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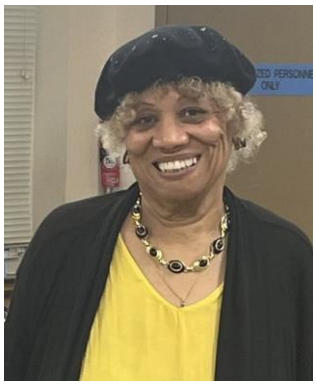


Carol Arledge-Clomax, Model Cities Senior Wellness Center
Carol has been a member of Model Cities Senior Wellness Center for 14 years. Her smile brightens up the place. She is dedicated and an advocate for the Model Cities program. She volunteers as a dancer with the MC Steppers. She promotes Model Cities when she dances at churches, Community centers, DACL, Mayor Muriel Bowser events and the Ms. Senior DC and Senior America Pageants. Ms.Clomax assists with setting up and breaking down events at Model Cities. She volunteers as a member of the Advisory Council. Carol Clomax is also a choir member and she led the choir in the Easter program. We are so grateful for Carol's contributions, which make Model Cities a great place.

Lilian P. Bernard, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, DC
A member of St. Luke's since 1984, for more than 40 years she has brought a level of energy to our community. She has served several terms on our vestry and represented St. Luke's at the Diocese. She is a leader not only on committees but also planning events and trips. Always smiling, she, as an octogenarian, possesses the energy of someone much younger. She has served as a member of the Episcopal Church Women, Daughters of the King, Progressive Club, Outreach Team, Birthday Group, Usher, Lay Reader, International Sunday planning and visiting the sick and shut-in members of our church. She gives her all and we are blessed to have her.

Jenny and Ched (Charles Edward) Bradley, St. Luke's, Bethesda

Ched and Jenny Bradley are the kind of people every parish hopes to attract and keep. Ched's outrageous sense of humor and Jenny's practicality, non-judgement, and wisdom are treasured by St. Luke's, Bethesda, Trinity Parish. Ched, who grew up near Philadelphia, met Jenny Houff of Frederick at the University of Maryland in 1968; they married in 1969. Ched became a civil servant at the Department of Energy. Jenny became Vice President of Corporate Tax at Marriott Corporation. The arrival of Sarah (1978) and Ian (1983) brought the Bradleys to St. Luke's in 1983. Their home has been the venue for many church events.

Jenny, full-time working mother of two, constantly saw opportunities to serve: in Sunday School, on the Flower Guild, as a monthly contributor to shelter dinners. Before and after retirement, she acted for years without salary as treasurer. When Jenny learned of Life Skills Workshop, a program helping women ex-inmates restart their lives, she went to work - and then became the years-long president. In 2005, Jenny joined the board of the Episcopal Center for Children (ECC), becoming their treasurer. As this institution for emotionally-disturbed children faces hard times, she has worked to find ways for its mission to continue. A tireless advocate whose quiet work is often unsung, Jenny is one of the best of us.

It is with love, admiration, and gratitude that we now recognize Jenny and Ched for their service to St. Luke's and to the broader community.

Celia Freeman Bull, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Silver Spring, Maryland

Ms. Cecelia Freeman Bull, has been in many different roles at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church for more than 20 years. She attributes her faith formation to her parents who nurtured her in the way of Christian living. Cecelia's greatest achievement is the success of her students. For the past 20 years, she has continued to serve as a Sunday school teacher at Saint Mary Magdalene. She has also functioned twice as a Vestry and Search Committee Member to select a Priest-in-Charge. Additionally, in May 2024, she served as one of the three Nomination Committee Members to select Vestry Members. Currently, Celcelia participates in the Women's Group and the Daughters of the King and she is the Vice President for Daughters of King. In January 2025, Cecelia discerned to serve God with her treasure. She established the "C. Freeman Bull Sunday School Award." The Award symbolizes Cecelia's desire that the children and adults continue to learn about the life and love of Jesus Christ and the doctrines and traditions of the Episcopal Church.

It is a One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) Award. Cecelia's call to God's mission is to instill the love of Christ in children. It is her prayer that she remains a faithful follower of Christ by truly loving God and her fellow human beings.

Rodney Creecy, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Rodney Creecy, a native of New Orleans, LA, is a dedicated member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Washington, DC. He holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University and an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Howard University. With a wealth of experience in project management and engineering leadership, Rodney has worked with leading companies on a variety of system integration, engineering, and cross-disciplinary projects.

