Washington National Cathedral
Cathedral Congregation Committee (CCC)



Dora Currea | *Chair*

I have been a docent at the National Cathedral since 2019, and have delighted in sharing this gothic treasure with the public including the construction of the LEGO Cathedral. As an immigrant from Colombia with decades of experience in development, I accepted with enthusiasm the opportunity to serve as co-chair for the Sanctuary Ministry of the Cathedral. With fellow congregants and other allies, we have been advocating for and accompanying immigrants through increasingly restrictive policies. In 2025, I joined EMBRACE, a diocesan group collaborating across parishes to love and protect our immigrant neighbors. I have been a member of the Cathedral Congregation since 2022 and participated in the Cathedral pilgrimages to the Holy Land in 2022 and the Camino de Santiago in 2024. I was also blessed to serve as a member and chair of the Commission on Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington for several years.



Nolan Bush

Originally from Montgomery, Alabama, Nolan Bush began attending the Cathedral roughly 6 years ago upon moving to Washington, DC. Nolan was received into the Episcopal church in May of 2023 following the Cathedral's Take On Lent Inquirer's Class. Since then he has become a more active member of the Cathedral Congregation serving as a regular Coffee Hour Volunteer and on the Stewardship Committee. He is also a member of the LGBT Alliance and the 20s and 30s ministry. Nolan currently resides in the Adams Morgan neighborhood in DC with his loyal basset hound Mavis and is employed as a Staff Attorney with DLA Piper.



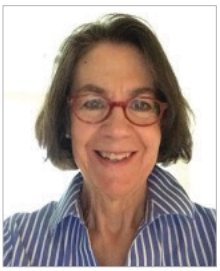
Leigh Conner

Leigh Conner is the Founder and Director of CONNERSMITH, an international fine art gallery based in Washington, DC. Since 1999, the gallery program has focused on abstract painting, surrealism and the current discourses on race, sexual identity and social justice. Leigh has attended services at the Washington National Cathedral for over thirty years and has been a member of the congregation since its formation in 2008. She and her wife, Jamie Smith, are members of the Cathedral Founders Society. Leigh actively participates in leadership roles within the LGBTQIA+ Alliance and is a dedicated member of the Creation Care Ministry. Leigh thrives on international travel, frequent walks, reading folklore and collecting art and rare books. She and Jamie live with their border terrier, Bertie Conner-Smith, in Dupont Circle, Washington, DC.



Meghan Foster

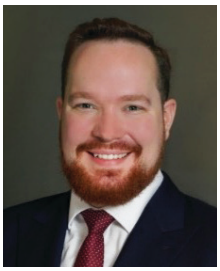
I have been a DC resident for over a decade, arriving from Texas on the day of the infamous earthquake and purchasing a condo across from the Cathedral. Currently, I am the Manager for Student Computing and Teaching Labs at George Washington University, where I also recently completed my MBA. I started attending the Cathedral in 2019 after my father's death. I've been active on the coffee committee (pre-pandemic) and a leader of the LGBTQIA Alliance, Via Media, and the Stewardship Committee. I regularly serve as a Sunday usher and have recently volunteered as a Lector for weekday evensong services. I've also helped with the Backpack Drive, Christmas Angel Tree, and Easter baskets, and once made sandwiches for Martha's Table. I love how the Cathedral offers opportunities to serve my neighbors, community, and fellow pew-mates.



Patty Goodman

Patty grew up in the DMV. Prior to Covid, she worshipped at 9:15am, but now attends the 8am service. In an effort to promote fellowship at the early service among regulars and visitors alike, she periodically offers post-service talks highlighting interesting spots at the Cathedral. In 2024, she attended the women's retreat led by Vicar Corsello at Ghost Ranch and in 2025 she assisted the Cathedral Archivist, Emily Welsh in inventorying the Cathedral's creche collection. Patty has been a member of the N2N Committee and with her husband serves as a driver for Food Justice DMV's Saturday food distribution.

Twice a month she sorts clothes at John Wesley AME Zion Church for Migrant Solidarity Mutual Aid. Patty is a new member of the Congregation's Stewardship Committee. Her professional background is in private philanthropy. She worked at the Council on Foundations and the National Geographic Foundation before moving abroad for 10 years with her husband. She has an undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and a master's degree from Harvard University.



Allen Hamilton

Allen is an experienced association executive and policy leader with a robust background in Association Leadership. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA), where he oversees the organization's mission and operations in addition to fostering collaboration among healthcare stakeholders. Allen has over a decade of experience in Association and nonprofit management through both professional and volunteer positions.

In 2018, he began regularly attending services at the Washington National Cathedral and was baptized in 2019 and has volunteered for several Cathedral events over the years. He has been involved in regular pastoral work with Vicar Corsello.

Allen was born in Mobile, Alabama and grew up on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He graduated from the University of Mississippi with a degree in Public Policy. Allen currently resides in Alexandria, Virginia.



