over Zoom, he is always excited to meet a fellow parishioner in-person after services.



Carol Masshardt

Boston Harbor Deanery Delegate, '24

Carol has lived in Boston all her adult life and has attended Trinity since 1990. She co-facilitated both the Bereavement Group for nearly ten years and the Faith at Home Poetry sessions in 2021 and was a delegate to Episcopal City Mission for multiple terms and has served as delegate to the Boston Harbor Deanery for a previous term. She received her Master of Social Work degree at Boston College and has had several leadership roles and has served on the Board of Directors at several non-profit agencies. She is

currently on the faculty at Bridgewater State University and coordinates the professional education program. Carol is also a published writer of short stories and poetry.



Kristen Filipic

Boston Harbor Deanery Delegate, '24

Kristen Filipic first came to Trinity Church in 2014. After being in Catholic and Congregational churches for many years, she found her “via media” in the Episcopal Church and was formally received in 2019. She has been involved in coordinating small group Bible studies in various capacities since they began in 2015. She has been involved with the Boston Faith and Justice Network, which began with support from Trinity Church, since 2006. After leading a ‘Lazarus at the Gate’ economic discipleship study in

2018, Kristen joined the Stewardship Committee in the summer of 2021. Professionally, Kristen works with the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Boston office.



Anne Stetson

Episcopal City Mission, '24

Anne Stetson is a mother, 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 New York City 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 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, and a law degree from Boston University. She is an avid lover of the wilderness and, when not working, can be found on the hiking trail or in a kayak.