Rodney has served multiple terms on the Vestry of St. Timothy's and was formerly the Junior Warden at Our Saviour Episcopal Church in Brookland. He was also appointed to the Closed Church Committee of the Diocese of Washington, overseeing the property and financial matters of churches designated for closure. At St. Timothy's, he is an active member of the Property Committee and participates in the Men of St. Timothy's (MOST). Rodney and his wife, Sandra F. Peaches, have been part of the St. Timothy's community since 2000 and are proud parents to their son, Edwin.

Elizabeth Dietel, Seabury Care Management

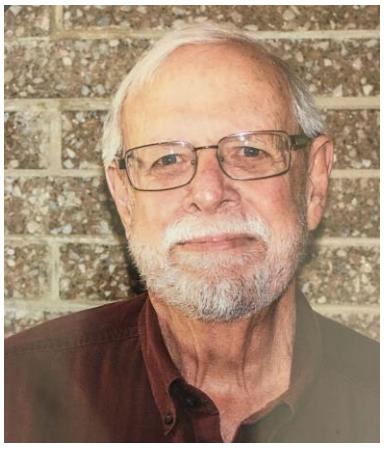
Elizabeth Dietel's dedication to Seabury, and to Seabury Care Management's mission, is exemplary and goes back to the early days of working with our founding director, Monica Micklos. Elizabeth joined the Seabury Care Management Advisory Council in 2011 as our Board liaison; she had worked as a Seabury Care Manager, so she knew how we fit into the larger picture and could speak intimately to the needs of the program to the Board. She worked through the years with several Seabury Care Management leadership teams, as we navigated a name change, developed two new services, pivoted through a pandemic, and evolved as a program. It has been a comfort to have her consistent and calming presence always right beside us. Elizabeth also served on the Seabury Board of Governors from 2011 to 2020. In this capacity, she served as the Board Secretary for five years and chaired the Program Committee.

Pamela and Captain William H. Fleming, St. John's Episcopal Church, Olney

We are pleased to nominate Captain William H. Fleming, USN Retired, and Pamela Fleming for the Seabury Celebration of Service Award. Capt. Fleming, known by many as Bill, serves St. John's in countless capacities including vestry, senior warden, lector, and an active Prayer Partner. He has served as Outreach Chair, and a Christian Ed teacher. Equally impressive, Pam serves as a Prayer Partner, is part of the bell choir, and participates with the Women of St. John's community. She has served on St. John's Head of School search committee, altar guild, and taught Christian Education. Bill and Pam have actively supported the ministries of our parish for over 22 years.

Bill and Pam recently completed a thorough history of St. John's with a view through the lens of race and racism. Their extensive work uncovered many forgotten or overlooked pieces of our parish's history. They identified 135 enslaved souls whose history and ownership by parish members had not been told previously. Their work is an important part of our parish's efforts toward racial reconciliation.

We are grateful for the work of the Flemings and all their efforts as Christ's hands and feet in this world and our community.



Jerry Giaccai, Emmaus United Church of Christ

Though Jerry has only been a member at Emmaus since 2016, he and his wife Sheryl have been active in many faith communities in their marriage, always faithful to love and justice. Growing up and then raising their children Catholic, Jerry first joined East Congregational Church in Milton, Massachusetts in 1998 where they were active until they moved to Lake Anna in 2005. A silver lining of COVID is they were able to re-engage with East Congregational with online worship in the pandemic. While living at Lake Anna, they were members of Fredericksburg Congregational Church from 2005 to 2008.

At Emmaus Jerry has served as Financial Secretary, chaired our Senior Minister's Ministerial Support Committee, and led our VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) team. Jerry was instrumental in setting up our endowment, sharing his gifts for research and writing our fund protocols. Jerry continues to chair the Emmaus Investment Committee which manages, in collaboration with Council, our endowment fund and additional financial resources.

During the pandemic, Jerry was also part of our COVID committee. He kept track of trends and statistics for our area providing us data to help inform our decision making. He was both a voice for the facts and always a thoughtful voice for the 'vibe' of the time. And he was happy to help with the work required to keep us safe throughout the changing landscape.
Jerry's dedication to faith, love, and justice make him a perfect Seabury honoree.

Leon Goodson, Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ

Leon Goodson, a retired Air Force General and Vietnam fighter pilot, has been a member of Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ in Bethesda, MD for nearly 30 years.

