

## **Appendix II**

### **Chapter Candidate ~ Nominee Biography and Statement**

#### **Jill L. Sanford**

##### **What brought you to St. Paul's Cathedral and why did you stay?**

On 9-11-2001 my father and I were on a trip in northern California. We came back to San Diego as quickly as possible and looked for a church service to attend. We found a service being offered at St. Paul's, a church neither of us had previously attended. The Reverend Canon Lee Teed was the preacher and her message was one of encouraging calm, patience, and tolerance, in contrast to the hatred and calls for war being urged by many. I immediately felt at home at St. Paul's. Sandy, my now wife, and I were looking for a church home; we came to St. Paul's and have not left. (One of the first classes we took was on the Koran, taught by a Catholic nun to better understand Islam.

##### **With what activities or ministries have you been involved and how?**

My baptism was performed by Reverend Teed in 2000. During my instruction session she asked if I followed football and said Drew Brees, then the Chargers' quarterback, would be baptized at the same time. (As we know, he became a Saint first.) I served on Chapter after being confirmed in 2006. I served as an acolyte from approximately 2007 until 2019. In 2009, I was selected to serve on the Task Force on Holiness in Relationships and the Blessing of Same-Sex Relationships, a Diocesan committee. From this experience, I first learned to trust the Holy Spirit because it was difficult to reach consensus, but then we did. Currently I am a person trained in Listening Hearts, I am a Stephen Minister, I take communion to individuals unable to come to the Cathedral, and I completed the four-year Education for Ministry curriculum in 2022. I attended the Sacred Ground series taught by Robbie Ewell. I was part of Nancy Tarbell's initial planning group of Women Together. Sandy Lawrensen and I have been part of a Foyer dinner group since 2006. This past Lent, I participated in a book study with Rev Carol Worthing on the last week of Christ's life. I have been a member of the Peace and Justice Committee for several years and have annually helped with the Fair Trade Expo. Sandy and I assisted with offering two Forums on Palestine, offering information on the creation of Gaza and the West Bank. I have participated in three Parish Discernments after being trained to do so, two as a co-leader.

##### **To which strategic goal area would you most want to be a Chapter Liaison (Cathedral for the City, Community, Formation, Music & Arts, Outreach & Justice, or Worship)? Why?**

As we develop the newly created spaces our campus reconstruction has afforded one possible role on Chapter I could potentially fill is to be a liaison between Voices for the City and the Cathedral. I could also report to Chapter on the activities Peace and Justice are considering, as I would continue to attend these meetings. I would anticipate learning other ways I could participate as I understand Chapter's role and responsibilities.

##### **What attributes and gifts do you bring to the ministry of Chapter (please include any pertinent educational, professional or community experience)?**

My professional background is working with individuals with disabilities, mental and physical, both congenital and acquired. I have a good understanding of community resources and could assist in making referrals for services to congregants, if needed. I see myself as a person able to work across differences.

##### **Why do you feel called to serve on Chapter?**

I appreciate all that I have received from the Cathedral, educationally and spiritually, and see serving on Chapter as a possible way to give back to this community. I see being on Chapter as a way to feel additionally integrated into the life of the Cathedral.