

Vestry candidate statement
John Broholm

I have attended Trinity Episcopal Church regularly since 2006. I serve as an usher, and I proofread The Corner and the service leaflet; I am becoming the usher coordinator in 2020.

I am a lifelong Episcopalian – baptized in 1952 and confirmed in 1964 in Ferguson, Missouri. The liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer is the richest expression I have encountered of humankind's relationship to the divine, anything but common in the sense of plain or routine. In the midst of the Church's disagreements over sexual orientation, I side strongly with inclusion as a vital objective.

I am a Trinity parishioner because of the community here. After my parents moved to Lawrence for eldercare, no other institution meant more to my mother than Trinity.

I came to Lawrence in 1984 from Denver, where I was executive news producer for KMGH-TV, the CBS affiliate. I've worked mostly as a newscast producer, which involves snap organizational and editorial decisions, and much writing under deadline pressure.

In the School of Journalism at KU, for 35 years I taught reporting, writing, video production, ethics, graduate research, and courses and graduate seminars in celebrity-media culture. I directed the School's master's program for eight years. I retired last June.

If I have a useful qualification for the Vestry, it's my experience at listening to people and relating their concerns – their story, if you will – to other people.

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Donna Griffin

When I was in grade school, I often asked my mom to take me to Sunday School at the little white Baptist church on Iowa (the one with the triangular entry near 9th street), by the time I was in junior high, my family started attending the AME church on the corner of 9th and New York all together. This church worked well as our family was mixed, both racially and religiously. My family joined Trinity Lawrence in 1982 and became very involved. I served as a counsellor for youth group trips and was confirmed in the mid-80s when Father Bob Mathews was our Rector (Loved him). I graduated from KU with a Bachelor of Architecture in 1988 and moved to Colorado. In 2003, I started attending programs such as “Alpha” and “A Purpose Driven Life” at Christ Church in Overland Park where I lived at that time. In 2004, I started attending Trinity Lawrence and participated in Cursillo when sponsored by Jack and Tanya Low. In the following years, I serviced on the vestry, started serving as a chalice bearer, started teaching Sunday School, attended and graduated from the Kansas School of Ministry (Now BKSM), and completed the 4 year “Education for Ministry” course. I assisted with youth group activities, joined them on a mission trip to Jamaica and eventually took over as youth director after Zane Wilemon left for Seminary. The last 5 years I have service on the Bishop’s Advisory Counsel (BAC) for Canterbury-Lawrence and for 4 years I have serviced on the Diocesan Commission for Campus Ministries. I have become more involved at the Diocesan level by attending two mission trips to Kenya with K2K and serving as one of our Delegates at our

Diocesan Conventions and Convocation meetings. I have recently volunteered to serve at the secretary for the Northeast Convocation. Over the last 15 years I have served on countless committees, helped with fundraisers, art shows, coffee hours, Link, back-snack to mention a few. I love being involved with our Parish and my experience has been heightened with my involvement at the Diocesan level. My involvement at the Diocesan level, working with different Parishes, committee members and clergy is what me prompted me to run for our Vestry. I would like to help create more connections between what we are doing on a Parish level to what is happening on a Diocesan level. I have found both personal and spiritual enrichment through my involvement at both levels and would love to provide ways to communicate and explore the interests of my church family.

Vestry candidate statement
Linda McCoy

I was born in upstate NY a long time ago, slowly migrated west, landing in Kansas in high school, and have been here – basically – ever since. I attended the University of Kansas where I received both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Education and Urban Planning. My working career started with me being a teacher and ended with me working for the Social Security Administration for 27 years, with lots of meandering in between.

I am a cradle Episcopalian, but have never really “served” in any capacity. I have been a member of Trinity since approximately 1995. I am hopeful that serving on the Vestry would enable me to contribute and give back some of the spiritual and personal support I have received over the years.

My biggest “claim to fame...joy...accomplishment” is having been married to Tom McCoy, who before his death served as both Junior and Senior Warden. I cannot say that I walked his path during his service as Warden, but I do think I am aware of the obligation that is required in accepting a position on the Vestry.

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William Perkins

Hello, I am William Perkins, the short, bearded guy with the receding hairline and well rounded personality and I would like to serve on our Vestry. I grew up in the small town of White Cloud, KS where we attended the town’s Community Christian Church. I started my Episcopal journey at Saint David’s in Topeka Kansas when I was 17 years old and stayed a member until transferring to Trinity in 2017. I graduated from Topeka West High School, served two years in the Army as a Chaplain’s Assistant with one of those years in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. I returned from the service and managed roller skating rinks before deciding to go back to college. I graduated from Washburn University with a Business Degree then worked for the Kansas Department of Revenue until our children were out of high school. I then went to work for Sprint in Kansas City as a data architect from where I retired in 2015.

I was involved with the Boy Scouts when my boys were in school and served on various school committees during those years. We have four children and nineteen grandchildren spread out around the country. While at Trinity, I have or am currently have been involved with assisting Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, Lay Ministers, The Corner Newsletter, the church directory, office volunteer, coffee hour, communication and education committees, assisting Rob at Brandon Woods and the youth group.

I would like to help increase our membership, both in our youth groups as well as helping our older members as I will be there soon. We also have a challenging budget and overdue building care that we should continue working on these next few years.