Leon serves as the Assistant Treasurer, working almost daily on the church's books and payables for more than a decade. As technology has advanced and the church's needs and capacity have shifted, Leon has been the creative leader who has helped the church and its members rethink how to inspire financial contributions, manage those well, and ensure the integrity and ease of such systems.

He has been engaged with all the church's Middle East Peace Committee activities alongside his wife, Maryn. Years ago, they were inspired by the Camp David accords to see how faith could play a role in bringing peace and justice to the Middle East, and remain committed to that vision today.

Maryn Goodson, Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ

Maryn Goodson has performed valuable charitable service throughout her nearly 30 years as a member of Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ in Bethesda, MD.

Maryn founded Westmoreland's Middle East Peace Committee, which advocates for Palestinian rights and against terrorism. The committee raises tens of thousands of dollars per year for Palestinians from the sale of olive oil, music performances, and works of art.

She also is an integral part of keeping Westmoreland's communications and membership cultivation successful. She manages the church database and directory of members, tracks Sunday service attendance, and is constantly assisting the minister with updates, observations, and suggestions about members and attendees that helps him be supportive and responsive to needs. Most recently, Maryn was a core member of a small team tasked with a very fast redesign of the church's website and transition to more effective software systems.

Stevie Grimes, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Laytonsville, Maryland is proud to present Stephanie (Stevie) Grimes as an honoree of the Seabury Celebration of Service.

Stevie and her husband Brent and their daughter Emily (m. Jagusch) came to St. Bartholomew's in 1979, and shortly thereafter Stevie and Brent's second daughter Laura (m. Persing) was born.

Although busy being a mom of two little girls, Stevie became active in the life of her new church. She became the head of the Altar Guild after the passing of our rector, Father Bonbrest, in 1996 (he had directed the Altar Guild himself) and still holds that position. In addition, Stevie served two terms on the Vestry, was a Sunday School teacher for six years, was an EDOW convention delegate for several years, served on the Bylaws Committee, and was a part of the group making prayer beads. Stevie is a vital part of our congregation and an amazing servant for the church. Congratulations Stevie, you are an inspiration to us all.

Kathy and Rick Hale, Rock Spring United Church of Christ
Kathy and Rick Hale have been living their faith in action at Rock Spring for more than 10 years. Their initiatives are too numerous to include in a short space, but include justice and peace, faith and democracy, and caring ministries. Rick and Kathy supported the olive oil ministry, selling olive oil to benefit humanitarian causes and peace building in the Holy Land, and they have been centrally involved in advocacy and action on Middle East peace. They create and send a monthly email keeping people updated on developments in the work for peace in the Holy Land. Both of them have been involved in congressional advocacy around just peace. Rick spearheaded our church's faith and democracy efforts around sending postcards to under-represented voters; as a result, the congregation has mailed thousands of postcards across the country in key elections. Rick has helped grow the church's partnership with the Center for Common Ground and amplified advocacy efforts. Kathy serves as a leader for the youth group and sends monthly cards through our card ministry. Rick served on the Social Action and Mission Board, led efforts around gun violence prevention, and cultivated interfaith relationships. Kathy served on the Board of Christian Education and recruited Sunday school teachers and taught children of all ages. They also support members in need by offering meal support, rides to medical appointments, and caring outreach. Kathy and Rick have been centrally engaged in our work with refugees and SIVs through our Welcoming the Stranger program.

Mark D. Hoffman, All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church
As a 30-year member of the All Souls parish, Mark has considered it an honor, a privilege, and part of God's plan for him that he should have this passion to serve seniors at his church and in the community. He initiated in 2006 a monthly ministry called the "Wise and Mature Lunch", which continued until mid-2023. He would prepare a three-course sit down lunch for a group of between 18 and 24 guests. He also had a church driving ministry where he would pick up and take home from church numerous senior parish members. Many times, he would assist some of them with their grocery and medical needs. Sometimes he has prepared meals to bring them, as he is also a chef. He has been Chair of the Altar Guild since 2017; he was Chair of the Acolyte Guild and has been a member from 2006-present; Church Archivist; Lay Eucharistic Minister; a member of the New Rector Committee in 2024; Lay Reader; past Usher; planner and cook of various

church suppers; church launderer. He tries to let the Holy Spirit and the "Summary of the Law" be his guide as he undertakes these ministries.

