

CONVENTION DELEGATE NOMINEES

Below is the list of nominees, followed by their biographical statements.

Maria Acuna-Feldman

Gabe Avila

Carole Hom

Jim Jordan

Joan Jordan

Elise Keddie

Janet Lane

Alt. Susan Stone

Maria Acuna-Feldman

I wish to represent St. Martin's as a delegate to the Diocesan convention. I have served as a delegate in past years. The Diocesan convention is an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with other churches, learn about and advocate for diocesan ministries, and provide input on matters affecting the greater Episcopal community. I am active on the Vestry, serve as Eucharistic Minister and Visitor, participate in Altar Guild, and enjoy my role in Hospitality. I am on the Board of Episcopal Community Services (ECS) and collaborate with parishioners from other churches in our Diocese. It is a privilege to represent St. Martin's and share the ministries we embody. Thank you for your support as I continue in my ministries at St. Martin's.

Gabe Avila

Gabe Avila serves as St. Martin's Church Operations Director, which includes not only livestreaming, but managing the parish website, digitized records, and all digital engagement. In addition, Gabe oversees the parish's human resources and state/diocesan compliance, assists in financial analysis and records, and serves as the Vestry clerk. Prior to being the Church Operations Director, he served on the Vestry and as a Stephen Minister providing lay pastoral care to the parish. Gabe has been a convention delegate in the past and has helped behind the scenes at previous conventions as a volunteer and as Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms. When not working, Gabe can be found with his wife and children doing one sport or another or spending time writing his second high-seas fantasy novel.

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, as a delegate to our Diocesan Convention, 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 others. 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 would be honored to serve as a Diocesan Convention delegate and/or Vestry member.

Jim Jordan

Joan and I moved to Davis and St. Martin's in 2022, where I'm serving as a member of the Vestry and as co-mentor for the Education for Ministry (EFM) cohort. A lifelong Episcopalian, in the past 50 years I've served in many capacities – Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister and Visitor, EFM Co-mentor, Vestry

Member, Senior Warden, Convention Delegate – at churches in Bangkok, Cupertino, and Gualala. In the Diocese of El Camino Real, I served on the Committee on Culture and Technology and in the Diocese of Northern California on the Standing Committee, Structure Task Force, Resolutions Committee, and as a Deputy to General Convention. For The Episcopal Church, I served on the Committee on Science, Technology, and Faith. I've attended all but three of this Diocese's conventions since 2000 and would enjoy employing my experience on behalf of this joyous, thriving, multi-faceted parish.

Joan Jordan

I am honored to be asked to be a delegate to the Diocese of Northern California Convention. For the past twenty-five years, I have lived in the Diocese of Northern California and was a founding member of Shepherd by the Sea Episcopal Lutheran Mission on the Mendonoma coast in Gualala. I served as a delegate for many of those years to Diocesan Convention as well as serving on the Total Ministry Committee. My husband Jim and I moved to Davis in 2022 and renewed our friendships with many St. Martin's members we had met at previous conventions. Before moving to the Mendonoma coast, we lived in the Diocese of El Camino Real, where I served as a convention delegate representing St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Cupertino. I also served on the diocesan Lay Ministry Commission.

Elise Keddie

I've been a member of St. Martin's for more than 25 years. A cradle Episcopalian, I grew up in the San Joaquin Valley and lived in the Southeast for graduate school but most of my adult life has been here in Yolo County. I am an active choir member and Vestry member; previous parish participation includes Diocesan Convention delegate and Belfry Campus Ministry Council. I am involved at a national level as a Coordinator for General Convention (Episcopal Church's policy convention held every three years) working with teams of volunteers staffing logistics and support areas. I am an Education for Ministry graduate and a Companion of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross.

Janet Lane

I am so glad I became part of St. Martin's active and vibrant community 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 Davis with our five cats. I am active in several St. Martin's ministries, including Worship, Buildings and Grounds, DCMH (Davis Community Meals & Housing), and Social Justice and Outreach. In liturgy, I serve as a Eucharistic minister and acolyte, am on Altar Guild, and do substitute livestreaming when needed. I am an EfM (Education for Ministry) graduate and am also honored to be working in the church office. I served on vestry twice (and have been Sr. and Jr. Warden). I retired from UC Davis after teaching for 40 years as a linguist and writing specialist. I would be honored to serve as Convention delegate and to represent St. Martin's with the rest of the delegation.

Susan Stone

Susan Stone is originally from Kalamazoo, Michigan. She has served on the Vestry of 4 different churches, including St. Martin's and served as a Convention Delegate for the Diocese of Florida. She now serves as a Board Member for Empower Yolo.