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Vestry Candidates, 2021

This special edition of the *Calvary Connection* presents the slate of candidates for the Vestry election at the Annual Meeting, to be held in the church Sunday, June 27, after the 10:30 service. Five new members will be elected to three-year terms (dated from the beginning of 2021). The candidates are listed below in alphabetical order, and the biographical statements are in their own words.

Will Cary



Life member of Calvary. I've served as Sr. Warden twice and currently help with house and grounds projects. I have also been helping lately doing the audio for streaming and in house. I am willing to serve again.

Pattie Davidson



I was born and raised in Hopkinsville, KY, raised in a lovely Baptist church there. At about age 12 I spent the night with a friend at her grandmother's who "made" us go to church with her. It was Grace Episcopal Church - I loved it! I decided then that I wanted to be an Episcopalian but the rector, a friend of my parents, told them I was too young to be confirmed. I finally was confirmed in the early sixties at St. Paul's Episcopal Church after moving to Louisville. While there I taught Sunday School, sang in the choir and helped with Vacation Bible School. In the early eighties I'd been attending St. Mark's on Frankfort Avenue when I was stolen away from there by my friend, Katherine Luckett (now Reed), who assured me I would just love Calvary. And of course I did. I have been here ever since. This church and its members have meant so much to me and my family. All my children and grandchildren have been baptized and/or confirmed here.

I am a Registered Nurse by training and have degrees in Psychology and Philosophy. I worked at Methodist Hospital then University Hospital prior to pursuing a career as a Clinical Research Associate. I monitored and managed sites throughout the U S where new drugs were being tested on patients. I have been retired for four years but still have an active nursing license. I volunteer as a nurse at Family Community Clinic at St. Joseph Catholic Church and was proud to be a volunteer to administer the Covid vaccine.

During my years here I have been on the Altar Guild and twice have been chair of the Hospitality Committee. While I do not know the specifics of the Vestry Committees I am certainly aware of their function. I should be very honored and proud to be a member. I am a critical thinker, a logical thinker, an organizer and I get along well with others.

Burnell Esbenshade



I am a grandmother of four (ages 8-23), an ordained deacon, a retired French teacher, a school and church administrator, a supporter of Calvary's feeding ministry, and a CASA volunteer.

I am married to Don Esbenshade, a semi-retired Physics teacher. We live "across the bridge."

I graduated from Stuart Hall, Centre College, and Vanderbilt University. I am a native of Louisville. I was on the founding faculty of St. Francis High School and the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program. The last seventeen years of my teaching career were spent in an inner-city public school in St. Louis. After decades in St. Louis, we returned home for retirement.

I was ordained an Episcopal deacon by the Missouri Diocese fourteen years ago. As a deacon I was probably best known for my work in planning urban mission, pastoral care of the elderly, and parish administration.

Don and I are a CASA team. As Court Appointed Advocates for Abused and Neglected Children, we have shepherded ten children from terrible circumstances to healthy homes. We have seen the youngest victims of the opioid crisis. The work is emotionally demanding, and yet one of the most rewarding things we have ever done.

I am a worker. I sewed 600 masks for the clients of our food pantry and am eager to return to making 200 peanut butter sandwiches each Thursday. I believe small things count.

My own spiritual journey has been a search for balance between "being" and "doing." I see that Calvary is on a similar trip. We at Calvary are privileged to be a warm and accepting people in a beautiful space with high standards of heavenly music and graceful liturgy. We are also called to serve the less privileged and to do so with love, respecting the dignity of every human being. We can and should "be and do" both.

Beverly Haverstock



I look forward to many more happy years with Calvary and its fine people. I will do whatever I can to see it thrive! I have been a member of the Calvary community since the mid 1980's. My first undertaking was that of laundress of altar cloths and purificators under the tutelage of Ms. Dorothy Carter. My next job was that of The Jolly Green Grocer stocking shelves after church with donated canned goods for the food closet. Over the years I have enjoyed serving as Lay Reader, Sunday School Teacher, Chalice Bearer, Choir Singer, Food Closet Volunteer, Vestry Member (two terms - seven years, one extended year), Stewardship CoChair, and Telephone Answerer. Because I strongly believe in the value of community. I look forward to helping rebuild our Calvary Community as we enter this new day searching for and finding ways to embrace, interest, and include our online friends as well as our in-person community.

