

*The Cathedral Congregation Committee (CCC) meets with the Vicar in regularly scheduled monthly meetings as representatives of the Congregation ministries and programs. These meetings provide an interface for communication between the larger Cathedral and the Cathedral congregation.*

Matt Klaus  
Chair



My relationship with the Cathedral started in 2005, when I was a Music Performance and Computer Science student at American University studying organ for a semester under the Cathedral organist. In 2015, I began regularly worshipping at the Cathedral and volunteering – helping plan the congregation’s participation in the 2018 and 2019 Capital Pride Parades and Coffee Hour following the 2nd Sunday 9 am Eucharist. I was received into the Episcopal faith in May 2019. I am originally from Newtown, Conn., and serve as Vice President of Enterprise IT Security at Genworth Financial in Richmond, VA.

Cynthia Diane  
Vice Chair



I am a native Washingtonian. I received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Psychology from Howard University. I retired from the Office of Personnel Management in 2013, where I worked as a Personnel Research Psychologist and later as a Personnel Management Specialist developing employment policy.

My son, Mori, currently lives in London. I enjoy traveling, reading, walking, pilates, and volunteering. I currently serve as the secretary of the Racial Justice Task Force. My spiritual home has been the Cathedral since the mid 1990’s.

Bobby Clark



My husband Kris and I joined the National Cathedral Congregation in 2017 after searching for a place of worship that reflected our values. We wanted to join a church where we felt challenged spiritually and intellectually; and be part of a community that welcomed everyone – no exceptions. It did not take long to know that the Cathedral was going to be our new faith family. We were married at the National Cathedral in May of 2019 by the Rev. Cannon Dana Colley Corsello. Kris and I love giving back to the Cathedral through serving on the Cathedral Congregation Committee, Stewardship Committee, and other volunteer opportunities. Professionally, I have worked in Washington, DC, for 15+ years on federal healthcare policy with a goal towards creating a more equitable, affordable, and accessible health system for all people living in the United States. We live on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC with our dog Bernie.

Candy Lyons



I have lived in the D.C. area since I was three years old, so consider myself something of a native. I spent most of my working years in the field of law; first as a legal secretary and lastly as the Judicial Assistant to a Federal Judge. As a Cathedral greeter, it is my privilege to welcome people—members and visitors alike—to our wonderful church. It’s one of the best parts of Sunday for me. My husband Jonathan Mook and I live in the Tenleytown area of the city with our two cats. I was surprised to find myself on the CCC, but am humbled, too, and hope I can be of some help.

Carol Cropp



My guiding principal is service. As a marketing executive, entrepreneur, and non-profit fundraiser I help organizations navigate change and increase impact. Currently I work for Girl Up, an initiative of the United Nations Foundation that provides leadership development programming for teenage girls worldwide. I am the Congressional District Leader (MD-08) for the ONE Campaign to end extreme poverty and represent the Washington National Cathedral as a Partner Representative to Samaritan Ministries of Greater Washington. I also serve on the Cathedral Outreach and Social Justice Committee and the Cathedral Congregation Committee.

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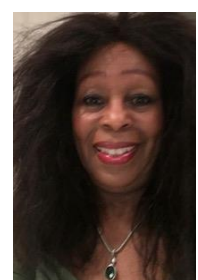
I am the Community Engagement Coordinator at Friendship Place, one of the Cathedral's outreach partners, helping individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness rebuild their lives. My hobbies include mountain hiking, kayaking and i-Phone photography. My longest hike was a 30-mile hike in one day on the Appalachian Trail in the Virginia Blue Ridge Mountains. Born and raised in the Annapolis area, I lived for a few years in Los Angeles. I went on the 2018 Cathedral mission trip to Puerto Rico and consider it a life changing event. I volunteer at the Cathedral as a 9AM Sunday service usher, special events usher and second Sunday of the month cookie and coffee hour host which I enjoy immensely!

Peter Gentieu



I am not quite a "cradle Episcopalian." My association with the Episcopal church began in 1958 as a boy soprano in the choir at St. Luke's Church, Germantown (Philadelphia). I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church during the Diocese of Virginia's Day of Commitment at the National Cathedral in April, 1988, about a year and a half after I moved to Virginia. A few years later I started attending the Cathedral. I joined the hospitality ministry at its inception, and later joined the congregation. I am working to restore the bell tower at Christ Church and Saint Michael's in Philadelphia where I play the chime of ten bells once or twice a month. Trains are my hobby with O scale model railways my main interest.

