

## CANDIDATES FOR ELCTION TO VARIOUS OFFICES

### **Judy Mulligan – Candidate for Jr. Warden**

I welcome the opportunity to place my name on the ballot for the position of Junior Warden of the Vestry, having just finished my first term as Jr. Warden. My family and I have been members of CGS once again, (explanation to follow) for the past six years. Shortly after arriving I helped put together our current Pictorial Directory. This was a great way to get to know, or reacquaint myself with many of the families here. My husband Jeff, and our three children, Ryan (16) and twins Jenny & Dan (13) have found CGS to be a wonderful, warm, and spiritually supportive church family. Jeff and I originally came to CGS after deciding it was time to leave the Catholic Church. One meeting with Odie was all it took for me to decide the Episcopal faith and in particular this church was the place for us. We left CGS in the early 90's as that we felt it too burdensome to leave our three children in the nursery so that we could attend church together. Back then, the nursery was run on a volunteer basis by all of the parents who used the nursery. It was never a problem to take our turn in the nursery – but I always felt bad leaving 3 children in diapers with one or two volunteers on the other Sundays. I would usually end up staying in the nursery and we realized after a year – I didn't get into church very often! We left with heavy hearts but when I finished my commitments at Our Savior in Milford, we were delighted to return home to CGS. It is great to see that CGS subsequently fixed the nursery issue with paid staff! Prior to coming back to CGS, we spent 8 years at Church of Our Savior, Milford. I was involved with several committees, including the Search Committee for the consultants to advise us on building a new church, the Memorials Committee, and the Christmas Pageant. I also put together the Pictorial Directory, helped teach Sunday School, and served on the Vestry for three years. Here at CGS I chaired the Pictorial Directory in 2006, have been active with the Harvestfest, and as Jr. Warden have chaired the Harless Scholarship Committee, and served on the Executive Committee. I've had the privilege of serving on a few other boards including three years on the Alumni Board for Babson College, six years on the Make-A-Wish Foundation of NH (2 years as President) and two years as the President of the Parent-Faculty Association for my children's school in Merrimack. I truly enjoyed the time I have spent on the Vestry as Jr. Warden and would consider it a privilege to be elected again.

### **Chris Chadbourne - Candidate for Clerk of the Vestry**

I was born in Webster, New York and moved to Nashua when I was ten years old. I have lived in Nashua ever since with the exception of my college years. I graduated from Nashua High School and then attended UNH, where I graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Shortly thereafter I attended Rivier College part time and graduated with an MBA. I work at BURNDY LLC in Manchester, New Hampshire and have been there for most of my career, and have responsibilities related to products designed for, and used by, electrical utilities and utility contractors. I grew up a Roman Catholic by faith. I grew up in a religiously diverse neighborhood and had the benefit of learning about numerous faiths. My wife Karen and I met in 1991, and when we became engaged we wanted to find a religious home where we both felt comfortable and welcomed. CGS was a natural fit, and we were married here in 1994. I have been active as Clerk since May 2011, after the death of Martin Beck who is missed as Clerk of the Vestry and an outstanding lay leader. Prior to my current duties, I was active in the Church in a number of volunteer capacities; first as a member of the Snow Clearing, Lawn Mowing, and Fall Cleanup teams in the mid-2000's, also delivering flowers to shut-ins prior to my first Vestry term, as well as taking part in the construction of the hymnal board and also serving meals at a couple of the annual Harvest Fair dinners. I was first elected to Vestry in 2007 and acted as liaison to the property committee through January 2010. Acting as a member of the Vestry is my way of providing time and talent to the Church; helps to deepen my faith in Christ, and "keeps me involved".

