



SAINT LUKE'S

Statements of Candidates

for

Warden and Vestry

for election

at the

Virtual Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 7, 2021

12:30 pm

Statements of Candidates for Warden – 2021

Theresa Goldsborough
Rachel Krause-Hurn

One will be elected for a two-year term, Class of 2023



THERESA GOLDSBOROUGH

OCCUPATION: Director of Clinical Services

YEARS AT ST. LUKE'S: 30

ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE'S: Vestry, Anti-Racist Task Force

STATEMENT:

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and have spent most of my clinical practice serving people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS. While clinical work is my passion over the years, I have held leadership positions in a number of organizations. I have served as Clinical Director, Program Director, Executive Director, Vice President of Mental Health Services and ADHC Clinical Services. I am currently the Clinical Director for HIV Programs.

If elected as warden I would bring the experience of holding missional goals as well as financial responsibility in balance. The Rector, Wardens, Vestry and Talented Parishioners who have shared their gifts have done a remarkable job of stabilizing the finances of St. Luke's over the last eight years. Despite the uncertain future we face as we navigate COVID-19, the vision of creating a space both figuratively and literally, for our work as Christians to seek and serve Christ in all persons is not optional.

I am excited about our next steps in whatever capacity I am called to serve.

Faithfully,
Theresa

RACHEL KRAUSE-HURN

OCCUPATION: Editor at Maine Magazine and Maine Home+Design Magazine

YEARS AT ST. LUKE'S: 9

ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE'S: Current Vestry Member; Antiracism Task Force; 20s/30s Group Leader; Reader

STATEMENT:

I began attending St. Luke's on Easter 2012 and never stopped. In fact, that following summer I met the man who would become my husband, Drew Krause, a fellow member who also found St. Luke's at a difficult period in life, and who couldn't quite put his finger on what was so right about the place but who just knew that it was. We were married here by Mother Stacey, in the fall of 2016, and we baptized our daughter, Eleanor, in the spring of 2019.

I became a member of the vestry in February 2019, and am grateful to serve alongside such a thoughtful, skilled group. My hope is to give back to the place that has given so much to me. I plan to do as much as I can to make sure that our church family remains strong, because it is only then that our love can then spread to others.

In an effort to be entirely transparent, my family and I have not been in the city since Covid began last March. We continue to attend the service online every Sunday, and to stay involved in our various groups and ministries, but it is possible that we will not return to New York in a full-time capacity. I recently accepted a job based in Portland, Maine, so for now, that is where we are. But we consider St. Luke's to be our spiritual home, and I plan to finish out my vestry term as planned.

We pray for you all, and can't wait to see your (unmasked) faces as soon as we can.



Statements of Candidates for Vestry—2021

Michael Cudney
Amanda Durant*
Leslie Evans
Sam Jordan
Naveen Thacker
Garth Wingfield

**Current incumbent*

Four candidates will be elected:
three for three-year terms
and one to fill the remainder of the Warden-elect's term



MICHAEL CUDNEY

STATEMENT:

I am honored to have been nominated for a position on the Vestry of St Luke in the Fields. Like many of you, I did not grow up in the Episcopal Church, but felt immediately drawn to its governing structures by lay members and clergy alike. And once I found it – or rather, it found me – one of the great attractors affecting my decision was our history and commitment to lay people being an integral part of the life of the Church, and not simply by sitting in the pews and making a pledge. Each order has its place and responsibilities - Clergy, of course, are in charge of liturgy, outreach and pastoral issues, but your Wardens and Vestry are responsible for the other parts of keeping St. Luke's a community – finances, property and grounds upkeep and improvements, and all the other needs of running any organization. I often tell people simply to think of the Wardens and Vestry as a Board of Directors for the parish.

This year of course has been an exercise in adjustment and many difficult challenges, new policies and procedures, patience and most important, the fact we have not been able to be with each for worship and other activities. As the Recording Secretary for the Vestry, I have seen up close how our leaders, Clergy and Vestry, have worked diligently to adjust to these major challenges posed by COVID-19 to our life together. (The Recording Secretary is responsible for the minutes of meetings, so I attend every Vestry meeting, but have no vote.)

What is certain is that the pandemic will end, but we will return to a St. Luke's that is not the same as before. And each of us will be changed in some form, both as individuals and in community. The challenges to the new Wardens and Vestry are to put in place policies that will protect the health and well-being of all of us. We have answered the call to aid those in need during this extraordinary period with our mobile feeding program. St. Luke's will not be the same parish as before, but I believe that after coming through this challenging time, our community will be stronger and closer than ever. Your Wardens and Vestry will be faced with many challenges, and I hope you will consider giving me the opportunity to join them as we face the future working on our ultimate goal – proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being a Beloved Community which puts our belief in that Gospel into action for all to witness.