Maureen Ingram, Christ Congregational Church

Christ Congregational Church is pleased to honor Maureen Ingram at the Seabury Celebration of Service. Maureen has always generously given her time and talents to CCC by ushering, participating in stewardship, search and pastor relations committees, and supporting church school and youth activities. This past year, in addition to the above, she volunteered many hours as Moderator to lead the congregation through the transition of selling the building and moving to an interim location.

Maureen spent many hours creating opportunities to keep the congregation informed and involved in the transition process. Maureen coordinated various committees within the church and led the monthly governing meetings with positive energy, moving the church forward during a trying time of many unknowns. Christ Congregational Church is very grateful for Maureen's generous commitment of time and energy to solve many issues related to the move and superbly communicate with the congregation every step of the way.

Tony Ingram, Christ Congregational Church

Christ Congregational Church is pleased to celebrate Tony Ingram. Tony has always generously given his time and talents to CCC by volunteering on the Church Building and Grounds, Stewardship, Green Team, and Security committees. This past year, in addition to the above, he volunteered as Chair of Congregational Assets, spending many hours coordinating the tasks involved in selling the building and moving to an interim location.

As Chair of Congregational Assets, Tony calmly led and methodically managed the process of leaving a building of 75 years and establishing a new office and worship space. Tony resolved many hurdles along the way with grace and patience, physically leading the congregation to a new home. Tony's superb organizational skills made the move process as smooth as it could possibly be. For this, CCC is extremely grateful!

Mary Marshall Levy, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, College Park

Mary Marshall Levy ("Mary Marshall") is a beloved life-long member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, College Park, MD, her spiritual home. She has been a remarkable volunteer-leader going back to her first Vestry service in the early 1980s, her many-decades-long service to the Choir and Altar Guild and, most recently, during a five-year Vestry term that concluded with a three-year tenure as Senior Warden (2022-2025). These latter years were a time of deep anxiety resulting from the previous rector's sudden departure. St. Andrew's had to find an interim priest; slowly process the painful loss and learn from it; conduct an exercise of parish self-discernment; and search for, find, and call, a new rector. Mary Marshall rose to the occasion with grace and exceptional leadership, bringing us to the current moment in which we have a new rector and a healthy and vibrant church. She showed Vestry colleagues and the parish her wonderful qualities, wearing her burdens lightly (somehow), and displaying a joyful spirit animated by devotion to her church and a love of its members. Indefatigable, patient, and guided by wisdom and a sure knowledge of the heartbeat of St. Andrew's, she was the essential leader. Life at St. Andrew's would certainly not have been the same without her. In "retirement" from Vestry, she continues to serve and lead in the Altar Guild and Choir, and in many other activities. We are proud to nominate "MM" for a 2025 Seabury Celebration of Service award.

Susan Maloney, Grace Episcopal Church, Silver Spring

Susan Maloney was a founder and key leader of the Refugee Ministry Team at Grace Episcopal Church in Silver Spring. Under the team's leadership the Refugee Ministry sponsored a large family from Afghanistan. The team fundraised, tutored, helped with finding housing and setting up the household, assisted the family in navigating life in the United States and recruited and organized
volunteers. Susan's attention to detail served her well as the medical mastermind of the team. She made sure the entire family received the medical and dental care they needed and cleared any insurance hurdles for the family.

Zoeann Millard, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Silver Spring, Maryland

Zoeann Millard has been a parishioner of St. Mary Magdalene for more than twenty-five years.

She has served in different roles as a parishioner: Chalist, lector, altar guild member and member and leader of bible study. Zoeann has taught Sunday School and led weekly compline fellowship, prayers, and laying on hands. She is a member of the women's group and has served as its leader. She led Morning Prayer at a time when St. Mary Magdalene had no rector. She offered homilies and gave blessed bread with permission. She led a healing service prior to Covid. Zoeann served in outreach ministry with Mobile Med. She served on the vestry for six years and on the rector search committee. Zoeann serves as the chairperson of our seminarians and postulants committee. Zoeann continues to serve diligently and with love and compassion on the altar guild, and as a lector. She continues to lead bible study on Zoom once a week, and participates in weekly compline and healing services.