Elyse Hensley



I have been a member of Calvary since 1990. My husband Michael and I joined shortly after the birth of our oldest daughter because of the wonderful music program. Our three girls were raised at Calvary.

I am a newly retired teacher, having spent 13 years as an elementary music teacher, then moving on to a general elementary classroom. I used my music teaching skills at Calvary to teach the children's choir for several years when my daughters were young. I have sung with the choir for some intervals but prefer sitting with Michael in the pews. I was elected to the vestry around 2001. I have served as a lay eucharistic minister in the past and continue to be a lay reader, usher, and member of the Stewardship Committee.

James Moody



My name is James Moody and I'm running for the vestry. I have served once before, and also have served as the treasurer. I have been Captain of the Ushers for the last six years, I have worked with the food and clothing ministries. I am a graduate of EFM. I'm currently an Alternate House of Delegates Lay person. I have a very strong commitment to Calvary; in my short time here, 10+ years, I've grown to love the people that I worship with every week. If elected to the vestry I would bring my unique perspective of things to the group. On a personal level I live with my two dogs Jake and Justine, and we just do some traveling here and there.

Sally Reisz



I am a cradle Episcopalian and worshipped at Christ Church Cathedral in Lexington, Kentucky until I left home for Centre College. I have lived in Louisville since moving here in 1976 to attend the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law and joined Calvary Episcopal Church in 1980, when Rev. Ben Sanders was named as Rector. My husband, Jack, and I raised our daughters, Betsy and Katie, at Calvary. After practicing law for several years at Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald, and a stint as a full-time mother, I owned and operated Editorial Services Company, a tourism business for more than 20 years, publishing *Welcome to Greater Louisville*, the visitor's guide, and *Kentucky Travel Guide*. I am now happily retired!

I have been active at Calvary for 40 years, serving on the Vestry four times (Junior Warden 2004, Senior Warden 2005, Treasurer 2017-present) and on various committees, including the Calvary Endowment Advisory Committee, Grounds Committee,

Calvary Care Committee, Hospitality Committee, Stewardship Committee, Time & Talent Committee and a Rector Search Committee. As Treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee, I have a particular interest in the financial health of the church and am pleased that we have been able to operate within our budget for the last four years. I hope that my experience and institutional knowledge would be an asset to the Vestry.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the Calvary Episcopal Church Vestry again at this point in our history. I believe our warm community of faith, under the able leadership and pastoring of our Rector, The Rev. Dr. Lee Shafer, will continue to advance our mission to make the Gospel known in worship, word and action. My focus as a Vestry member would be to support Lee and our Calvary family to explore new and innovative ways to enhance our worship experience and to look for opportunities for the Holy Spirit to work through Calvary Episcopal Church in our community.

David Stewart



Deborah and I were invited to attend Calvary the first time by our friends and neighbors Milton Moore and John Delahaye. We had been looking for a church home. In 2003, because of their encouragement, we joined the Episcopal Church and Calvary. Since then, we've both participated in services as well as with our gifts and willingness to help.

I have been on the Vestry twice. I served as the Secretary. I have served on discernment committees. For a period, I edited the Calvary Connection. For many months, I was on a Long-Range Planning Committee. Over the years, my photographs have helped document life at Calvary. Many of those pictures are shown throughout the church website now. I captured a [3D Tour of Calvary](#) during the last Rector Search to show the candidates the physical layout of Calvary. It is still a feature on the website. I was not on that committee. But I helped set up Zoom for meetings with the candidates and provided a presentation describing Calvary, its members, and its ministry.

Serving during services has always been a special offering for me. Being a lay reader, a Lay Eucharistic Minister, a Sub-Deacon and a Thurifer have been important to me. Another meaningful period for me was a time years ago. I offered morning prayer in the church at 7AM many mornings in the weeks leading up to Easter. Deborah and I have offered our home for Foyer dinners and as a means of raising funds for Calvary's capital campaigns.

These activities at Calvary over the years have been less a use of my talents and more a manifestation of my willingness to follow a path that I think Christ has set before me. I approach this election of new Vestry members in the same fashion. I prayerfully offer my gifts and services for whatever purpose Calvary and Christ can make of them.