

CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY (cont.)

Elect four to serve three-year terms



TIMOTHY G. MASSAD

Occupation Former chairman, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; attorney

Spouse/Family Charlotte Hart;
Children: Emil (14) and Jayne (11)

Church Experience We joined St. C's when we moved to Washington in 2009 and enrolled our daughter in the nursery school. With each year, we have benefited more from this wonderful community and grown more involved – last year I was a presenter at the Sunday Forum, led the "New to You" cleanup effort, joined a Circle of Eight and hosted a Spring Fling.

I had the privilege of serving our country for eight years, and previously was a lawyer for 25 years, advising corporate boards, as well as non-profits such as Covenant House and UNICEF. These days, I'm focused more locally, and I'd like to contribute to the important work of the vestry.

I believe continuing to strengthen our financial and organizational foundation is critical. I also want to build on the good work that's been done to provide opportunities for engagement for all, recognizing that our congregation is quite diverse in its needs and interests.



KAY TATUM

Occupation Partner in a DC law firm for 29 years

Spouse/Family Dick Tatum; Adult children: Jonathan and Robert, both in school pursuing advanced degrees

Church Experience We became parishioners at St. Columba's in 1997, driven by gratitude for our experience with the nursery school and drawn by the vibrant community, music and opportunities to grow in faith and serve at the church. I have been engaged in teaching Sunday School, serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, stewardship visits, Loaves and Fishes, Jubilee Jobs Spark Group, Circles of Eight and other ministries.

Having been blessed to grow up in a place where the church was the most important community in one's life, if elected to the vestry, I would love to build on the member engagement efforts underway to make St. C's a community where every person we touch feels welcome, recognized, blessed, passionate about some aspect of life at St. C's and inspired to try to live as a representative of Christ in the broader community. Engaged, grateful and inspired parishioners are a solid foundation for financial strength.



THELMA TRICHE

Occupation Management and regulatory specialist for urban water supply and sanitation services in developing countries at the World Bank for many years and subsequently as a freelance consultant

Spouse/Family Tom Calhoun; Adult child: Geoff Calhoun

Church Experience I was raised a Catholic and attended a Catholic girls' school where I often found respite in the chapel during recess. Tom and I came to St. Columba's shortly before we were married here in 1979.

In those early years, I taught Sunday School and was a member of the Visiting Committee. In 2012, I joined the Water Ministry as a way of becoming more engaged. In 2013, I formed the Water Ministry Volunteers Steering Committee and have served as chair since then. As a member of the Environment Committee, I introduced and led the zero-waste initiative. I am a frequent walker on St. C's labyrinth and serve as a labyrinth guide. Most recently, I participated in the Mission Strategy Team which was convened to develop an overall vision for St. C's outreach ministries. While I tend to be a very active person, I depend on retreats at Holy Cross Monastery, labyrinth walks and the Advent and Lenten Quiet Days for respite and restoration.

Frequently Asked Questions ...

What is the vestry?

The vestry is "... the agent and legal representative of the parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the parish to its clergy. It shall consist of the rector, the senior warden, the junior warden and 12 members as described below. Nominees for the vestry shall have been qualified voters of the parish for at least the preceding year and shall be at least 18 years of age." (Bylaws of St. Columba's Parish, Article 6.)

How are candidates chosen?

Candidates are chosen by the Nominating Committee, which is headed by two vestry members. Nominees are introduced and candidates for warden and vestry speak at the Candidates Forum on Sun., Nov. 12.

Who is qualified to vote?

You are qualified to vote if you are at least 15 years old, baptized and entered on the parish rolls, and are a member of a contributing household to the parish. Contributions are defined as recorded pledges, identifiable offerings or services rendered. Voters are reminded that they may vote only once. Vestry elections will take place on Sundays, Nov. 12 and 19. Absentee ballots may be cast at the parish office during office hours the week prior to the Annual Meeting. Balloting concludes on Sun., Nov. 19 at 1 pm.

Find more information at Columba.org

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ANNUAL ELECTIONS 2018

Meet Your Candidates!

Rector Ledlie Laughlin extends a personal invitation to come to the St. Columba's Annual Meeting on Sun., Nov. 19 at 10:15 am, in the Church Nave. Together, we will offer thanks to those stepping down from leadership roles; offer prayers for those stepping up; receive an update on our financial giving and annual budget; elect new vestry members; and rejoice in the wondrous ways that the Holy Spirit is moving among us, enlivening our faith and lives together.

Let your voice be heard ... vote for the vestry candidates of your choice. Meet your candidates in person at the Candidates Forum on Sun., Nov. 12 at 10:15 am, in the Church Nave. Vestry elections will take place on Sundays, Nov. 12 and 19. Ballots may also be completed at the parish office during office hours the week prior to the Annual Meeting.



St. Columba's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
THAT SEEKS TO BE OPEN IN SPIRIT, DEEP IN FAITH,
RICH IN WORSHIP, ACTIVE IN SERVICE.

CANDIDATES FOR WARDEN

Elect two to serve one-year terms



ELIZABETH G. TAYLOR
Senior Warden

Occupation Lawyer; executive director of the National Health Law Program

Spouse/Family David DeBruin;
Children: Sam, Joey and Will DeBruin

Church Experience I am the executive director of the National Health Law Program, a non-profit that protects and advances access to quality health care for low income people. We are heading into challenging times!

