

# VESTRY NOMINEES

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**Stan Forbes**

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## **Stan Forbes**

I was confirmed at St. Martin's in 1980 and have been a continuous member since. I have served previously on the Vestry and have been Sr. Warden. I have also served as a board member for Episcopal Community Services. I completed the 4-year Education for Ministry program in 2008. I founded the Davis Avid Reader in 1987 and continue to operate Avid Reader at the Tower in Sacramento. I own Forbes Ranch which I farmed since 1978. I have been involved in local politics serving 10 years on the school board and one term as a city council member. I was chair of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, I live in Land Park in Sacramento, and have one son, Alex, who is married to Julie, and two grandsons Mason and Connor. They live in Arnold, Maryland. My interests include backpacking, bridge, building wooden ships, and classical music. I have been active in the Uman Davis Sister Cities project since 1986, been to Ukraine numerous times and provided them with something like 300 scholarships. My undergraduate degree is from USC. I received a graduate degree in Russian History from UCLA, and a J.D. from Vanderbilt. I will turn 78 in March.

## **Anthony (Tony) Miller**

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin was an important factor in the decision my wife, Joy Humphrey, and I made to move to Davis. We had decided to retire to Northern California and

visited a number of cities and churches. Davis was always a favorite, and St. Martin's significantly helped to seal the deal. We fell for the beauty of the church, the warmth of the congregation, the extraordinary music, and the thoughtfulness and depth of the sermons. We now have attended St. Martin's since our move here in 2022. We started our journey with the Episcopal Church by attending Anglican Churches in England. From 2000 to our move to Davis we attended The Church of the Epiphany in Westlake Village, California. At Epiphany, at various times, I served as usher, lector, co-treasurer, and member of the Vestry. In my professional life I served as a law professor for over 40 years at Pepperdine University and still work as a labor arbitrator. Lastly, I want you to know that I am deeply committed to the vision that St. Martin's shares with so many Episcopal churches, that all are welcome here.

# CONVENTION DELEGATE NOMINEES

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**James Hochbrueckner**  
**Carole Hom**  
**Janet Lane**  
**Dian Vorters**

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## **Francis David**

Hi Folks! My name is Francis, and I would love to represent our church at the Diocesan convention this November. I have been a member of the Church of St. Martin since 2017, and as many of you know - this place is near and dear to me, my wife Crystal and our children. When I am not busy with the joys of being a father, I am working in our community as a psychotherapist, where I specialize in helping men, fathers and families build better relationships. I think the most wonderful part of the opportunity to go to the convention is the chance to learn about our place in the broader body of the Church and further—to help our presence, care, and advocacy be felt by the greater Episcopal community. I really enjoyed going in the past and I thank you for considering me again.

## **James Hochbrueckner**

My name is James Hochbrueckner, and I am in my third year of studying Philosophy and Plant Biology at UC Davis. While I grew up in the Methodist Church, ever since my first week in Davis I have been intrigued, drawn, and fulfilled by the Episcopal Church. Due to these feelings, I have felt called to serve it in many capacities. I work as the Peer Minister at the Belfry, volunteered at the revival held last year, and have served in a variety of roles in the services here at St. Martin's. If you feel I am fit, I would be honored to represent St. Martin's

at this year's convention.

**Carole Hom**

A job at the local university brought me to Davis in 1986. I've been a member of St. Martin's since around 1989 when my dear spouse dragged me, kicking and screaming, into the Episcopal Church. Eventually, I grew to love the liturgy. My long-time service on the Worship Commission demonstrates that God, indeed, has a sly sense of humor. I've also had leadership roles on St. Martin's Vestry (including as Senior Warden), Belfry Campus Ministry Council, and in two of our Rector calling processes. I currently chair the Flower Guild, sing in the choir, and co-facilitate Sacred Ground Circles with various other parishioners. Since Spring 2024, I've worked with the Rev. Ernie Lewis, and JoAnn Williams and the Very Rev. Cliff Haggenjos from St. John's Roseville to develop a program on the incarceration of Japanese Americans in WWII, with a focus on the Diocese of Northern California. I've previously represented St. Martin's as a delegate to our Diocesan Convention and would be honored to do so again.

**Janet Lane**

St. Martin's is a wonderful community, and I am so happy I became part of it in 2004. I was raised at St. Cross Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach, CA, but it is here at St. Martin's that I've learned to feel God's love and presence in all aspects of my life and to strive to live out my faith in my everyday life. My spouse, Bob, and I got married at St. Martin's in 2007 and live in east Davis with our five cats. I am active in several St. Martin's ministries, including Worship, Buildings and Grounds, and DCMH (Davis Community Meals & Housing). In liturgy, I serve as a Eucharistic minister and acolyte, am on Altar Guild, and do substitute livestreaming when needed. I am also honored to be working half-time in the church office. I served on vestry twice (and have been Sr. and Jr. Warden too). I retired from UC Davis this past July after teaching for 40 years as an English as a Second Language writing and speaking skills specialist. I would be honored to serve as Convention delegate and to represent St. Martin's with the rest of the delegation.

**Dian Vorters**

I was raised Catholic which planted the seeds of faith and right living. However, it was not until I left that church and began my spiritual journey did I finally appreciate the bible's living message – through Jesus's words and example. I have spent years seeking a spiritual space where I feel true communion and that matches my values. In January 2024, I was invited to attend the six-month intensive Sacred Ground series. It meant a lot to learn that the Episcopal Church is honest enough to acknowledge historic biases and intolerance that shaped its founding and our country. I look forward to attending the upcoming Sacred Ground Regional Gathering in San Carlos. St. Martin's embodies compassion, kindness, and outreach. I feel fortunate that here, in Davis, my home of many years, I have found a place where I look forward to worshiping and serving. I would be honored to attend the 2025 Diocesan Convention in Redding, and meet other delegates and members who share my faith journey.