Some personal notes: I have been at St. Luke in the Fields for about nine years, having previously been a congregant at a very small Episcopal parish in Northern Manhattan, where I live. While there I served in many capacities, including as a Warden and a Vestry member. I would bring some experience in what those positions involve, albeit on a much different scale.

MICHAEL CUDNEY (cont.)

Here at St. Luke's I've been privileged to serve in a number of capacities - for the Acolytes Guild, as assistant guild head, working with Mary O'Shaughnessy on scheduling and training new members of the guild. I am also on the Altar Guild, working to set up for worship on Sundays and weekdays. (Many Sundays when I am on duty, you will find me in the Sacristy ironing the linens used for services. I've found that this simple task provides a time of reflection and peace. It has truly been a difficult adjustment for me not to be able to do this simple service.) Previously I was on the Nominating Committee, and have been on the Stewardship Committee for a number of years. Also, it has been my privilege to have been a Delegate to our Diocesan Convention these past few years; this is where we get to see the Episcopal Church's protocols for governance up close and in action.

I hope you will give my candidacy prayerful consideration and vote for me. It will be my privilege to serve our wonderful faith community.

Thank you,
Michael Cudney



AMANDA DURANT

OCCUPATION: Self-Employed Artist/Painter

YEARS AT ST. LUKE'S: 11

ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE'S: Chalice bearer, Sunday school teacher (4-6th grades), Parent organizer of outreach initiatives for youth and families under Mo. Gina (new this year), Former volunteer with the Go St. Luke's program

STATEMENT:

Being the wife of an academic, I've lived in several different places, all of them far from my place of origin in the south, first in Auburn, AL where I was born and baptized at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and then in Raleigh, NC, where I grew up going to several Episcopal churches at different points in my younger life.

After marrying my husband Rob, we moved from Chapel Hill, NC to Williams, MA, then to New Haven, CT, where I gave birth to our son Amos, then to Portland, OR and now to Manhattan. At each of these locations, I sought a church home and quickly found out how important that was for me because the Episcopal Church, with its familiar liturgy and order, always grounds me, no matter how far from home I may be.

I've been a member at St. Luke in the Fields since we moved here ten years ago. My previous church journeying helped me to find it, as it was recommended to me by the Rev. Peter Elvin, who was Rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Williamstown when we lived there and who played a significant role in my spiritual life and who, along with his wife, is still a friend. (Incidentally, Peter also lead me to The Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. James in New Haven, which was a wonderful parish where I was active in the Food Pantry as coordinator and where our son Amos was baptized!)

I don't see myself as a natural born leader or front person, far from it. But I am a person who clings to her church once she finds it. I'm an artist; so I guess I never quite feel like a conventional grown-up but I see St. Luke in the Fields as the church that I'm maturing in. It's the church of my son's childhood, making a mark on him every week at the 9:15 service when he serves as an acolyte and a lay reader, and it's where he was confirmed a few years ago. For me, it's the place that strengthens my faith every week, also at the 9:15, through my service at the altar as a chalice bearer and in my co-teaching Sunday School to 4th-6th graders.

I have put energy, time and faith into St. Luke in the Fields for the last 10 years and I feel I can serve it, prayerfully, along with fellow vestry members, some of whom surely have more business and financial experience than I, in a good and humble way.

As someone who knows from experience how important a living church home is along life's journey, I understand St. Luke in the Field's desire, especially at this crucial time in its history, to thrive into the future, and I accept the call of my church to play a part in nurturing this journey as a vestry member.

LESLIE EVANS

OCCUPATION: Attorney (retired from a Federal agency)

YEARS AT ST. LUKE'S: Since late 2014

ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE'S: Usher Guild, Altar Guild (on call)

STATEMENT:

As a relatively new member of the parish, I am interested in growing the congregation. Particularly, I am concerned with how to encourage our visitors to find a spiritual home at St. Luke.



Our future concerns will be how most safely to return to in-person worship and how to incorporate technology in outreach to members and friends.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The “family” is just me and a cat, Bit, who you may have met at St. Francis day blessing of the animals. My hobbies include attending theatre, needle crafts (crochet and knitting), and gardening.

I am from Brooklyn—born and raised. I left for college and law school but am now back.

I am a cradle Episcopalian.

As a member of the parish, I also attend the Christian education offerings.



SAMUEL JORDAN

OCCUPATION: Business Development / Strategy & Innovation, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

YEARS AT ST. LUKE'S: ~3

ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE'S: GO Project (and also on GO's Young Leadership Council, separate from the parish); Anti-Racist Adult Education; 20/30s Group; Parish Life.

