

2021

The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew (SsAM)

The Vestry is the governing body of our church, guided by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, as well as our Vision and Mission. In partnership with our Rector, the Vestry members promote the spiritual welfare of SsAM and manage and protect our church property and finances. Members of the Vestry are expected to make every effort to honor our diverse heritage and to support our celebrative liturgy and music, innovative programming, and deep involvement in the life of our community.

VESTRY CANDIDATES

Rachel Gaskell, Senior Warden



Carey Lockman Corbin

I am experienced in board service and am currently serving on the Delaware Shakespeare Board of Directors with my 3-year term ending in 2022 and as the President of the Delaware PTA with my term ending in 2022. All together I have nearly eight years of board experience. I serve as the chair of the Programming and Audience Committee for Delaware and served on the Delaware PTA Advocacy Committee for 4 years. I am an experienced advocate on the local and national level with a specialization in public education policy advocacy. I have served as the SsAM vestry clerk since November 2020. My daughter Celia and I have been members of SsAM for about a year and a half.

Outside of my volunteer work, I am the Coordinator of Media and Marketing for New Castle County Government's Department of Community Services. Through this position I have gained experiences in websites, social media, copy-editing, email blasts, and other forms of communications. I am called to this ministry because I love the mission and congregation at SsAM and strongly feel that young families in the congregation need to be represented on the vestry.



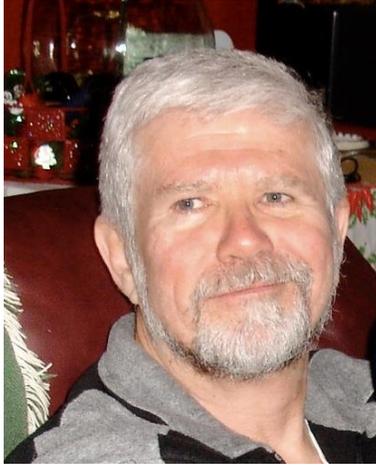
Sandra (Sandy) Johnson

Sometimes in life our ministry and work are completely aligned. This happened with me over 25 years ago with the incredible gift of being a part of SsAM’s creation. I, along with over 200 other faithful founders, journeyed in the embrace of God’s inimitable spirit and love to make a better world for ourselves, our families and our community. Together, we sought and created guiding principles reflecting a vision of diversity, inclusion, and safe harbor to express those opinions, all metered with accountability and transparency. I was the co-senior warden during the initial discussions through the Diocesan approval of our SsAM and selection of SsAM’s first Rector.

After 25 years, our SsAM is poised for a reset; an examination of what and where we are and where we want/need to be — with both ministries, operations and shared knowledge of the Episcopal Church. I believe God calls each of us to this examination and execution, and the call is for us to do it decisively — in love.

I would very much like to be a servant leader from the Vestry vantage point to work through this great transformational work. Over the years, I have served with Episcopal Church Women, SsAM’s choir, Finance Committee, 10th Anniversary Committee, and the Diocesan Standing Committee.

Currently, I serve on the 25th Anniversary Committee, the Property Committee, and on the board of SsAM’s Property, Inc. (the parking lot). My adult son, Matthew, received his spiritual footing in our SsAM village. My current employment is with the State of Delaware as Director of Statewide Equity Initiatives. I have a BA, MA and JD.



Gary Jolly

My name is Gary Jolly. I am a co-chair of the Finance Committee and a member of the Vestry at SSAM in Wilmington. I serve on the Diocese Finance Committee and the Diocese Investment Committee.

In my last three jobs, I was president of three companies: two were international and the third in the US. Safegate, headquartered in Sweden, supplied aircraft movement and docking systems utilizing laser technology. Fox-Tec was in Canada and supplied fiber optic systems. I retired from my most recent company in the U.S.; it provided high precision components for intelligent ordinance to the Department of Defense. Prior to these, I was Program Manager and the Marketing Director of the Air Traffic Division at UNISYS Defense Systems. I served on active military duty for eight years aboard nuclear submarines. I have a BS in Engineering and an MBA in Finance. I am married with two adult children, one a screenwriter in Los Angeles and the other in finance in New York City.