### **Jeffrey Fellows – Candidate for Vestry 3 year term**

I was raised in Warwick, MA. And graduated from Boston College in 1984 with a degree in Business Management. I moved to NH in 1984 and have lived in Hudson since 1991. My wife Katie and I were married in 1986. We have two sons; Aaron and Matthew. Both of our sons are now in college; Aaron is a junior at Connecticut College and Matt a freshman at Trinity College. I worked at Raytheon for 17 years, the last eight as President of Raytheon Marine Company. I then started the US operations for Navman, a New Zealand based GPS manufacturer. I ran Brunswick's marine electronics division after it bought Navman. For the past 6 years I have run my own management consulting business; Fellows Consulting. I was raised as a Roman Catholic. As a youth I attended St Patrick's in Northfield, MA where I was an altar boy and lay reader. Katie and I became members of Church of the Good Shepherd in 1991. I assisted with the fund raising activities for the Capital Fund Drive. With both of our sons now in college this seemed like a good time to try to give a little more of my time to CGS. I am hopeful that my experience and background can be helpful to CGS in a Vestry role.

### **Tony Krutiak – Candidate for Vestry 3 year term**

I grew up in the Berkshire hills of Massachusetts, have worked and lived across the country, and love cooking, photography, and getting outdoors. I am currently in the last semester of my Master's program. Previously I worked in business and have 20 years of experience managing complex business units, including extensive experience successfully managing staffs of up to 150 team members and operating budgets of various ranges up to almost \$10 million. Having grown up in a Christian and church environment my entire life, I have been actively involved in church life. In the past I have been in several leadership positions, gone on mission trips, organized and participated in fund raising, etc. In addition to regularly attending and participating in church throughout my life I went to Bible college for a year and half when I was just out of high-school. I have been attending and a member of CGS for over a year and half. Currently I am serving on the Environmental Committee. There are several factors that have led me to decide to be a candidate for the Vestry. There is a need for volunteers and I am willing, eager, and able to serve. Having extensive leadership/management experience I have some skills that may be useful in this role. Since this opportunity fits my abilities well, it will also help me grow even more into a part of this vibrant community. As my home church, I am committed to seeing its continued growth and health.

### **John Lewis – Candidate for Vestry – 3 year term**

I was born and raised in New England, and went to college in Georgia (Georgia Tech). After college my wife and I moved to Nashua. Since moving to Nashua I have worked at Schneider Electric (Previously Andover Controls) for the past 11-12 years as a Project Engineer, Project Manager, and currently an Account Manager. I grew up attending the Episcopal Church. My father was the organist for the church. (And while my wife is a 'Recovering Catholic', I am still not sure a full recovery from being the son of an Episcopal Church organist is possible!!!). Naturally, or perhaps not, I was in the choir and other church musical roles growing up. I was married in 1994 in Newport RI by a local Episcopal Pastor, while at the time my wife and I attended an Episcopal Church in Georgia. I have attended CGS since I moved to Nashua in 2000. My two children, Jackson and Aliya, have been baptized at CGS and attend Sunday school. I have been the editor of the CGS Good N'ewes Newsletter since 2008. For similar reasons that I took on the role of editor of the CGS newsletter, I am interested in contributing more to CGS. I like to say, 'When everyone helps a little, a lot gets done.' Being on the Vestry is an opportunity for me to be a small part of the many things CGS, and the CGS Clergy, do for their parishioners and the community.