STATEMENT:

As I reflect on the vestry's purpose of articulating, supporting, and carrying out the mission of our parish, I recognize certain gifts and skills in myself that I believe would bring value to the collective vestry—namely: passion, diversity, and (most tactically) administration.

Passion: My personal mission is to create and cultivate flourishing, which admittedly sounds a bit vague. This statement encapsulates my deep desire to be a part of helping all beings with whom I interact recognize and be their true and best selves. I seek out organizations and communities that are aligned in that respect, and I believe I've found that in Saint Luke in the Fields. It would be an honor and privilege to channel this deep-seated passion into a leadership role focused on the continued flourishing of this uplifting community.

Diversity: As someone who is newer to the episcopal tradition and who comes from underrepresented communities, I would add a unique perspective to the governance of the parish. I'd seek to use my experience, mindset, and voice to bear as we carry-on and build upon the legacy we've received.

Administration: I've spent my decade-long career in healthcare administration. My understanding of the business of healthcare would translate well in understanding the ministries of the parish, maximizing their reach, and to helping ensure the overall effective organizational, resource, and financial-management of the parish.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Though I seek to give to church and the community as a vestry member, I also desire to grow spiritually on an individual level, and make Saint Luke even more of a spiritual home as a result. It is with sincere gratitude for the community and connections I've made thus far that I look to take this next step/role in the parish.

NAVEEN THACKER

OCCUPATION: Electrical Engineer

YEARS AT ST. LUKE'S: 20+

ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE'S: Served as Usher, Head Usher, volunteer at St. Vincent's Hospital, and presently as an Acolyte.

STATEMENT:

I was born and baptized in India in the Church of North India, of the worldwide Anglican Communion. I immigrated to the United States in 1987 at the age of 17. I had to navigate culture shock, acclimate quickly, work part time minimum wages to support myself and pay my own way through college. I graduated from the State University of New York at Stony Brook with an undergraduate degree in Bachelors of Electrical Engineering. I work for STV Inc, a private architectural, engineering and construction services company in NYC. I have been employed with STV for over 21 years and work on many interesting and various projects and clients.

As an electrical engineer I ascertain the scope of design, coordinate with architects, other engineering disciplines like mechanical, plumbing, fire protection etc. to complete the project design successfully and meet deadlines. I also coordinate with contractors during construction, attend meetings to resolve discrepancies and provide solutions. I work on multiple projects with different clients requiring me to prioritize different deadlines. I am very grateful to the USA for giving me this opportunity.

As a Vestry member, I hope to apply my skills in problem solving, working collaboratively with others on projects, listening and respecting different viewpoints to help St. Luke's meet the challenges ahead.

I started attending St. Luke's in the Fields many years ago. I was welcomed by many parishioners and it gave me a sense of belonging in the gay community. It is my hope that as a vestry member, I can extend this same welcome to others. I have served in a variety of ministries at St. Luke's in the Fields, which were very fulfilling and rewarding. Becoming a vestry member will be another way in which I can minister to the St. Luke's community.

I am humbled and honored to be considered for the vestry.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

I have two sisters and a brother who live in New York and New Jersey. I enjoy travelling and experiencing different cultures.





GARTH WINGFIELD

OCCUPATION: Associate Creative Director at Serino Coyne, one of the country's leading entertainment advertising agencies. Accounts include Disney's Broadway musicals (The Lion King, Aladdin, Frozen national tour) and Broadway and Off-Broadway productions at Manhattan Theatre Club.

YEARS AT ST. LUKE'S: 10

ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE'S: Vestry (two terms, 2/2015-2/2020, including one partial term), Acolytes Guild (have served many roles on the altar, including M.C., Subdeacon and Thurifer), Parish Life Committee (head of committee, five years), Christian formation program (have sponsored seven candidates).

STATEMENT: After a one-year hiatus from serving on the vestry, I'm honored to run for another term. I love St. Luke's. Even before I was baptized here in 2011, it has been my spiritual home and a constant source of comfort and nourishment: through worship, through community, through the presence of God that I experience in the people, experiences and essential work we do here together. It was a great joy to be on vestry during a very busy time in our parish, when there were major construction and capital improvement projects, along with new outreach activities. I would love to rejoin the vestry during our parish's next chapter, as we face unprecedented challenges from the Covid pandemic, figuring out how we continue to come together, stay connected and serve our neighborhood and city in new ways. In my work in the advertising world, I love collaboration most of all. And I'd very much look forward to collaborating with the St. Luke's clergy, vestry and parish community in this effort.

The 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting
is on Sunday, February 7th after the 10:30 am mass.

Voting information will be sent to you
either electronically or by post.

Any qualified voter who does not receive voting
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