

# 2023 NOMINEES



**Elizabeth Coley**

*Nominee for Vestry*

Elizabeth is a “cradle” Episcopalian and daughter to a mother who has exemplified service to the church over her own lifetime association. Elizabeth sings soprano in the choir and has served on the Sanctuary Worship Team, the pre-pandemic Liturgy Board, coordinated the MEAC Thanksgiving meal ministry, and worked with MEAC literacy projects. She helped out a bit with the Christmas giving tree. She co-coordinated the Redeemer cloth mask project at the start of the pandemic and has been a baker for the bread ministry for about a year.

“The spiritual growth I’ve experienced at Redeemer is hard to put into words. There have been ineffable and shining moments of connection in music and in prayer, in laughter and in food. The church plays a complex role in my life.”



**David Haffner**

*Nominee for Vestry*

As a family which included three young children, David and his ex-wife began attending Church of the Redeemer in 1984. They quickly became involved in the life of the church. When he and wife, Randol, were married in 1998, she became a member of Church of the Redeemer and served with him as an usher.

David has also served on nominating committees, as a lay weeder and for three plus years as head of Stewardship (including the Cornerstone Campaign). David is currently a Stephen Minister and has volunteered with Church of the Redeemer’s People Working Cooperatively team.

Feeling the call to serve on vestry, David feels this is yet another way he can keep best fulfilling his life as a Christian at Church of the Redeemer.



**Nancy Powell**

*Nominee for Vestry*

A cradle Episcopalian, Nancy joined the Church of the Redeemer in 1985. She has been Chair of the Education Committee, a member of the Mission Funding Board and Liturgy Board, and a member of the Search Committee for the Reverend Bruce Freeman.

Over the years Nancy has served as a Lay Reader, a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, a Greeter and a Stephen Minister. Nancy has been a member of the Flower Guild, the Benedictine Group and the Redeemer Book Group.

Nancy is honored and spiritually moved by the invitation to serve on the Vestry. After prayerful consideration, she said “Yes” to wherever God leads her in this experience.”



### Cynthia Ray Walker

*Nominee for Vestry*

Cynthia has been a member of Redeemer since 1995 when she and her husband, Garret, moved to Cincinnati for job opportunities. She held a research and management position with Federated Department Stores (now Macy's) until her retirement in 2010. Over the years, Cynthia has been involved in a number of Redeemer's ministries, including IHN, Celtic Guild and the Card Ministry.

She has been an intercessor and served on the most recent Rector Search Committee. For many years, she also was involved with the Washington National Cathedral as a regional chair and served on the national NCA Board. Caregiving and the pandemic limited in-person participation in recent years, but with Garret's death in 2022, God's call to become more involved at Church of the Redeemer was clear. The invitation to join the vestry has been an answer to a prayer and would provide a meaningful opportunity to serve Church of the Redeemer.



### Steve Zimmerman

*Nominee for Vestry*

Having been born and raised in the Detroit area, Steve's family were members at Central Woodward Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). His introduction to the Episcopal Church came when he married his wife Edie, at her parish, St. Pauls' in Chillicothe, OH. He was confirmed by Church of the Redeemer's former Rector in the mid-1990's.

Steve began attending Church of the Redeemer in the fall of 1988 after the birth of his daughter, Courtney. They continued as members, including his other children, Hannah and Matthew.

With the end of the current school year this coming May, Steve will be retiring from public education after nearly 38 years.

"I believe God is calling me off the bench and to enter the game to serve on the Redeemer Vestry! I look forward to further contributing to the growth and community reach of our parish."



### Bill Culp

*Nominee for a Trustee of the Redeemer Permanent Property Fund (second term).*

Bill's family came to Cincinnati in 1962, when he was a teenager. And that was when he first attended Church of the Redeemer. The Episcopal Church has been a part of most of his life, and he even attended an Episcopal high school. He met his wife Polly in Southern California; she also an Episcopalian; and they attended Episcopal churches in Irvine and Laguna Beach, CA before they returned to Cincinnati in 1982 and joined Church of the Redeemer as a couple.

I have always been interested in buildings, e.g. when they were built, construction, etc. and that definitely benefitted my career in the property/casualty insurance industry. "Physically Church of the Redeemer has grown and changed substantially since I first joined; it was a "new" church then and had already had one addition, and that has really continued until today. We need to take care of the facility so it is available for the next generation."

## Christine Andrew

*Alternate Delegate to the 2023 Diocesan Convention and Delegate to the Conventions in 2024 and 2025*

Christine has been a member of CoR since 2000. She's joyfully involved as a Stephen Minister, Lay Eucharistic Visitor and Lector while her most recent and fun challenge is returning to choral singing as a member of the Redeemer choir. Christine served as warden of CoR from 2006 to 2010 and is married to another former warden, Tom Kirkwood. You could say we are hard core Episcopalians; as



such it's important to understand what goes on in the wider church, and specifically in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Our diocese is in a time of transition and I would appreciate the opportunity to serve Redeemer as a delegate to its annual Convention.



## John Schenk, Jr.

*Alternate Delegate to the 2023 Diocesan Convention and Delegate to the Conventions in 2024 and 2025*

John has been attending Church of Redeemer since the 90's as his parents, John and Kim Schenk began attending at that time. John served as one of Redeemer's acolytes during his time at St. Xavier High School. In his collegiate years at Hobart College (Geneva, NY), he studied economics and English, rowed crew, and was an avid goer to Trinity Episcopal Church.

In the fall of 2018, John moved his studies overseas to Edinburgh, Scotland for a semester and attended St. John's Scottish Episcopal Church.

After graduating in 2020, he returned back to Cincinnati and has since served as one of Redeemer's morning greeters. His rescheduled graduation ceremony was special as Presiding Bishop Michael Curry spoke to the graduated classes of '20. Professionally, he is a commercial real estate broker at CBRE, specializing in office tenant representation for some of Cincinnati's largest and fastest growing firms. His newest venture in the Cincinnati community is spearheading the forthcoming Cincinnati Chili Bowl, a NCAA collegiate bowl game to be played at TQL Stadium.

"I've been blessed with opportunity in this community, spiritually, professionally, and personally. Serving as a delegate is a call to serve for which I will gladly answer."

## Laurie Maguire

*Nominee for a Member at-large of the Redeemer Mission Funding Committee (second term)*

The Maguires joined Church of the Redeemer in 2011 when they moved back to Cincinnati. They chose this church because they felt it was a church of inclusion which is very important to them. Since that time Laurie has served on the Flower Guild, she and her husband, CH, have served as ushers at the Rite II services and Laurie was a part of the Home Comforts Ministry.



Laurie and CH have four children spread across Cincinnati, Hailey, Idaho, and Sonoma, California and eight amazing grandchildren.

For Laurie the call of God is to serve others and she is forever open to new ways to be part of God's plan.



## Elizabeth Clapp

*Nominee for a Member at-large of the Redeemer Mission Funding Committee (second term)*

Elizabeth started coming to Church of the Redeemer in the fall of 2013. She has three daughters, Sophia (11), Eleanor (8), and Lilah, (4).

An immigration attorney with her own law firm since late 2018, Elizabeth has participated in various ministries, including MEAC, First Step Home, and most recently IHN. Throughout her life Elizabeth has felt the deepest connection with God through service to others. From high school trips to

Appalachia to repair homes to working with detained migrant families on the U.S./Mexico border, she has felt the power of God's presence in mission work.