### **Ann Spinney – Candidate for Vestry 3 year term**

I grew up in southern Maine and western New York State, then headed further west to Oberlin College and on to graduate school at Northwestern Univ. studying musicology. I also received PhD in musicology at Harvard. In 1993 I began ethnomusicological work with the Passamaquoddy Tribe in Maine. While there I met my husband Roger and we married in 1997. I continue to work with Native singers, especially as a consultant supporting their projects to reclaim and relearn traditional songs. I have taught at several area colleges, most recently Boston College, where I developed research projects in Irish music. I am now moving into music therapy using the folk harp. I have always tried to find work with a component of advocacy. I have always been fascinated with ceremony, because I was raised in a Unitarian church where there was a lot of experimentation and children were allowed to participate. I have studied ceremony academically (in Native Studies, Irish Studies, and popular music). I converted to Catholicism while at Oberlin and was considering joining the Sisters of Mercy when I met Roger. I left the Catholic Church after 18 years in 2000 because I disagreed with the doctrinal clarifications being issued by Cardinal Ratzinger, who is now Pope. I was already interested in the Episcopal Church through my husband's family, and through my interest in the musical traditions. I joined CGS and immediately enrolled in the Inquirer's class and was received in June 2001. I have been a member of the Senior Choir, an usher since 2006, and a Lay Eucharistic Minister since 2009. I began the Companion Ministry in 2009. I am now in the first year of the Education for Ministry class. I have served on the Music Director search committee, the Capital Fund Drive, and the website committee. I was asked to replace an elected Vestry member last May so I have been on the Vestry since then as appointed. It was a sort of baptism by fire! I was very naïve about the literal nuts and bolts of running this place but feel I have learned an enormous amount about the community that is CGS and how we manage to meet our needs and minister to others. What we can do TOGETHER continually impresses me and I see the Vestry and its subcommittees as attentive to the goal of empowering each one of us to contribute to the greater good. I am also no longer commuting to work out of town, so I can take this job on.

### **Trudy Yelton - Candidate for Vestry 3 year term**

I was born in Nashua and raised in Wilton, NH. I am married to Don. We have 2 children, 2 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren and 3 step great grandchildren. Life has been good to us. I have worked in healthcare for the past 20 years and am currently working for Home Health and Hospice Care in their Medicare Reimbursement Department. My background is financial, not clinical. My parents were Roman Catholic, I was "sent" to church on Sunday mornings and "sent" to CCD on Monday afternoons. This was not a family affair and I stopped attending church at the age of 16. I was never comfortable in the RC environment and felt more fearful than faith fulfilled. In the early 1980's Don and I stood up for friends as they were married at CGS. I decided at that wedding that when I returned to church CGS would be my first stop. The next time I was at CGS was in 1988 for the baptism of our first grandchild, again I felt something special. It took me awhile to get there but I have been attending CGS since March of 1997 when our daughter was baptized at the age of 25. Don joined in attending with me shortly thereafter and thus began our love story with the Episcopal church and our church family at CGS. I participate in as many events as I can, my favorite day of the church year is Deck the Halls Sunday. I love the service of Lessons and Carols, this is where I find peace in Christmas amidst all of the commotion. I also enjoy and participate in our Harvest Fair, Gingerbread Village, Women's retreat. I have attended many of the soup and seminar series. Don & I have attended (and really miss) the Lenten retreats. I work for the scripts program. I'm proud to say that I am a graduate of EFM. I will always be grateful to my mentor and thankful for the relationships that developed with those that I attended these classes with. I was shocked in 2009 when Don & I received the Shepherd's Commendation – wow!! I am most grateful for the opportunities available to our youth and that my granddaughters (ages 23 and 12) have shared in the programs offered. I can assure you that neither has ever experienced a moment of fear as I experienced growing up RC. I feel that it's time for me to offer my time and skill set to the church at the Vestry level. It's time to give back to this church and this community of people that mean so much to me.

### **Greg Derderian – Candidate for Vestry – 1 year term**

I am a native of Nashua, a retired teacher and a swim coach. I am married to Colleen; I have a stepson, Sean, and daughter-in-law Amy, stepdaughter Meghan, and son-in-law Ryan. I am about to become a grandfather for the first time. I have been a lifelong member of CGS and on Sunday you can find me regularly at either the 8:00 or the 11:15 service.. I have been an acolyte for 6 years, been on the basketball team and participated in youth church camp. Last summer I was also the first parishioner to give a sermon. I annually sell the most raffle tickets for the CGS Red Sox – Yankee Raffle fund raiser. I was asked to be a member of the vestry and thought it was a good idea. As a recently retired person I have the time and I feel it is a great way for me to serve God and my church.