Jamey Moore, First Congregational United Church of Christ

First Church is a more joyful and caring place because of Jamey Moore. As a long-term member, Jamey is a bedrock of compassion and joy for our faith community. His ever-present smile and servant leadership have helped guide the Church over the years. His steadfast commitment to HIV/AIDS advocacy and Immigration Justice have helped the Church be an inclusive witness to God's love and compassion. Jamey currently serves as the chairperson of our Sanctuary Committee in solidarity with our migrant and refugee neighbors. He serves on our church Council as a representative of the Worship Commission. On a Sunday morning, you will often find him arriving early to prepare the table for Worship, to welcome early attendees, and to lend a hand to the ministers in the Narthex. During our prayers of the people he is quick to lift up those around the world who are struggling or facing systemic injustice. Jamey's gifts and servant leadership have made us a more joyful and caring congregation.

Terri Price Musto, Grace Episcopal Church, Silver Spring

Terri Price Musto was a founder and key leader of the Refugee Ministry Team at Grace Episcopal Church in Silver Spring. Under the team's leadership the Refugee Ministry sponsored a large family from Afghanistan. The team fundraised, tutored, helped with finding housing and setting up the household, assisted the family in navigating life in the United States and recruited and organized volunteers. Terri was an incredible advocate for the family - never taking no for an answer! Through Terri's efforts the family was able to secure safe, affordable housing. Terri also serves as a Lay Reader, sings in the choir, and has served as the music librarian for music ministries at Grace Church.

Robert (Bob) Oetting, St. Columba's Episcopal Church

Robert (Bob) Oetting was introduced to St. Columba's in the early 1990s by Sally Thornton, whom he would marry in 1999 - at St. Columba's! Bob joined an usher team and has continued to usher regularly on Sundays and at funerals. He served the youth of the parish by volunteering with Rebuilding Together and St. Columba's Appalachia Project (SCAP) for about five years, beginning in 2014; his warmth and wit made him a fast friend of many youth. He also served those who came to St. Columba's for a meal, shower, and laundry services by volunteering with the Water Ministry from 2014 to 2022. He joined the Refugee Response Committee and assisted the first family from Afghanistan we sponsored in 2022. Bob says that he volunteers out of a sense of duty to support the church and as a way to acknowledge the many blessings he has enjoyed throughout his life. Bob is always ready to lend a helping hand and a friendly smile, and we are grateful for the chance to recognize his contributions to the life of our community.

Olivia O'Neal, Seabury Out & About

Olivia O'Neal is a pillar of the Out & About community. As a founding member of the Advisory Committee, she has been here since the beginning, providing insightful advice and steering the group towards its current success. She is a warm and welcoming presence at events, and frequently introduces new members to the program. She is always the first to volunteer for any task and always contributes to a positive and friendly atmosphere. Olivia is a key contributor to the Out & About program. Our group would not be the same without her. Thank you, Olivia!

Brian R. Payne, Little River United Church of Christ

Brian Payne has been a member of our congregation for over 35 years, and has volunteered in every imaginable way from leadership roles to master of ceremonies at numerous celebratory all-church events. His wisdom, wit and compassion have enriched every task, role and project he has undertaken. Since 1989, Brian has served on multiple boards and committees including Trustees, Deacons, Stewardship and Endowment, and currently is a member of our Antiracism and Open and Affirming ministries. From 2000-2001 he was Moderator for a term, and beginning in 2007 was Church Clerk for seven years.

Brian has overseen several fundraising efforts including the construction of a Contemplation Garden in 1992 and a walkway for our Memorial Garden in 2025. His affinity for finances led him to serve on the Endowment Fund Committee for 13 years up to the present time, three as Chair. Brian has served on two Search Committees and on a Pastoral Support Committee.

Drawn to education and learning, Brian taught youth Church School and several adult education series including for the eight overseas "Footsteps" study tours which he coordinated and led starting in 2002.

On top of the above, Brian volunteered for dozens of buildings and grounds work days for over twenty years. He also used his carpentry skills to construct bookcases for our choir music and our archives. The leadership of Little River UCC is honored to nominate Brian Payne as a 2025 Seabury Celebration of Service Honoree.

Cynthia Prather, Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

Cynthia Prather has been an active volunteer since joining Peoples Congregational UCC in 2008. She serves as a Senior Deacon and regularly visits and serves the sick & shut-in, works with the youth of the church as a Sunday School teacher, coordinator of the Vacation Bible School, director of the bell choir, and presently serves as the Christian Education Board Chair, representing the Board on the Peoples Church Council. She works with the Camelia Circle that provides and cares for the plants and flowers used to decorate the chancel and the altar for worship, and the church for Easter with Easter lilies and Christmas with a Christmas tree, poinsettias and wreaths. Cynthia is a willing volunteer who eagerly assists with whatever needs to be done in the church. She is a valuable part of the Peoples Church family and a worthy recipient of the Seabury Service Award.

