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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.



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.



CHRIS CANNEDY

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!



CAROL CROPP, OSJ

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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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!



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.



PAULA B. MAYS

Paula is a native of Washington DC and a cradle Episcopalian. She was baptized at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. and confirmed at Washington National Cathedral. Paula has served the church in many capacities including Senior Warden of two churches, a member of the Vestry, member of the Diocesan Constitution and Canons Committee as well as the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women. Paula has served as a lay minister reader at the National Cathedral since 1995. Most recently she finished a three-year term as the inaugural head of the Cathedral's Racial Justice Task Force. She often teaches classes on theologians for the Christian Formation Committee. Paula is an attorney. She currently works for CareFirst. Paula also writes mysteries, the first two set in Southern Spain which focus on scenery, food, and the diversity of the characters. She is currently working on her second novel and short stories. She lives in Arlington, Virginia.



DAVID SANDE

David Sande has been attending WNC for the past 10 years and joined the congregation about four 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.

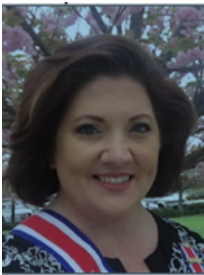


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SHER SANDUSKY

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.



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 4th 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.



ANNE STUBBS

Drawn by a desire for deeper spiritual connection (and his family's strong Episcopal roots), my husband Thomas Bolle and I began to worship at the Cathedral in 2001 in Bethlehem Chapel. The powerful worship services, the creation of the Congregation with its welcoming hospitality, and the programs and probing discussions on social and religious issues combined to make the Cathedral our "church home and family." Raised Presbyterian, I officially became an Episcopalian in 2018. Giving back to the Cathedral and the larger DC community prompted my desire to volunteer. I have served on the Congregation Stewardship Committee and continue to serve on the Cathedral Development Committee and The Washington Committee. Helping to organize the Back-to-School and the Advent Giving outreach brought me to the Outreach and Social Justice ministry. Participation in the Racial Justice Book Group and Sacred Ground triggered a life-changing journey. A native of North Carolina, I moved to DC in 1982 via work stints in Kentucky and Rhode Island. A 38-year career with non-profit organizations focused on working with state officials to collaborate on issues and projects that affect their mutual interests in such areas as transportation, energy, and the environment.



RON SZABAT

Ron Szabat is a newly retired healthcare lawyer/lobbyist. He and his wife, Maryel, have been Cathedral Congregation members for over a decade. Professionally, Ron began his Washington career as a Congressional legislative aide and mostly recently worked to advance children's mental health. At the Cathedral, Ron just completed two years as co-chair of the Stewardship Committee and acted as its liaison to the Development Committee. He also serves on the Lay Seminar Committee. In 2018 and 2019, he actively participated in the Cathedral's first two mission trips to Puerto Rico with the Vicar, fellow congregants, and a number of Cathedral Scholars. Ron remains committed to the ongoing work and study of an ongoing Sacred Ground circle, the summer Holy Land Pilgrimage, and volunteering where needed in other Cathedral activities. He looks forward to joining the Cathedral Congregation Committee.



ROBERT WEAVER

I became a member of the Episcopal Church over 30 years ago. My wife Beverly and I were married at St Alban's Parish and from the very beginning, praising God by being of service has been our mission. Before the pandemic I ushered at the 8:00 o'clock service each week. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome everyone to the Cathedral Congregation. I learned so much from the visitors. Their love and appreciation shone in so many ways. I am honored and humbled by this opportunity to serve on CCC.



BOB WOHLSEIN

Bob and his wife Miriam live in Santa Rosa, California. He is a devoted member of the National-International Coffee Hour and pledging member of the Cathedral Congregation. He is involved in the Episcopal Church on a national level as a Sacred Ground facilitator. In the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California he is the Refugee Resettlement Team's Donor and Volunteer Coordinator and Advocacy Team member, and is faculty for the "I Will With God's Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice" workshop. He has served as a Sunday school teacher and youth group leader, stewardship chair, vestry member and church leader. Professionally he is a retired general contractor and construction manager, Leadership Coach and Wine Educator. He has a BS in Civil Engineering from Cornell University and a Certificate in Leadership Coaching from Georgetown University. He served in the US Air Force as a Civil Engineering Officer.