

Robert Heylmun



Chapter Candidate Nomination Form (Third Party)

1. Nominee: Robert Heylmun, rdheylmun(at)gmail(dot)com
2. Nominator: Sue Kelly, suegkelly(at)hotmail(dot)com
3. Please describe the nominee's involvement with and affinity for the Cathedral? In what other ways does the nominee practice his/her personal ministry?
Robert is a long-time member of St Paul's who found in us his spiritual home after attending and appreciating the beauty of the Evensong service. He is a regular attendee of Sunday morning and evening services and has been an active acolyte, vergier and lay reader.
He lived for many years abroad in Assisi and welcomed visitors from St Paul's as well as being active at his local Anglican parish, often performing second western-style weddings for largely Japanese tourists and thereby helping to fund the restoration of the organ and other parish projects. He is a strong supporter of the music program over the years, a graduate of EfM, and has been a member of a foyer group for over 25 years. He is a regular attendee of the Friday "Breakfast with the Dean" group, and was one of the founding members of Integrity at our then-parish.
4. How does this person live out the Cathedral's mission to "Love Christ. Serve Others. Welcome All."?

He is not afraid to speak his mind about his love of St Paul's and is particularly supportive of the LGBTQ community and welcomes newcomers (of any persuasion) to St Paul's.

4. What professional and personal skills would the nominee contribute to the Chapter?

Robert served in the Navy as a young man, and was an educator as his vocation. He is articulate and well-read, and a wonderful writer.

5. Why would the nominee would make a good Chapter member?

Robert was willing to stand for nomination to Chapter and that is always a good starting place, as it shows an openness to both the process and support for the group and institution. Robert loves St Paul's, and although a person of strong views and opinions, can change and mellow and seek renewed relationship when confronted with a differing viewpoint. I think his love can temper his tenacity.

Chapter Nominee Biography and Statement (Self Nomination)

1. Nominee Name/Phone/Email: Robert Heylmun
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2. What brought you to St. Paul's Cathedral and why did you stay?

40 years ago. It was the music. When I moved to San Diego, I found St Paul's to be a spiritual home for me.

3. With what activities or ministries have you been involved and how?

Lector, altar (sometime ago), verger, Integrity convener, EfM graduate

4. 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?

Cathedral for the City. One area that we are only beginning to touch is the LGBT community.

I feel that I can serve as a liaison between that community and the Cathedral.

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

Speaking skills, organizational skills, teacher, lecturer.

6. Why do you feel called to serve on Chapter?

I can contribute years of experience as a gay Episcopalian, bringing that perspective to Chapter and reminding the Cathedral's governing body that we gay people are considerable. I feel called to continue the work already begun for inclusion and recognition.