

TRANSFIGURATION EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING (PART 2)
ELECTION OF NEW VESTRY MEMBERS AND DEANERY REPRESENTATIVES
APRIL 24, 2022

AGENDA

- Election of new Vestry members

Slate of Nominees:

Cheryl Blalock, Amanda Duquette, Kristen Kearns,
Eric Manning, Gari Patton and Jennifer Robinson

- Election Deanery Delegates

Slate of Nominees:

Aidan Jobe Sea, Stacy Ryan, Michele Maia

--Nominations open to the floor for the fourth delegate

- Carey School plan Update
- Construction Update
- Special Thanks to Terry Farrow and the choir

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

NOMINATIONS FOR THREE-YEAR VESTRY TERM



Cheryl Blalock

Cheryl has been both a business person and a singer/actress/director throughout her career(s). She is a collaborative leader, particularly strong during changes in organizations. Cheryl is devoted to her family and has strong, loyal friendships. Transfiguration is important to her as a spiritual home with several friends and a deep sense of community.



Amanda Duquette

Amanda's favorite jellyfish is Vellela Vellela. It rides the waves where the wind takes it. She moved from Arkansas to Florida to Oregon to Washington, DC to Virginia to California (and then from 30th Ave to 27th Ave). She's worked as a speech language pathologist for 17 years. Amanda has learned that sincerity and humor are more important than words. But, oh, she does love words. The storytellers in our community helped her hear old stories in new ways. (Joyful Noise isn't just for the kids, folks). Amanda's kids are growing up in this community and practicing kindness in concrete ways. They are becoming the storytellers. They also know where we keep the broom.



Eric Manning

Eric has been a member of the congregation since 2008, serving on the search committee in 2010 and on the vestry from 2013-2016. His children were baptized here in 2009. Eric has been employed as a biochemist and a strategy consultant and most recently did a brief stint teaching at NDNU, but he's a stay-at-home father most of the time. Eric served 5 years on the board of his local Ed Foundation, 10 years on various PTAs, and on the Measure I-14 citizen oversight committee. Eric enjoys local bicycling and hiking, and he skis with his family in the Sierras every winter.



Jennifer Robinson

Jennifer has been a member of Transfiguration for about 20 years. She has served on the vestry and in both warden positions before. Most recently she was employed by the church for about 2 years as coordinator of our construction project. Jenn has a passion for outreach projects. She has been the Transfiguration lead of Home and Hope and, through her business, has sponsored and organized several meal packaging events, packaging healthy meals for those who are food insecure. Jenn especially enjoys Transfiguration's retreats and creative liturgies. In her personal life: She has been married to Mike Robinson for 28 years. They have three wonderful children, Rebecca 24, John 21 and Evan 17. Mike's mother, Betsy, and Jenn's parents, Joe and Betty, are also members of Transfiguration. For work, she operates their family business, Dream Dinners Belmont, a meal kit company whose goal is to help families enjoy dinners at home.

NOMINATION FOR TWO-YEAR REPLACEMENT VESTRY TERM



Kristen Kearns

Kristen has been at Transfiguration for about 10 years, including three years on staff as the Faith Formation Coordinator and many years of volunteering with children and youth. As a parishioner, she has served on the vestry on finance and ministry committees, has helped lead the all-parish and women's retreats, has coordinated parish community art projects, and is an occasional lay preacher. She has three teenage daughters and a husband who prefers surfing to going to church. She currently works as an associate professor and the director of academic support services at St. Patrick's Seminary and University and enjoys swimming, running, and ballet.

NOMINATION FOR ONE-YEAR REPLACEMENT VESTRY TERM



Gari Patton

Gari grew up in New Hampshire, where she was raised in a Congregational church. Church fell by the wayside while she was in college at Duke and then working as a computer programmer in Chicago and San Francisco, but a faith community suddenly seemed much more important after she and husband Don had their first child, Sarah. They were nurtured in their faith at First Presbyterian Church in Burlingame and served there actively through the births and rearing of two more children, Michael and Laura. After twenty years there, Gari was ready for a change, and landed at Transfiguration where she appreciated the warm welcome she received, the beautiful liturgy, and the freedom to think outside a rigid set of beliefs. She was received into membership in 2004, and since then has had her finger in many pies, including choir and serving as a lector, Eucharistic minister and visitor, banker, and occasional Godly Play storyteller. When she's not putting together lector and EM schedules, Gari likes to walk, talk and lunch with friends; sing with Threshold Choir; bake; and wander through the gardens at Filoli.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEANERY AND CONVENTION DELEGATES



Aidan Jobe Sea

Aidan is a lifelong Episcopalian and member of Transfiguration Episcopal Church in San Mateo. He has received degrees in economics from both Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. Aidan's interests are in entrepreneurship, finance, and in finding new ways to address the world's challenges. He is also a news junky, and enjoys discussions with passionate people on a wide variety of topics. Aidan hopes to use his skills and interests to help the Episcopal church remain grounded in tradition and ready for the future. He has been a Deanery Rep for four years and served as Deanery President and a member of the Diocesan Executive Council. Aidan also serves on the St. Dorothy's Rest Board.



Stacy Ryan

Stacy has been a member of Transfiguration for fourteen years and once served the role of Junior Warden. Recently, she was the Godly Play coordinator and also volunteered with Faith Lab, giving her the opportunity to work with our youth at various ages. When not staying at home with the kids, Stacy runs the volunteer-based art program at Sunnybrae elementary and she is currently working on a novel. Along with her husband Mark, Stacy has been thrilled to watch her children Adam and Bishop grow into their roles as acolytes and participate in Faith Lab.



Michele Maia

Michele has been a member of Transfiguration since 2010 when she started attending Joyful Noise with her daughter. Michele's love of children's ministry led her to volunteer with our children's programs for several years. Now, Michele is delighted to be on staff as the Director of Family Ministry, a position she has held since 2017. Sharing God's love with the young people at Transfiguration is Michele's passion.

COMMISSIONING OF VESTRY MEMBERS AND DELEGATES

THE EXAMINATION

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Nominating Committee

I present to you Cheryl, Amanda, Eric, Jennifer, Kristen and Gari to be admitted to the ministry of the Vestry.

All

The Lord gives wisdom; from God's mouth comes knowledge and understanding; God pours wisdom in the open heart; through love, we come to know God's ways.

Rector

I am your servant; grant me understanding

All

That we might be leaders through your Spirit.

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Vestry of this congregation, may their hearts be open to your wisdom, may your love lead us through their decisions, and may their feet stand for justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you: Cheryl, Amanda, Eric, Jennifer, Kristen and Gari as Vestry members.

DELEGATES TO DEANERY AND DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Nominating Committee

I present to you Aidan, Stacy, Michele and _____ duly elected as delegates & alternates to the Deanery and Diocesan Convention, to be commissioned for their ministry.

All

In the midst of your assembly let your truth be known and heard and may your church follow in Christ's ways.

Rector

Save us from straying from your ways and bless us as we seek to do your work.

All

That we might be leaders through your Spirit.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, who by the Holy Spirit presided at the council of the Apostles to guide them in knowledge and truth: Be present with the delegates of our parish. In the passions of debate, give them a quiet spirit. In the complexities of the issues, give them clear minds. In the moments of decision give them courageous hearts. Guide them in all things to seek only your will; in Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**