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AURIOL EUROPE GREENE, CHAIR

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.



RICH ALSTERBERG, VICE CHAIR

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.



SHANDA COOPER, OSJ

A cradle Episcopalian, I am the great-great-granddaughter of Bishop Samuel David Ferguson, the first Black Bishop to sit in the American House of Bishops. My personal motto is "Guided by the Light. Illuminate others." Initially called to the Cathedral by the Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage, I joined the Cathedral Congregation in 2015. I serve on the Outreach and Social Justice Committee and support the annual Ministry Fair. I am a Liberian-American with over 15 years of professional experience in international development, partner engagement, corporate social responsibility, and health equity. I have an AB in International Relations from William & Mary and an MSc in Violence, Conflict, and Development from the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies. I serve as the Chair of the Society of 1918, focused on growing the engagement, leadership, and philanthropy of W&M women.



MATTHEW ELDRED

After attending an episcopal parish in Vermont during law school, Matthew started attending the Cathedral when he moved to Washington in 2014 and was confirmed soon after. Matthew and his now wife, Jaime Colman, were married at the Cathedral in 2019. He volunteers as a lay Eucharistic minister and a reader. Matthew works as an attorney with the government and enjoys spending time outdoors, reading, cooking, and traveling. He and Jaime are expecting their first child in December.



HOWIE HODGES

Howie Hodges is an entrepreneur and former senior corporate executive with over two decades of banking / finance, tech, and telecommunications experience. A graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and University of Virginia Darden Business School Executive Leadership Development Program. He is presently co-founder and Managing Director at Centri Capital and Centri Tech, a DC based impact platform that focuses on economic development investments and technology. Howie grew up in Buffalo, NY and moved to the area in 1987 from Atlanta, GA. He was inspired by the people he met and the sermons of former Dean Rev. Nathan Baxter and started coming to the Cathedral. He and his wife Elizabeth joined the Cathedral Congregation several years ago. Howie enjoys volunteering as a lay reader and is the co-chair of the advisory committee for the Racial Justice & Spirituality Residential Retreat. He is on the Board of Directors of a regional bank, a legacy society member of the Smithsonian, and has served as a board director on a number of national civic organizations.

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CLAIRE JERRY

A transplanted Midwesterner, I came to Washington and the National Cathedral in 2016. I was confirmed at the Cathedral the following year and try to support our community in various ways including serving as a reader, LEM, EV, and a member of the Christian Formation Committee. I have participated in several Cathedral pilgrimages and retreats and am active in the Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage. During the day, I work as a curator of political history at the National Museum of American History and have appreciated finding opportunities to combine my professional expertise and church volunteering. I am looking forward to joining in the work of the CCC.



CARMINI LUTHER

I was born and raised an Anglican in my birth country of Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon), and my first visit to the Cathedral was in 1984 shortly after I returned to the US to begin my graduate studies. I reaffirmed my faith, this time in the Episcopal Church, and joined the Cathedral congregation in Fall 2020. In a previous life, I enjoyed a rewarding 30-year career with a multilateral development bank, working and travelling across continents and countries. My personal experience with the Cathedral has been, and continues to be, a holistic one - through worship, music, art and architecture, community, and spiritual direction - offered and accepted in a single and singular sacred space.



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, CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Paula is a native of Washington DC and a cradle Episcopalian. She as 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.



HEATHER SIMPSON, HOSPITALITY

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.

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ANNE STUBBS, SEASON OF GIVING

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, STEWARDSHIP

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 Seminarian 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, 8AM COFFEE HOUR

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 WOHLSEN, VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

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.