### **Sandy Desharnais – Candidate for Vestry 1 year term**

I am a life-time Episcopalian; grew up in Medford, Massachusetts; graduated from Burdett College and U.S. Army College and continued my education with courses at Boston University, Hesser College and N.H. Technical College. I am retired from the Defense Contract Management Agency and currently work part-time for the city Treasurer. I volunteer at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center where I am on the Auxiliary Board and I am Treasurer and Service Officer of the National Association of Federal Retired Employees Nashua Chapter. From cradle to marriage, I was a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Medford, Massachusetts, where I was a member of the choir and youth groups and later taught Sunday school and volunteered with Church activities (dinners, fairs, etc.). During my early marriage years, I taught Sunday school, worked on annual fair activities, and baked for various activities. I currently assist with the Scrips program, shawl ministry, ushering, craft workshops for harvest fair, 2012 stewardship committee, Treasurer for Daughters, and donate baked goods and my time during the year to a variety of activities. During my discussions of Vestry activity with current and former Vestry members, I note their enthusiasm and their interest in the good of the Church. I am interested in learning about the inner working of the Church and being a positive asset of CGS's growth and feel I can accomplish more through Vestry membership.

### **John Townsend - Candidate for Diocesan Delegate – 3 year term**

I am a Cradle Episcopalian and a New Hampshire native. I was baptized at Christ Church, Exeter and confirmed at St. Christopher's, Hampstead, although it was located in Plaistow at that time. I studied Hotel Administration and Linguistics at UNH, lived in Spain for almost 5 years returning to school to study Nursing at Rivier College. I currently work as a Neonatal Intensive Care nurse at Southern NH Medical Center. Being brought up as an Episcopalian, I served as an acolyte at both St. Christopher's and for the Episcopal Chaplain at my boarding school, Mount Hermon School. I also served as an alternate delegate from St. Christopher's to the Seacoast Convocation, during my time at UNH. I joined CGS in 1986 and have served on the Vestry for 3 years and on the Fellowship Committee for many years, including as Co-chair for the IV Advent Pasta Dinner. I was the Convener of the NH Chapter of Integrity, the GLTB organization within the Episcopal Church, and as a member of the Province I Task Force on AIDS/HIV. I was installed as Verger on Palm Sunday, 2001 and continue to serve as a Eucharistic Minister I and II, Acolyte Master and as an "ad-hoc" member of the Altar Guild. I was elected last year as an alternate delegate for CGS to the Southern Convocation. I also currently serve as a member of the Discernment Committee for one of our aspirants to the priesthood. Having previously served on committees and organization at the Convocation and Diocesan level, I felt a need to get more involved at that level, again. I enjoy the time that I give to CGS at the local level, but think I can and should give more to the wider church.

### **Howard Titus - Candidate for Diocesan Delegate – 3 year term**

I was born and raised in Winthrop, MA, and I have been an Episcopalian since birth. I attended Winthrop High School, graduated from Northeastern University in Boston with a degree in electrical engineering. After 2 years in the Army, I went to work at Sanders Associates, subsequently worked for the US Navy and Westinghouse, and then returned to Sanders in 1986. My jobs required frequent and extensive travel, much of it overseas. I have been married to my wife, Gail, since 1986, and we have one son, Prescott, who is 22. All the way through my childhood, and through my college years, I was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Winthrop, MA.

There I served as an acolyte, sang in the junior choir, was a member of the youth fellowship group, and attended Sunday School. Because of my travel, I was able to attend Anglican and Episcopal Churches in many different places, including Japan, Egypt, Australia, Singapore, and in several places in the US. I first attended Church of the Good Shepherd briefly in 1986 before going on extensive travel to Florida and Japan. When Gail and I returned in 1989, we immediately began attending CGS. While here I was not able to be as active as I might have liked because of my frequent travel, but I was able to enroll in the EFM program, completing it in 2009. Since I retired from BAE Systems, I have been able to serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, lead adult Christian Education programs, serve as an alternate delegate to Southern Convocation and the Diocesan Convention, and assist in occasional Church office work. I also assist the Nashua Pastoral Care Center by moving furniture that has been donated. I have been an alternate to the Convention for 2 years, and I have found learning about the workings of the Diocese to be very interesting. As an alternate to the Southern Convocation I have very much enjoyed meeting people from our neighboring parishes and learning of additional service opportunities in our region. I would like to continue this as a Diocesan Delegate.

