

Christ Church + Washington Parish Search Committee June 2019

In May 2019, the Vestry appointed a search committee of eight individuals, led by co-chairs Jean Denton and Paul Laymon, to lead the effort to identify the next Rector of Christ Church + Washington Parish. The Vestry sought to select a committee which is broadly representative of the congregation in terms of different worship times, family make-ups, membership years, skills, experience, and interests (choir, children ministries, liturgists, outreach, etc.). The committee will facilitate the process of parish self-assessment and candidate discernment, with the goal of presenting a short list of candidates to the Vestry for final selection.



Jean Denton and her family (husband Don and two college age kids, Zachary and Shelby) have been members of Christ Church for twenty years. During that time she has taught Sunday school, served on the Vestry, coordinated the homeless lunch program, chaired and volunteered for various church events, and is currently the Outreach Committee chair. For over twenty years Jean has been managing partner for a small consulting/lobbying firm on Capitol Hill. She feels it is a privilege to be a member of the Search Committee and looks forward to working with the parish in the process ahead.



Ruth Kroeger started attending Christ Church in 2011 shortly after moving to the neighborhood. Since joining the church she has served on the Vestry during our most recent Capitol Campaign and has been active on the Outreach Committee and 20s/30s group, as well as helping to organize community events such as St Nick's and Family Night. Her day job is an urban planner for a Federal agency. She plays the cello with a neighborhood string ensemble and participates in special music at the church for advent services or to accompany the Children's Choir.



Paul Laymon and wife Barbara have been at Christ Church since 2008. They previously lived in east TN where they attended several Episcopal churches. At CCWP (Christ Church Washington Parish), Paul served two years as treasurer and taught Sunday school for two years. Most Saturday mornings he participates in the men's group and co-founded the Lenten Film Series, which just completed its seventh year. He ushers at the 9 am service and aspires to be a professional usher for hire at baseball games (yes, even the Nats). He prosecutes international drug traffickers for the Department of Justice.



Andrew Lyons has been a member of CCWP since 2011 and recently joined the choir. His wife Liz and two daughters, Lydia (7) and Nikki (4) can frequently be seen during the passing of the peace at the 11:00 service. Andrew's professional background is in finance and international humanitarian programs and he currently works as an administrator at the Department of Justice and serves on the U.S. board of the HALO Trust, a global landmine clearance charity. He is honored to be part of this important process at Christ Church.



John Payne has been a member of Christ Church since the mid-1970s, and married here in 1981. He has served as three-time Vestry member, former Junior Warden, and member of the previous Search Committee. John is currently active in Choir and Brew Crew. He retired from a career in Federal service.



Karen Roman and her family (husband and two sons, 15 and 13) joined Christ Church as recovering Catholics looking for a home, when her boys were small. She serves as a liturgist and occasional lay preacher, and was on the most recent previous search committee. By day, she is a partner at Guidehouse, a consulting company.



Kirsten Sloan has been an active member of Christ Church since 2007. She is a liturgist, a member of the lay-preaching group, and is one of the CCWP liaisons to the Congressional Cemetery Board. Kirsten volunteers with the CCWP Laundry Love program and the Everyone Home DC (formerly Capitol Hill Group Ministry) Family Night programs. Previously Kirsten served on the Vestry and as a senior warden. She is a long-time resident of Capitol Hill and works for the advocacy arm of the American Cancer Society.



Cathy Hurst Weber has been a member of Christ Church Washington Parish for nearly six years, and taught Sunday school for the last few years. She and her husband Andy are originally from Indiana and moved to DC from Pittsburgh in 2003. They have two daughters, ages 10 and 7. She is a government attorney by day. Cathy is excited to be a part of the search committee!