Nominees for Vestry 2023

BOB DEMING, 2025 (Senior Warden)



I filled in as Junior Warden from 2021-2022. Now I am applying for a two-year Warden term.

My career has been as a teacher in the New York City Board of Education. I am retired, although I teach

part-time at Long Island University Center for Gifted Youth. My family and I live on the Upper East Side. We have one child, and she was baptized and confirmed at the Cathedral. She is now 25.

After decades in the Congregation, I think I know what to expect and what the Warden role might entail. But do I?

Much of leadership is listening and responding to the issues and concerns that arise, and they are ever shifting with the spirit.

Over the years I have been involved in the Congregation in an assortment of ways: as a long-term member of the 9 AM worshipping community, an usher, a reader, a Vestry member for two terms, the Clerk, a Warden, a member of the Congregation's Administration Team, and, most recently, a member of the Sunday coffee ministry.

If elected Warden, I look forward to another opportunity to serve the Congregation

CECILIA C. AMADI, 2026



I found the Cathedral in 1991 when I was looking for a place to worship similar to my Anglican upbringing in Nigeria. I was drawn by the words of the lectionary and moved by the hymns. As I came to realize the Cathedral would be my place of

worship, I quickly asked the then dean how I could become a member. The Dean graciously took me to the Vicar who took my information, and I was registered as a member of the Congregation. I have been honored to have served as treasurer for the last 16 years.

PAULA MCKENZIE, 2026



I am currently an instructor of hatha yoga and meditation at Integral Yoga Institute of New York and am training to be a yoga therapist. Integral Yoga Institute and Saint John the Divine are two vital centers of light that uphold the promise of interfaith harmony, and peace and

dignity for all people. Their communities nourish my soul.

The Congregation of Saint Saviour has supported my Christian formation in many ways. Participation in the Via Media Course with Reverend Canon Victoria Sirota led to my Confirmation in June 2015 with Bishop Suffragan Right Reverend Allen K. Shin. I've been enriched by Congregation retreats, the Confronting the Demon course on anti-racism, Sunday Bible Study, Close Conversations, and Education for Ministry (EfM) with Donna Devlin.

MICHAEL NIXON, 2024



My name is Michael Nixon and I am a candidate to serve on the vestry of the Congregation of St. Saviour. I have been attending church at the Cathedral since the late 1990s or early 2000s.

During this time I have been baptized and confirmed at the Cathedral, have served as an acolyte and sub-deacon and have previously served on the vestry. I have volunteered to support many congregation activities and have participated in many congregation retreats. I have also met and gotten to know many members of the congregation.

Professionally, I work for the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation as a credit analyst and business

development officer, where I have been involved in many aspects of economic and community development. Earlier in my career I worked for AT&T, where I was involved in various aspects of sales support, marketing and product development, focused on the business market. I have a BA from Haverford College with a degree in philosophy and an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley.

I am grateful to be part of this community of Christians, trying to live up to the ideals of Christian belief as expressed by our faith as Episcopalians. If elected by the members of the Congregation of St. Saviour, I would be honored to serve on the vestry

GAIL FELIX, 2026



Born in Guyana, South America, I and my family migrated to the United States in the early 70s. As a child I attended schools in the Bronx and Manhattan. After graduating from SUNY Plattsburgh, I started working in the advertising and broadcast industries.

For many years I would attend services at the Cathedral, but I officially joined the congregation of Saint Saviour in 2015 when I was confirmed at the Easter service. I wanted to be a part of a congregation that welcomes members just as there are. I currently serve as an acolyte and LEM as well as on the Vestry.

From the very first time I attended a 4pm Christmas eve service at the Cathedral, I was amazed by the diversity of people, the message I received and the music I heard.