### **MaryLu Klum - Candidate for Alternate Diocesan Delegate – 3 year term**

I am married, mother of two and living in Hollis. I am an accountant and work for a not-for-profit health plan. A lifelong Episcopalian, I grew up in Belmont, MA where I attended All Saint's Episcopal Church. There, I sang in the choir, served as an acolyte, and taught Sunday school. I have been a member of CGS for approximately five years and am entering my third year on Vestry. I serve on the finance committee, the priesthood committee and Altar Guild, and am a lay visitor to one of our shut-ins. I participate in Daughter's and Foyer group and help with the Gingerbread village. As Diocesan alternate delegate, I hope to learn more about the role of the Diocese and about the activities and concerns of other Episcopal churches in our area.

### **Jeffrey Cooley - Candidate for Interfaith Council – 1 year term**

My wife, Amy, and I are natives of the Manchester area, though from 1997-2009 we resided in Cincinnati, OH. I am an Asst. Professor of Hebrew Bible in the Theology Department of Boston College. I was baptized as an infant in the Roman Catholic Church. I followed my girlfriend (who later became my wife) to an evangelical school, Wheaton College, where we started attending Episcopal churches together. After college, I completed a PhD program in Hebraic and Cognate Studies at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, a rabbinical seminary in Cincinnati associated with Reform Judaism. While in Cincinnati my wife and I were confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Since that time we have been quite happily involved in this mainstream movement. At our former parish, Christ Church (Glendale, OH), I was involved with adult education, Rite 13, and was a member of the parish's steering committee, which conducted an extensive evaluation of parish program and facility needs. We relocated back to New England in 2009 after I was invited to join the Theology Department at Boston College, which is a Roman Catholic institution in the Jesuit tradition. I have the opportunity to instruct students of many faith traditions, and am blessed with not only Roman Catholic, but also Protestant, Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist colleagues. My family started attending the 9:45 service at CGS in the summer of 2009. I have had the delight of teaching adult forum (which I will be doing again this Spring), and speaking to the EFM group here at CGS. My wife sings in the choir, and together we have participated in foyer groups. My eldest son Leo regularly attends Sunday school and his younger brother Peter consistently entertains CGS's able child-care staff. Since we've come to CGS I have wanted to support the parish with my skills and talents. I have personal experience and an understanding of the broad spectrum that is the Christian tradition and have had significant opportunities for inter-religious dialog because of my doctoral work at a Jewish seminary, as well as my professional interactions with colleagues. Thus, I feel that I am extremely well suited to represent CGS on the Interfaith Council.

### **Betty Klamka – Candidate for Interfaith Council – 1 year term**

I am a 62 year old mother of four children and grandmother of five. I have been married to my husband Peter for 44 years. I am a chaplain in the healthcare field, having worked both at St. Joseph Hospital and Greenbriar Terrace as Director of Spiritual Care for 7 years. I am presently beginning my final semester toward certification as a Spiritual Director through Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee. I am doing individual spiritual direction as an intern which I immensely enjoy and hope to pursue after my certification this May. I

represented Greenbriar in the Interfaith Council and was impressed at its devotion to the community. I would welcome the opportunity to represent CGS there. I left the Catholic Church for the Episcopal Church about 6 years ago having had many issues with the Roman Church including reception of Eucharist by all who desired it, the ordination of women, and several other, moral issues. Ten years ago I took promises for life as a Secular Franciscan and belong to a group of ecumenical Franciscans in Lowell Ma. My Franciscan promises and devotion to the lifestyle of St. Francis informs both my ministry and my life. I came to CGS looking for a worshipping community which was open to all and lived and preached the gospel the way Jesus did. I did not find it in the Roman Catholic Church. I fell instantly in love with my Church when I watched The Rev Amanda Gott process in, fully vested, and heard the words saying all who desired Jesus were welcome at the Eucharistic table. I took the first hear of EFM and was unable to complete the next three due to work schedules. I am a member of the choir and dearest to my heart is being a LEM. I enjoyed two women's retreats these past years as well as attending the Women's Spirituality Group led by Betty Mayben. I am very happy to have all the things offered by CGS to enrich my life. Having been a member of the Council previously representing Greenbriar Terrace I was deeply impressed by two things: First, how well represented the greater Nashua area was by its membership and second, how hard the Council as a whole worked for the betterment of the community. I would be proud to represent the Church that welcomed me six years ago which is so devoted to the Nashua community particularly those in greatest need.