Roy O. Priest, Church of Our Saviour, Brookland

Roy Priest has been a devoted member of the Church of Our Saviour, Brookland Parish, for over 40 years. He is indeed a part of the fabric that strengthens and keeps our “Small Church with the Big Heart” together! Roy is very generous with his time and energy to serve God through his support of our church and congregation. He has served three terms as Senior Warden, and is currently Our Saviour’s treasurer, a position he has held for approximately 15 years.

Roy has been a steadfast member of the Men of Our Saviour and The Brotherhood of St. Andrew throughout his time at the church. In this capacity, he has helped spearhead community outreach activities to help those in need, and helped organize special church worship and fellowship events. During the devastating COVID-19 pandemic, Roy helped to keep our church community together by managing and maintaining our ZOOM church services, as well as our virtual bible study meetings, and fellowship activities that continued beyond the pandemic. He has used his God given skills, talents, community resources, and contacts to support God’s work. Ask, and Roy will help. If there is a need, he will assist. It is and has been a blessing for the Church of Our Saviour to have such a faithful and devoted servant of Christ as Roy Priest.

Stephanie A. Robinson, Model Cities Senior Wellness Center

Ms. Robinson is a very kindhearted, generous, helpful, and energetic member of Model Cities Senior Wellness Center. A member of almost three years, Stephanie is keen and full of ideas, and frequently offers input. She is always willing to assist Model Cities in being its best by offering her services in many ways. At this time, Stephanie assists the Center in an administrative capacity. She is meticulous in her role as the secretary of the Advisory Council. A few of the classes that Stephanie participates in are fitness and nutrition classes, the Reading and Film Club, Bowling, and evidenced-based programming such as Matter of Balance. Congratulations, Stephanie A. Robinson!

Nancy Row, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

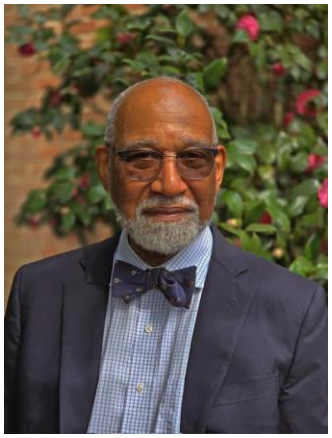
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Laytonsville, Maryland is proud to present Nancy Row as an honoree of the Seabury Celebration of Service. Nancy came to St. Bartholomew's in 2013 and she immediately became active in the life of our church. Nancy joined the Growth Ministry (which later became the Growth and Outreach Ministry) and became involved in several community activities.

She served on the vestry and eventually became Senior Warden. She served in this position for seven years. During the search for a new Rector, Nancy was the church interface to the Diocese and to the congregation. As Senior Warden, she was responsible for implementing the Diocese's Covid guidelines. She worked with the Diocese's representative to call an interim rector and eventually our permanent rector.

Nancy chairs the committee on Collaborative Ministry activities between St. Bartholomew's and St. Luke's Episcopal Church (Brighton, Maryland). She created and leads the Blessings Committee of St. Bartholomew's (which provides meals and transportation to help out fellow parishioners); is head of the flower guild which provides altar flowers for all services; developed a plan to make sure our after service Coffee Hour runs smoothly; and was on the task force for developing and implementing our website. Nancy has worked tirelessly since her arrival at St. Bartholomew's. Congratulations Nancy on this well-deserved honor.

Debra and Robert Sonderman, St. Monica and St. James Episcopal Church

Debra & Bob Sonderman began attending the former St. James Parish in 1990. Both have been active in the church– serving on the Vestry, running children's worship and the nursery, and conducting outreach with the homeless in our community. Debbie sings in the choir and served on the 2013-2014 Rector search. Bob oversaw major renovations to Nave and Parish Hall. They expanded coffee hour and, as a result, attendance has grown. They both do many tasks to keep the church functioning – gardening, making repairs, ushering, reupholstering chairs for the choir. The Sondermans are a blessing to our church!



Louis Steadwell, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

Louis Steadwell has been a devoted and active member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church DC since 1987, when he arrived with his wife, Christine, and their two young children. At a time when the parish was in transition, he quickly became involved in congregational life, joining the choir while Christine and he volunteered to teach Sunday School. During the tenure of the Rev. Vienna Anderson as Rector, Louis served a term on the Vestry and became a strong advocate for children's ministries.