Dan Hewitt

A veteran media and communications executive, Dan Hewitt is currently the Chief Communications Officer for Gearbox Entertainment, a Texas-based studio that creates video games, movies, and television shows. Dan has lived in Washington, DC for more than 30 years and began attending services at the Cathedral in 2008 with his husband, Bob. Dan started volunteering at the Cathedral by helping with the Hospitality Committee. From there he became a Lay Eucharistic Minister and a lector. He served as the chair of both the Cathedral Congregation Committee and the Cathedral's Stewardship Committee. In addition, he co-chaired the successful endowment campaign to protect and preserve the vicar's office at the National Cathedral. Currently, Dan serves as a member of the Cathedral Chapter and is a volunteer verger at the Cathedral. Dan lives in Bethesda, Maryland with his husband and daughter.



Ron Hopson

Ronald E. Hopson, Ph.D., is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a licensed Clinical Psychologist. He holds a joint faculty appointment in the School of Divinity and the Department of Psychology at Howard University. He teaches courses on Group and Individual Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, Pastoral Care, the Psychology of Religion and theology and sexuality. His current research examines the psychological implications of atonement theology. He is also working and writing on understanding and intervening with the persistence of racism in individuals and society.



Jill Machol

I am a native New Yorker but have lived in DC since 1975. Although I have no children, I am grandma to my god-daughter's son (21) and daughter (18). Many years ago, I was married and divorced; subsequently I was in a relationship with David Torrealba for almost 44 years. I have two masters degrees – one in Social Work and one in Organizational Development – and worked in human resources with specific expertise in compensation and performance appraisal. The Cathedral has been an integral part of my life since 2001. I sang in the volunteer choir from 2006 until its demise in 2009, and am a charter member of the Cathedral Congregation. I've been a volunteer on and off for 20 years: the Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage, Cathedral Scholars, Stewardship Committee, and – since my retirement in 2018 -- in the Worship Department, helping to maintain the MSP among numerous other tasks.



Tonya Parham

I work at the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) as a Staff Support Analyst for the Transformation Directorate. I started attending Washington National Cathedral in July 2018. I currently serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and a Reader. I also participate in Martha's Table by donating food each month. From 2021 to 2023, I served as the Convener of the Seminarian Lay Committee. Lastly, I still have a tie to the Office of the Bishop of the Armed Forces as I still assist the Episcopal military congregation at Kapaun Air Station, Germany, with worship service scheduling.



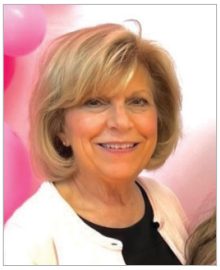
Diane Paulsell

My name is Diane Paulsell, and I joined the Cathedral congregation in 2022 after moving to Washington. I love serving in our worship as a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) and reader. I am also active in the Sanctuary Ministry and Via Media fellowship group. Highlights of my time in the Cathedral congregation have included walking the Camino de Santiago, the Julian of Norwich pilgrimage, and retreats at Shrine Mont. In my working life, I spent 30 years conducting research and evaluation of programs for families with low incomes. These days I devote time to our diocesan migrant solidarities ministry: Episcopal Migrant Belonging Resistance and Action Coalition (EMBRACE). I also love the outdoors, making art, and spending time with family and friends.



Jason Rodriguez Masi

Jason Rodriguez Masi is a Senior Data Analyst at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), where he evaluates federal programs and policies. He holds a Ph.D. in Community Research and Action from Vanderbilt University, a program that emphasized social research and community-based interventions. He has been an active member of the Washington National Cathedral community since 2023. Alongside his wife, Anna, he co-leads the Young Family Ministry, and his two-year-old son, Theodore, is a joyful part of the Cathedral's youngest generation. In both his professional and church life, Jason is passionate about thoughtful collaboration, inclusive community-building, and serving with integrity.



Beth Still

Beth Still is a retired school administrator living in Traverse City, Michigan. Throughout her career as an educator, she specialized in Curriculum, Instruction and Gifted Education. She has served on several boards including the Michigan Association for Gifted Children, and currently supports school principals. She volunteers at the local alternative high school supporting at risk students. Beth has been involved with the cathedral since Covid made streaming the cathedral services accessible. With the cathedral she has been a part of Lamplighters, Bible Study groups, and facilitates the on-line book club. She has visited the cathedral several times and enjoys both the on-line and in-person fellowship opportunities the cathedral offers. She looks forward to deepening her relationships and serving the Cathedral in this new opportunity from afar.



John Vitaliz

My Cathedral journey began on Easter Sunday in 2023, when my wife, Laura, and I attended Easter service together for the first time. From that very first service, we felt a profound sense of welcome and belonging, and the Cathedral became our church home where in May 2025, we were confirmed by Bishop Gene Robinson. The Cathedral community has played an important role in my spiritual life, strengthening my faith through worship, fellowship, and service. I am especially grateful for the relationships I have built with our clergy and fellow congregants, and for the opportunity to serve as a licensed Lay Eucharistic Minister. I have lived in the Washington, DC area since August 2008, when I began a rewarding career in public service. Before moving to Washington, I earned a Master of Public Policy degree from the College of William & Mary and a BA in Economics from New York University.
