



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

Meet the 2026 Candidates

The following members of our faith community have graciously agreed to stand for election at the Cathedral's annual meeting at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 25. The congregation will then elect four members to serve three-year terms on Chapter. We will also elect two members to serve three-year terms as Cathedral delegates to the Diocese of Missouri's annual convention and the local diocesan convocation. Mark your calendars for a meet-the-candidates forum from 9:15 to 9:55 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 18, either in person in the tech hub, or via Zoom. To vote at the annual meeting, you must be at least 18 years old, financially supportive of the Cathedral and a regular communicant. We thank all candidates for their willingness to stand for election to serve our congregation.

Chapter Candidates – (3-year terms)



Sarah Allen

Sarah serves as an usher and with the winter outreach ministry at Christ Church Cathedral. Sarah also has volunteered to fill the Blessing Box while she was working as a counselor with the unhoused at St. Patrick's Center. As a lifelong Episcopalian and the daughter of the former dean and canon of the Cathedral, Sarah has been involved in ministries including working with the shelter, the childcare program and the arts. Sarah is dedicated to the Cathedral where her parents and brother are entombed. This is a strong factor in her willingness to serve as a Chapter member. She is committed to the ministry of social justice and human dignity for all. As a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal church during the decade she lived in North Carolina, Sarah co-chaired a committee with the Lutheran church to assist two Afro-Columbian refugee families resettle. Sarah's education in Early Childhood education and master's degree in teaching would benefit the Chapter in helping facilitate ways to attract and keep families with children. Sarah's work experience in Head Start with refugees and with the unhoused also would benefit Chapter. Sarah's long history with Christ Church Cathedral beginning in 1976 would benefit the future of the Cathedral building and congregation. The challenges Sarah experiences at the Cathedral include how to welcome our neighbors and maintain our building and the congregation's safety, how to attract more families with children and younger members, and how to bring more revenue.

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Andreas Altemueller

Andreas joined CCC in 1997, where he married Patricia Altemueller, officiated by the late Dean Michael Allen. The couple bought an old Webster Groves home, which they completely renovated and where they raised Leah and James, both children from Patricia's previous marriage. In 2003 they adopted Noah at two years of age, who was baptized the same year by Bishop Wayne Smith at CCC and continues to live with them. Andreas' contributions to CCC were initially just of supportive nature, mostly to Patricia's ministries (children ministry, Black History Month and the Blessing Box) as well as being a lector, intercessor, helping in the garden ministry and with the finance committee. In 2014, Andreas was nominated and accepted the call to become a Chapter member for a three-year term. Since the beginning of 2025, he has joined Jerry Wacker with regular volunteer work around the CCC facilities. Regarding Andreas' professional career, he was educated in Germany with a bachelor's degree in biology, masters in microbiology and biotechnology, and a PhD in biochemistry. He held academic, contract research and industrial positions in Germany and the U.S. with steadily increasing responsibilities until his retirement at the end of 2024. Andreas excels under conditions that provide room for creative thinking and allow for being involved with interdisciplinary teams. He is motivated by exchanging ideas and thought processes with team members to first identify the best path forward and then translate and facilitate his experience into actionable tasks and work streams of the respective projects. In his spare time, Andreas likes woodworking, gardening, traveling domestically and abroad and hanging out with kids and grandkids.



Mary H. Karr

Mary is a lifelong Episcopalian, worshipping at the Cathedral until she was 7, when her family left St. Louis. As an adult, she was a member of St. Michael and St. George until she followed Mike Kinman back to the Cathedral, where she has been a member ever since. She previously served on Chapter as Junior and then Senior Warden. Mary has recently found great joy singing in the Cathedral Choir under the direction of Dr. Connor Scott. She especially appreciates the forbearance of the other sopranos with her untrained voice. She also knits prayer shawls for the Dean to pass on to those who need them. She would be happy to be joined in this ministry by any knitters or aspiring knitters (she would be happy to teach anyone who is interested in learning). Mary has been a city resident for many years, is a retired attorney and has served on the boards of multiple not-for-profits.

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Dr. Casie Pennington

Casie has been in the field of education for 28 years and has served in various roles. Those roles include Special Education Teacher, ADA Coordinator and Special Education Department Head. She has dedicated her career to supporting students from underserved, middle class, upper class and mentoring new teachers. She earned her doctorate in Educational Administration from Maryville University. Beyond the classroom, she is actively involved in the community to promote educational equity and family engagement. She has been recognized with multiple teaching and leadership awards. Casie continues to inspire change by empowering educators and students to lead with purpose, integrity, and compassion.

Candidates for Delegate to Convention and Convocation



Kurt Joice

Kurt has been attending Christ Church Cathedral for more than 10 years. He has been co-chair of Fellowship since 2020, and has worked with the JustFood truck for the past year. Kurt will be happy to represent the Cathedral at Convocation and Convention.



Jane Mayfield

Jane is running for convention delegate because she wants to support the Cathedral. Jane serves as co-chair of Fellowship and the Flower Ministry. She is a previous board chair and board member of Episcopal City Mission. Jane is organized and encourages shared leadership. Jane believes that maintaining and growing the Cathedral is important.

Candidate for Alternate Delegate to Convention and Convocation



Pat Rohan

Christ Church Cathedral has been Pat Rohan's church home for 43 years. As a lifelong Episcopalian, she grew up and attended other Episcopal parishes in this Diocese for more than 30 additional years. Pat served as a Chapter member from 2018 to 2021 and as an alternate convention delegate from 2021 to 2024. This gave her the opportunity to become involved in the Diocese's Emery Washington Convocation. She looks forward to working as an alternate convention delegate again. She currently serves on the Altar Guild, the Wedding Guild and the St. Martha's Guild. Last fall she joined the Tornado Relief Committee and saw firsthand the need for helping the North St. Louis neighborhoods. Pat is a retired reference librarian and continues to be active in a book discussion group. She enjoys reading history and mystery, home gardening, traveling with her husband Mike, and spending time with their grandchildren.