

Tom Barb



Appendix II

Chapter Nominee Biography and Statement (Self Nomination)

(Please include a photo when submitting this document)

1. Nominee Name/Phone/Email:

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

There was a widening schism between Church leaders in the United Methodist Church where I was a member for most of my adult life. The global church would not recognize or support me as an individual. A friend noted that I visit St Paul's. I visited and ultimately became a member of the church and became an Episcopalian. The welcome all inclusion factor at St Paul's signed the deal for me. Love Christ/Serve Others/Welcome All.

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

Evangelism Ministry Committee—Committee Clerk, Member of “the squad” where we go door to door in the neighborhood to deliver flyers of upcoming events and share the Good News. I also have become involved with the monthly Community Dinners on Wednesday nights by setting up the guild room and helping to cook. I have also helped support the Mardi Gras dinner activities the last 2 years. I also am a greeter where I welcome new guests in the cathedral on Sunday mornings. I also helped in the annual SPC picnic during the Pride events.

Chapter—I served as Chapter Clerk for the monthly Chapter meetings for almost 3 years. I then helped with the training and transition process for the new clerk.

Altar Guild—I serve on the 3rd Sunday Altar Guild team preparing for the services by supporting our clergy along with AG sanctuary needs that arise to make the service experience as complete and perfect as possible. I also served as AG lead for one season during the church calendar.

SPC Lector Group – I am a current Lector that participates in the liturgy readings for our Sunday services.

Facilities Administration - I worked on some administrative audit support for the Finance department. I also have become a mass mailing letter stuffer/addressor when the church sends out mass mailings. I also helped with covering Judy MacDonald's desk while she was out on medical leave. I also helped in the painting project of the Fireside room getting it ready for the Voices of the City to move in.

Petal Pushers – I am a member of Jen Jow and Kathleen Burgess petal pusher group. We meet seasonally where we refresh our stained-glass window boxes in the nave of the church with seasonal silk flowers.

4. Chapter is considering a strategic plan with four major goal areas for the cathedral community to prioritize over the next few years:
 - 3 Build Disciples for Today and Generations to Come (*formation, worship, justice*)
 - 2 Build Community and Congregational Connection (*growth, incorporation/fellowship*)
 - 1 Be Good Stewards of our Resources (*finance, campus, operations*)
 - 4 Serve as a Cathedral in the City, for the City (*interfaith, ecumenism, public space*)

Please rank these four areas in descending order of interest to you, with 1 being the item of most interest.

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

My past service as Chapter Clerk has given me knowledge of the governing activities of the group and should allow me a seamless integration into Chapter responsibilities. My past job at Qualcomm was in their tax department with emphasis on international customs clearance and value added tax recovery. I definitely learned the critical skills of record keeping and proper documentation. I feel I am an open individual and have a gift to listen and evaluate the situation before I speak and engage. Some community experience I have is I am the assistant vice president of my Talmadge community Block Party Committee Organization where we host a yearly block party bringing our community neighbors together with food, activities for the kids, and live music for our Talmadge neighbors.

6. Why do you feel called to serve on Chapter at this time in your life and in the life of the cathedral?

After all these years in church membership, I finally feel connected and completely welcomed in our church in general. I believe the good Lord sent me to SPC when I was having difficulties navigating my Christian path in life at my prior congregation. Much of this is due to St Paul's love with inclusion and opportunities for Christian growth. I would like to give back what I can to keep our church strong, help them to continue with their financial security, and to help them spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

(Confidential: please submit to the People's Warden)

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2. Nominator Name/Phone/Email: __Konnie Dadmun 619-298-9670 konnie.dadmun@gmail.com

3. What qualities do you see in the nominee that lead you to recommend them for leadership in the parish?

Eager to help in many different ministries. Completes the job he says he will do. He is cheerful about it.

4. Specifically, how does the nominee live out the Cathedral's mission to "Love Christ. Serve Others. Welcome All."?

I think Tom is a seeker and wants to spread the Good News. He is on the Evangelism Committee and he welcomes others into the church and seems to continue to make many feel welcome. Tom also serves in other ministries.

5. Bearing in mind the corporate nature of Chapter deliberations and Chapter's role as spiritual leaders in the parish, why would the nominee would make a good Chapter member?

Tom has a good mind for working in corporations. He worked at Qualcomm for many years in a very responsible position. He would contribute in the areas he would have knowledge and would not sit quietly when it came time to deliberate. Tom is a team player in his cathedral [work. He](#) would take his responsibility seriously and carry through his obligations.