Scott Serota

My name is Scott Serota. I have been a member of The Episcopal Church of SsAM for almost a decade, ever since the Cathedral Church of St. John was closed in 2012. I was a member of the vestry toward the end of the life of that location and thus was able to really be an active part of difficult decisions which had to be made, strategizing outreach and how to grow the congregation, and creative problem solving to prioritize and address myriad issues.

I grew up in the Methodist church and have been a part of church life for as long as I can remember from choirs to camps to youth groups and everywhere in between. As with many, I grew away from the church to seek out life and my own answers but, gratefully, found my way back and a home in the Cathedral but also in the Episcopal faith writ large once I moved to Delaware from Texas. I would appreciate your consideration for vestry as I feel I have many talents and gifts that would be assets to the vestry as well as the congregation. I have over twenty years of experience in management, most recently piloting an education program for Sephora and training educators in the district as well as my

employees and those in other locations from onboarding to continuing education including management.

I also have fifteen years of experience in bookkeeping having done so for Three Little Bakers and Video American's multiple locations as well as sales projections and goals and profit and loss reports, forecasting and planning through running multiple locations with Sephora.

With a focus on people and a strong background in finance, I feel that it is the right place and the right time to take on a more active role within the congregation and the church and, with your trust, to make myself available to steer this church toward a brighter future from the darker days of this past year with Covid-19 so we can all be in communion together once more.



Clint Williams

Clint Williams is in his fifteenth year of teaching performing arts at Sanford School in Hockessin, DE. He recently stepped down as Chair of the Performing Arts Department after thirteen years. Additionally, Clint is the Past-President of DE ACDA (Delaware American Choral Directors Association) and DMEA (Delaware Music Educators Association), and currently serves on the Eastern Division Board of NAFME (National Association for Music Education). He also holds the position of All-State Coordinator for Delaware, overseeing all All-State band, choral, orchestra, and jazz band concerts in the state. Clint enjoys directing musicals not only at Sanford School but at local professional theaters in the area, including Brandywiners, Broadway Experience Student Theatre, Ritz Theater Company, and the Candlelight Theatre.

Clint grew up in the church, as his father was a retired minister who pastored at the Sand Springs Church of God (Oklahoma) for over twenty years before retiring. The church had over 300 members,

and Clint was active in the church, singing in the choir, playing piano and organ, leading music, puppet ministries, Vacation Bible School, and many other activities. Clint is thankful he grew up in the church, not only because it was a foundation for his faith, but also because he was able to experience the inner workings of the church. Clint, his wife Noël, and their son Elliott have been members at SsAM for over one year and look forward to worshipping in person as soon as it is deemed safe. The two things that drew them to SsAM were the diversity of the parish and the outstanding music ministry. Clint is thrilled to be nominated to serve on the Vestry and is confident that his rich background in leadership of the music teachers of the state as well as his background in the church will benefit him and help him work with other Vestry members for the good of the church.



Anthony Jones

(Appointed by the Vestry to complete the unexpired term of Dan Young)

I am a cradle Episcopalian, christened and confirmed in the church. I served as an Acolyte for ten years before going to college. I attended Oberlin College, earning a degree in religion in 1984. I earned a Masters of Divinity Degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1989 followed by a law degree from Vanderbilt University in 1997. I was ordained an American Baptist minister in 1989 and I served the church as an associate minister for twenty-seven years. In addition, I was corporation counsel and served as a member of the Elder Board which is the equivalent of our Vestry Board. I had regular preaching duties, taught homeless men to read, and administered an after-school program for neighborhood children.

I presently serve here at SsAM as a Lector, Acolyte, Office Assistant, and in Adult Formation. Until the onset of COVID, I helped set up the auditorium and serve quiche to homeless men and women on Sundays. I also helped serve meals to the homeless at a church on 3rd and Walnut Streets.

I offer a unique combination of experience and education. I have served the church since the age of eight. I have developed strong analytical skills. I have a passion for social outreach. Most importantly, I bring energy and a deep passion for this house and for this labor.