My husband, David DeBruin, and I have been active at St. Columba's since we arrived almost 30 years ago. I served two terms on the vestry and have completed two years as junior warden and one as senior warden. I feel very good about where we are. We exceeded our annual stewardship goal last year and balanced the budget, including a reserve to cover the depreciation of our capital assets. That has not happened in recent memory! We also fixed the plaster, at least the places where the peeling plaster was most visible. Crossing these hurdles feels good. It tells us that the energy at St. Columba's is back and we are ready for adventure.



STEVE SMITH
Junior Warden

Occupation Co-founder and CEO, Intellispark

Spouse/Family Single

Church Experience St. Columba's has been an important part of my life since 2001. I was raised Roman Catholic but discovered the Episcopal Church in college. The Episcopal Church attracted me with the beauty of its liturgy and the inclusiveness of its theology. This parish drew me in with its deep sense of hospitality and purpose.

I have sung in the choir regularly and played organ occasionally since coming to St. Columba's. I've been a member of the Finance Committee for the past six years and treasurer for three. It has been an honor to serve as a vestry member since 2013, and as junior warden for the past year. The passion, expertise and resources at St. Columba's offer tremendous potential to have a positive impact in our community, across the district, and around the world. I am excited about the opportunity to serve as junior warden and to work to fulfill this potential with Elizabeth, Ledlie, the vestry, and the broader parish.

WARDENS' JOINT STATEMENT

We crossed three major hurdles this year – “four-minute miles” as Ledlie calls them. We exceeded our annual stewardship goal and ended the year with a modest operating surplus – the first time we've done either in recent memory! We also fixed the most visible plaster issues in the Church Nave. Crossing these hurdles feels good.

It speaks to the vibrancy of St. Columba's and tells us that we are ready for adventure. We feel an openness to the vision that Ledlie has been sharing – that St. Columba's is a place where we deepen our spiritual lives through the five ancient practices of prayer, scripture reading, discernment of gifts, sharing our stories and service to others.

In one example of how we're beginning to apply these practices, the vestry has extended its monthly meetings by a half-hour to study scripture and share our stories before we launch into business. St. Columba's isn't about having all of the answers; it's about asking the questions and embarking on the journey. From where we sit, St. Columba's is in great shape and we are looking forward to what the next year will bring!

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TINU IGE

Occupation President, IW Group

Spouse/Family Stephen Wolff;
Children: Temitayo, Ayomi

Church Experience Since becoming a member of the church as a bride-to-be 22 years ago, and later as a mother, I have come to cherish the renewing power of outreach fellowship – an essential ingredient in the church community – the result of which is growth and change.

In our many years at the church, we have especially come to value the power of music and its ability to move and to transform us in ways we never knew possible.

I have participated in the life of the church as one of the organizers of the parish Chili Cook-off; a lay reader; and recently a member of the New Stewardship Committee, charged with examining ways to enhance the culture of gratitude at St. Columba's.

As an introverted person, who sometimes requires a nudge to step up, it would be a privilege to work with the vestry on ways to encourage more parishioners, who might not otherwise come forward, to consider applying their talents in service of St. Columba's ministries.



PATTY JENSEN

Occupation Career and leadership coach, Principal of Clear Waters Consulting, LLC

Spouse/Family Husband Bill, two grown married children (Bill and Meg), one grandson (and another on the way)

Church Experience I was a lapsed Catholic who joined St. Columba's with my family over 20 years ago. This is the place I began my spiritual journey. It is my spiritual home.

Participation in the Discernment and Stephen Ministries deepened my faith. I co-chaired the Rector Search Committee that called Ledlie which gave me an understanding of the many varied ministries that make up the fabric of this wonderful place. I am an usher, a lay Eucharistic minister and convener of the Human Resources Committee. This year, I began participating in Stirring the Waters, a ministry exploring white privilege and racial justice. I feel called to explore my own biases, engage in more cross-cultural relationships and pursue racial justice.

I am interested in supporting St. Columba's in doing our own soul work – taking care of our physical plant, deepening our connection to one another and taking our energy and joy outward to serve the larger community.



LEN KENNEDY

Occupation Attorney, senior advisor and retired general counsel Neustar Inc., Sprint and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Spouse/Family Ellen Mears Kennedy;
Children: Julia and Emma

Church Experience My St. Columba journey began when our family attended the deeply moving 9/11 memorial service for St. C's member, Karen Kincaid. That service – that experience – lifted up and revealed a “sweet, sweet Spirit” in this church community. Our family, with our young daughters, began attending the 5 pm service with its music and warmth. I joined the Altar Guild, a ministry that deepens faith, community and service. Ellen is a member of the Labyrinth ministry.

I have held board positions at Grace Episcopal Day, Sidwell Friends School, the Appleseed Foundation and served as a counselor to corporate boards and government officials. Currently I am an active participant in the organization, No Labels.

The first 15 years at St. C's are but prologue. Having recently retired, I realize I have been waiting for a call to contribute wisely. In the words of the Advent hymn, “... to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.” I embrace this message and hope to follow this path with courage, humility and faith.