

## **All Saints Episcopal Church Slate Nominations for Vestry**

Voting for 4 three year term Vestry members, Class of 2022

And for 1 one year unexpired term Vestry Member, Class of 2020



**Lisa Dye, for Vestry class of 2022**

My name is Lisa McLellan Dye and I am a fairly new parishioner to All Saints, where I sing alto in the choir. I had wanted to move to South Florida for several years and spent a lot of time researching my future parish home. As I was moving alone, I wanted to have a place that was welcoming, friendly, and socially relevant. I visited All Saints twice on this journey and was truly delighted each time by the genuine warmth of the parish. Each time I visited, and again after I joined, different parishioners spent time asking my name, talking to me and making me feel welcome.

I was raised in the Pentecostal church and found the Episcopal Church in my 30s. I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 2007 at All Souls' Point Loma in San Diego, CA. I later served there as Clerk and as Senior Warden for two years. During my tenure at Senior Warden, our Rector retired, and I was in charge of the business of the church during that transition. I moved to Washington D.C. for work in 2013, where I attended Christ Church Alexandria, VA, volunteered in the Church Office, and sang in the choir.

I currently work full time for Customs and Border Protection as a Branch Chief for Facilities at Miami International Airport and PortMiami, and live in South Broward County with my cats and fish.

I am happy to be at All Saints, and would be honored to serve on the vestry. I have extensive experience, both personally and professionally, at working to reach consensus across disparate groups. I believe that the church should be a place where all are heard, and that diversity adds value. I care very much about our outreach to the community at large, and believe that our assistance programs, such as Beds Around the Altar and our support for the Jubilee Center, are a wonderful way to show Christ's light in the world to others. I also appreciate the opportunity to participate in, and augment, our worship services through music, which is very important to me. Finally I would be interested in working with others to develop a more robust contemplative prayer practice, to deepen our individual relationships with God, and to provide a centerpoint for balance and grounding in an unpredictable world.



### **Daniel Lindblade, for Vestry class of 2022**

Bio: Dan has over three decades of award-winning organizational management experience at national, state and local levels. He is in charge of vision for the Chamber, leading the executive management team and volunteers in Fort Lauderdale. He lobbies on behalf of business issues and interests and focuses on inspiring prosperity. Lindblade is a Certified Association Executive (CAE), serves as a Housing Commissioner for the Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority, is on the Orange Bowl Committee, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Board of Directors, the Broward Business Council on Homeless, Winterfest Boat Parade's Executive Committee and Board, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association's South Florida Chapter's Board of Directors, the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals Board and numerous other groups. Dan has held positions of President & CEO, executive vice president, director of government affairs and public relations at organizations in Madison, WI, Orlando, Albuquerque, Fort Lauderdale and Lexington, KY. Dan and Sharon Rollins Lindblade have been married for 30 years. They have one daughter, Allie.

Vestry nomination statement: My Christian journey continues with an opportunity to bring my faith and business experience to the Vestry. If selected to serve, I would use my background in 34 years of organizational management to assist in the areas of communications, accounting, strategic planning, fundraising, and most any other area consistent with my certification and experience. As the Chamber president for the past 12 years, and a passionate Episcopalian, I would do my best to serve God and our Church. In the past I have been a member of the choir at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lexington, KY. Being on the Vestry would be an honor.

### **Zule Mesa-Zevallos, for Vestry class of 2022**



Hello! My name is Zule Mesa-Zevallos and have been attending All Saints Episcopal Church since 2015. I am a graduate from both Nova Southeastern University and University of Miami and currently enjoy helping people achieve their goals in real estate as a Realtor as well as their goals in health as a Fitness Instructor. I married my husband, Jimmy Mesa, in 2016 here at ASEC and currently a mother of 3 amazing dogs which we rescued from local shelters.

What interests me in serving in the Vestry is the opportunity in becoming actively involved with the church and its members. I believe that serving in the Vestry requires great understanding of what the church's mission and goals are while providing good works to our fellow brothers and sisters under our Lord's guidance. I felt a warm welcoming and sense of acceptance when I first attended ASEC and hope to further spread the same gestures to non-members by sharing the Gospels as our Lord, Jesus Christ, has taught us.



**Pete Nissen, for Vestry class of 2022**

I have lived in South Florida for 30+ years and have worked for FDOT for that time. As an engineer, I have been involved in highway design, maintenance and construction of highway projects; I have managed the construction program for Florida's Turnpike for the past five years.

We have been pledging members of All Saints for more than 26 years, this is easy for me to remember as our daughter Christina is 26 years old and was baptized at All Saints. I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church at All Saints about than 15 years ago. I have been involved in a number of ministries at All Saints over the years and I believe serving on the vestry is the next step in my being a positive contributing member of our congregation. The specific qualities I will bring to the Vestry are that I am optimistic and positive by nature and believe in looking forward rather than backward. I am also an engineer by training and use a fact-based approach to decision making. My technical background can also be useful, most recently I spent time discussing the bulkhead with Terry Colli and I felt I was able to assist him with that.

I am also interested in reviving our tradition of 'culinary events' as a way to bring people together. My goal is to have regular events several times a year (like the Fish Fry) as a way to promote togetherness and social interaction.



**Richard Markiewicz, for Vestry class of 2020 – for one year unexpired term**

In 2015, my husband Ralph "Rick" Ritacco and I moved from Worcester, MA; where we belonged to All Saints Church there. After visiting many churches in the surrounding area we felt very welcomed and joined All Saints in Fort Lauderdale. We are both grateful to be part of a wonderful and welcoming faith community.

My spiritual journey has been and continues to be a vital part of my life. I was born, baptized and confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church. Following extensive discernment, I was received into the Episcopal church in 2005. I have always been very active in both churches. I began as a Lector (Reader of the Word) in the Roman Church 40 years ago, led a Children's Youth group for 5 + years, taught CCD for several years and served on the Parish council for 4 years. After joining All Saints Episcopal Church in Worcester, I served as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector and was active in The Alliance, our diocesan LGBT Outreach group. There I worked in various positions, including as committee chair. In 2014 I chaired an LGBT training event for over 250 diocesan attendees at which we hosted +Gene Robinson for a full day visit, which included 8 LGBT training sessions followed by Eucharist. This event was open to the diocese and greater community. From 2013 - 2015, I served on the All Saints Worcester vestry and from 2013 - 2014 I served on the Rector Search Committee, which resulted in our calling a new priest. In 2014, I also worked on the Planning Committee which oversaw our Rectory Renovation with a budget of \$200k.

Since joining All Saints here, I have enrolled in Education for Ministry (EFM) and recently started in the January 2019 class. I also joined the recently formed Communications team and am now getting actively involved in our Coffee Hour ministry. I recently retired following a Human Resources management career of over 25 years where I had been involved in many HR levels and disciplines, including as an organizational Director. I particularly enjoy Training & Development with a focus on Diversity initiatives, which speaks to my continued focus on social justice. I am a Certified Life and Executive Coach and am now focused on building a small business concentrated on helping individuals facing health related issues.

I am honored to now be called to work with our Vestry, especially to explore new opportunities at All Saints as we grow into the future. I am very interested in working to find ways for All Saints to expand its membership, particularly by becoming more welcoming to families and children. I believe that my skills and abilities can be utilized in various ways that will enable that continued growth. Most importantly, I want to continually explore how we, as a vibrant faith community, can continue to best bring Jesus to a constantly changing and fractured world. I want to be able to utilize my coaching and collaboration skills in order to help us move beyond the polarization that limits us in so many ways, so that we can instead focus on what unites us and enables us to move forward.