

NOMINEES FOR ELECTED OFFICE 2018

DIOCESAN BOARD

**The Rev. Scott Holcombe
Candidate for Diocesan Board
Clerical Order**



I have been honored to serve as Rector of St. David's by the Sea, Cocoa Beach, since 2010. My background in congregational development and construction have been handy as we have undergone a complete renovation and modernization of our program and facility. Our congregation and budget have almost doubled. We have revitalized our outreach ministries and currently give almost 20% of our operating income to specific outreach needs. St. David's and I have come alongside other congregations around the diocese assisting with their building and renovation plans and in congregational development consultations. I have also organized

clergy workdays at multiple sites around the Diocese.

2018 marks my 40th anniversary of ordained ministry. During that time I have served as an Assistant to the Rector twice, and Rector of 6 congregations. Previously I have served on the Diocesan Board in the Diocese of Atlanta, West Virginia, and twice on the Diocesan Board of Central Florida. In the past I have also served on the Cursillo Commission, Canterbury Board, Clergy Events Committee, and as Dean of the SW Deanery. On the National level, I also served as Province 3 Coordinator for the Episcopal Partners for Catechesis.

Married 43 years to La Nora Hazelwood Holcombe, and the father of 5, with 10 grandchildren, as a lifelong Episcopalian, I am devoted to serve the Lord Jesus and His Church, wherever I can be of service. I look forward to being back on the Diocesan Board and resuming my ministry of bringing cookies for our meetings!

Mrs. Susan Hill Shannon
Candidate for Diocesan Board
Lay Order



Native New Englanders, my husband and I moved to Orlando in 1991. Together with our son, Colin, we opened Shannon's Casual Café in south Orlando. I have been an active communicant of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke since 1991.

I have served on the Cathedral Chapter, the Diocesan Board, the Standing Committee, and the Strategic Planning Commission. My current Diocesan activities include membership on the Standing Committee and on the Commission on Ministry.

As a member of the Anglican Communion I believe the Creeds, Holy Scripture, the Sacraments and the Historic Episcopate are essential to the Church.

The first challenge facing our diocese is how to move forward with the positive spiritual emphasis on the grace and love of Christ that we already exhibit. In the face of growing opposition from the secular world, we must continue to build on the great truths of God's Word and maintain our faithfulness to Holy Scripture and the traditional teachings of the Church.

The second challenge is to create a positive environment for evangelism. By changing the culture from maintenance to evangelism, parishioners can become excited about the primary mission of the Church, the spread of the saving word of God. Several positive benefits result. Increased evangelism means that many aided parishes can become self-supporting and begin contributing to the new missions that would be started. This growth impacts the financial health of the diocese and allows more mission and outreach. The key is to commit to evangelism, not church growth.

Third, we will be challenged by the need to preach and teach, in the Anglican tradition, the grace filled message of Christ's love in a world that is desperately seeking meaning but unaware of where to search. Together with Bishop Brewer, I wish to contribute to healing and unifying the Episcopal Church we cherish and respect and to offer the message of salvation as it has been passed down to us.

To be a member of the Diocesan Board would be a privilege to which I would give my enthusiasm, devotion and utmost efforts.