Working closely with the Rev. Charlie Gilchrist, the Associate Rector at the time, Louis helped expand St. Margaret's outreach ministry, which included what would become Charlie's Place and the Rainbow Childcare Center. His enduring commitment to children and youth was evident in his mentorship and volunteer leadership in the Rite-13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) programs, as well as in the formation of a children's choir.

In 1995, inspired by his experience at the Million Man March, Louis joined with others to form Bridges, a ministry in partnership with Christ Church Georgetown. This outreach effort supported incarcerated individuals in their transition back to life outside prison. Today, Louis continues to serve faithfully, singing in the choir and working in the kitchen at Charlie's Place

two days each week. His decades of service reflect a deep and sustained commitment to the spiritual, educational, and physical well-being of the St. Margaret's community and beyond.

Bascom "Dit" Talley, Cleveland Park Congregational Church

Bascom "Dit" Talley has loved and served our congregation for over twenty five years. He's brought his lay leadership skills to multiple committees, including at least one Pastoral Search Committee, the Worship Committee, and the Adult Education Committee. He also has been a guest preacher on many occasions, allowing our pastor to take a break and sharing his wisdom on the word. Over the past few years, Dit has been a valued member of our Racial Justice Audit Team, bringing his many years of experience as a southerner in the civil rights movement to our work. Upon the completion of the audit, he became part of the team that's leading our congregation toward reparative justice. Most recently, Dit has joined our Clergy Congregation Relations Committee, which is tasked, primarily, with supporting our pastor. Dit's many years of experience in the life of our church and his work on organizational leadership outside the church make his contributions to this group particularly meaningful.

Margaret Johnson Ware, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Capitol Hill

Margaret Johnson Ware (Margie) has been a long-time (and at times long distance) member of St. Mark's since 1971. Margie has spent her time being of service to Elders who need to be picked up to go to church, as well as being the go-to person to help navigate medical care. She coaches folks on getting questions answered and navigating a confusing world of Medical needs and language. She shows up when needed for the whole community: migrants, street folk, elders, and children. She also has the honor of being the Steward of the Winged Lions Pub.

Martha Williams, St. James Episcopal Church, Indian Head
Martha is such a hard consistent worker, but she quietly works so you hardly know she is there. She volunteers and serves at all our dinners/events and boy do we have a lot of them! She is a member of the G.R.A.C.E. Team which meets once a month to determine who to send cards to, visit, and/or bring food to. We do visitation once a month. In spite of her difficulties in getting around, she always participates. She never complains and never sees anything as an obstacle she cannot overcome. Martha is an Alto in the church choir which meets to practice and sing every Sunday. She is always there. On top of all that, she loves to make crafty things, mostly jewelry and quilts. Martha shares her creations with all of us and anyone who is in need. She has made quilts for refugees, teddy bears to cheer children up and gives us hand-made jewelry, prayer beads, and bookmarks for holidays and birthdays or just to cheer us up. Martha is truly a special person.

Daniel Zimmerman, St. James Episcopal Church, Potomac
When Dan Zimmerman and his family came to St. James in the mid 1970s, he brought his many skills and commitment to the parish. As a young man, his Methodist roots led him to Emory and Henry College where he met his now late wife Scott Delius and where they became involved in many academic and religious activities. Ensuing studies at other universities led Dan to a PhD in 1969 and a long career in biomedical research at the NIH and in private industry as well as college teaching. All the while he and his family made God and parish life a priority.

After joining St. James', Dan took on numerous roles from participant to leader. He acted as usher and trainer, acolyte master, and Lay Eucharistic Minister, while serving on numerous committees (such as Finance, Worship, and Admin, to name a few), as vestry member, co-chair of the 50th Anniversary program, Diocesan Delegate and Senior Warden.

As a gregarious and active parishioner, Dan and his wife organized numerous outings for St. James' adults to restaurants and community theater offerings. He continues to participate in a weekly Men's Bible Study, our ecumenical Lenten study program, pot-

luck dinners, and other fellowship activities including helping to organize and lead the parish Widows and Widowers (WoW) group. Dan currently serves as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, providing pastoral care, transportation, and meals to homebound parishioners.

Dan Zimmerman has indeed been a blessing to St. James!