Auriol Europe Greene



Having migrated from Guyana, South America, I have lived in the United States for more than 35 years, attended the Washington National Cathedral for over 25 years and became a Cathedral Congregation Member in 2018. As a former World Bank Group staffer, my 25 plus years of experience include working on projects and programs across global communities with clients and partners to address development challenges through collaboration, innovation and exchanging best practices. I have enjoyed being a part of the membership circle especially over the last 15 months which demonstrated how the Cathedral's leadership has turned the challenges of COVID into opportunities for raising awareness about inclusion and equity and fostering a global reach. My husband, Edward Greene, and I live in Maryland.

Dacosta Mason



I am a lifelong Episcopalian and attended the Church of the Atonement in Southeast Washington and since 2007 I have attended the Cathedral. After completing studies at Syracuse University and Catholic University School of Law, my career has focused on protecting the rights of older adults at Legal Counsel for the Elderly and then at AARP as a lobbyist at the state and federal levels. Since retiring, my volunteer activities have included delivering meals to homebound older adults with Northwest Washington Meals on Wheels, serving as a member of the Montgomery County Commission on Aging, volunteering as an usher at the Cathedral and participating in the Cathedral's Racial Justice Task Force Book Group. In my spare time I am an avid golfer and sports enthusiast. I reside in North Bethesda with my wife Donna Phillips and together we have 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

David Sande



David Sande has been attending WNC for the past 10 years and joined the congregation about three years ago. He is a member of the Men's Saturday Bible study and group, serves as a greeter and participates in other Cathedral activities. David lives in Reston, VA with his wife Julie and daughter Mia (15). He is a real estate broker and avid cyclist. David hails from the Nebraska panhandle and is a graduate of St. Olaf College where he majored in mathematics and religion.

Heather Simpson



Being from a Navy family that traveled frequently, finding a church to call home was always elusive. After many tries in the Northern Virginia area, I attended the National Cathedral on Easter of 2018 because I had always enjoyed visiting the building and grounds in the past. I left filled with the Holy Spirit after hearing the glorious music and truly felt welcomed by the service and sermon. I knew then I had found my spiritual home, and I look forward to being confirmed in the spring of 2022. As a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, I am always excited to learn from others, and the cathedral community is rich with incredible people who have become a family to me. As one of my new family members said, "The Cathedral is not a place where you have to fit in, but a place where you belong." I am honored to be on the CCC as the Via Media (40's and 50's group) representative and look forward to serving the beloved community.

Rich Alsterberg



I moved to Washington DC in the fall of 2018 from the Bay Area with my wife, Alice. We were very active at Grace Cathedral in SF, where I was on the Congregational Council, assisted in settling Afghan refugees, and chaired the Stewardship Committee. It was quite a natural process for me to join the WNC, when I moved back east! In 2019, I went on the WNC Mission Trip to Puerto Rico, where I made great connections with fellow congregants. Despite the pandemic, I wanted to get more involved at the Cathedral, and therefore, I led one of the National Home Churches in the Fall. I recently completed the Sacred Grounds Program and found this to be broadening of my understanding of the challenges in our country. I am looking forward to working on the CCC.

Sher Sandusky



My husband Tim and I became regular Sunday morning Bethlehem Chapel worshippers in 2001. Enriched by the liturgy, I felt drawn to the sacred space of the Cathedral and was happy to volunteer at the very first coffee hours. An original member of the Congregation, I quickly found my way into the Greeter and Friendship Place Ministries. Since 2014 it has been my honor to serve as joint coordinator of the Martha's Table Ministry. A cradle Methodist who attended Anglican primary school in the UK, I feel spiritually at home in the Cathedral and was confirmed as an Episcopalian in 2008. After working in the British Diplomatic Service and more recently at the IMF, I retired in 2019 and am honored to serve on the Cathedral Congregation Committee.

John Derrick



I've been active with the Cathedral since 2014 when I moved from North Carolina where I was active in a number of churches. They laid the path for involvement with the Cathedral 20s & 30s group, more recently the 40s & 50s Via Media group, and service as a Lay Eucharistic Minister amongst other programs. I'm also involved with my local running community, and serve on the board of the Shirlington Running Club. Other volunteer activities include sailing with a co-ed Sea Scouts unit of the Boy Scouts. A German-American, I enjoy visiting family from my Mother's side overseas, and I stay involved with other local church groups, including at St. George's in Arlington and St. John's Church, Lafayette Square. Professionally a journalist-turned-attorney, I'm honored to work as a civil servant and enjoy experimenting with recipes for coworkers, who I'd like to think find my cooking generally good, or at least interesting!