### **Raymond Villeneuve – Candidate for Interfaith Council – 1 year term**

I was brought up on a farm and learned what discipline, hardship and responsibility were all about. I am a product of the Franco –American Roman Catholic parochial school system. I earned a BA Degree in Philosophy while attending St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD. While in the USAF and stationed in England, I earned an MA degree in counseling. Later, I earned a second MA in School Administration at Rivier College. I became a UCC Congregationalist for 16 years at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Led the Lay Caring Ministry there for 2 ½ years. I became a Buddhist, then an Episcopalian, and then Unitarian-Universalist. Attended Nashua's Beth Abraham Synagogue's Shabbat Services for 1 ½ years to better understand how Jesus was brought up and what he has such a great love for the father. Today, I am an Episcopalian/Unitarian-Universalist/Buddhist, who wears a kippah (Jewish skull-cap, which is a symbol of humility and respect for God's presence) though I have not converted to Judaism. I was married for 29 years; I have one son, and was divorced in 2004. My ex-wife supported me when I finally accepted that fact that I am a gay man. I was partnered for three years thereafter. I taught history, religion (including introduction to the Bible for 6 years), and French while employed at Bishop Guertin High School for 23 years. Then, went through a five year suicidal depression and was homeless for two years. I am now completely recovered, happy and retired! In 2010 I watched the construction of the Nashua Chartres Replica Labyrinth, a spiritual tool and concept which goes back 4,500 years. (I have walked it 102 times now!) I am also an activist. I demonstrated on Main Street in Nashua, against the War in Iraq for six months before President Obama was elected. I have been demonstrating on behalf of the homeless and disadvantaged, in front of Nashua City Hall for 2 ½ years now. I have participated in the Nashua Crop Walk for two years and the Candlelight Vigil in December held on behalf of the homeless who have recently died. I have attended the annual Martin Luther King Celebration at the First Baptist Church and the annual NAIC Ecumenical Thanksgiving Services for the last two years. I am the official NAIC delegate to the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care and the Ending Homelessness Committee monthly meetings. Even though I have never been elected as a designated CGS representative to the NAIC, I have attended all the monthly meetings for the past two years. I will have the same dedication as in the past, whether elected by CGS, or not. After two years of service, isn't it about time that I get your vote? Thanks for your support! I promise to continue to serve both you and the community of Nashua well and to make you all proud!

# Ballot

## Junior Warden

(Vote 1 for 2-year term)

Judy Mulligan \_\_\_\_\_

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## Clerk

(Vote 1 for 2-year term)

Chris Chadbourne \_\_\_\_\_

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## Vestry

3-year term (vote for 4)

Jeff Fellows

Tony Krutiak

John Lewis

Ann Spinney

Trudy Yelton

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## Delegate Diocesan Conventions

3 Year Term (vote for 1)

Howard Titus

John Townsend

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## Interfaith Council

One Year Term (Vote for 2)

Jeff Cooley

Betty Klamka

Ray Villeneuve

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## Vestry

3-year term (vote for 4)

Jeff Fellows

Tony Krutiak

John Lewis

Ann Spinney

Trudy Yelton

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## Diocesan Delegate/Alternate

3 year term (Vote for 1 )

Mary Lu Klum

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## Vestry

One Year Term (Vote for 1)

Greg Derderian

Sandy Desharnais