



# ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

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### Appendix II

#### Chapter Nominee Biography and Statement (Self Nomination)

(Please include a photo when submitting this document)

1. Nominee Name/Phone/Email: Jairus Kleinert / (810) 357-5700 / jairus.kleinert@gmail.com

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

I began attending St. Paul's Cathedral in 2014 when I relocated to San Diego. I wanted to join a church that practices liturgical worship, emphasizes evangelism and service to the community, and welcomes LGBT people, and I found all of these elements at St. Paul's. I joined the confirmation class and the young adults group where I started to build relationships, gained a deeper appreciation for the Episcopal church's thoughtful and reasoned perspective on faith, and heard testimonies from people who were welcomed at St. Paul's after feeling rejected by other churches. All of this confirmed to me that St. Paul's was the place where I wanted to make a long-term commitment as a member.

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

My primary ministry involvement has been as a leader in the young adults group, as an altar server, and as the chair of the stewardship committee. I have also served one prior term as a member of Chapter.

4. Chapter is considering a strategic plan with four major goal areas for the cathedral community to prioritize over the next few years:

- 1 Build Disciples for Today and Generations to Come (*formation, worship, justice*)
- 3 Build Community and Congregational Connection (*growth, incorporation, fellowship*)
- 2 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)?

See following page.

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

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

My educational background is in chemical engineering, and I work in product development at a biotechnology company. I have been a member of different churches my entire life, and my formative experience in Christian leadership was as president of my college campus ministry. In my time at St. Paul's, I believe that I have gained insights into the diverse needs and expectations people bring to the church through my involvement in the young adults group; into what is required to make our worship services happen through my participation in the altar server ministry; and into the cathedral's finances through my prior service on Chapter and as stewardship committee chair. I believe these experiences will help me contribute to Chapter. A couple of personal strengths that I believe may help me to be an effective Chapter member are that I can be a good listener and that I can bring an analytical approach to solving problems.

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

I believe that the critical present challenges facing the cathedral are to establish a sustainable financial trajectory and to learn how to change our ministries as needed to connect with the next generation of parishioners while maintaining our essential traditions and remaining faithful to the Gospel. I feel called to serve on Chapter to do my part to make sure that St. Paul's is well positioned to be a relevant place of spiritual refuge and nurture and an advocate for a just and peaceful society long into the future.



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### Chapter Candidate Nomination Form (Third Party)

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

1. Nominee Name/Phone/Email: Jairus Kleinert/810-357-5700/jairus.kleinert@gmail.com
2. Nominator Name/Phone/Email: Demetreus Gregg/410-900-0125/demgregg@me.com
3. What qualities do you see in the nominee that lead you to recommend them for leadership in the parish?

Jairus has been a leader in the Cathedral for many years. He has previously served on Chapter, has headed our Stewardship Committee faithfully, serves as a Verger and Lay Eucharistic Minister and Co-Chairs the Cathedral's Legacy Society. His devotion and commitment to our communal life together makes him an ideal candidate to serve on the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. Jairus embodies the qualities of a servant leader and is a thoughtful and strategic thinker. As we think about the Cathedral's future and how we can position ourselves to be a beacon of community that welcomes all wherever they are on their faith journey, I have complete and absolute faith in Jairus' ability to help us fully live into this mission.

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

Jairus, in my experience, is a man of deep faith and has selflessly served our Cathedral community without hesitation. He has been instrumental in maintaining the vitality of our young adults group and has worked to welcome new young adults and families to our church. I would be remiss if I did not mention that Jairus' warmth, friendliness, commitment and dedication played a huge part in inspiring me to become more active in Cathedral life. I can say without reservation that he truly embodies the Cathedral's mission.



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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?

Jairus is a strategic and thoughtful leader, which makes him an ideal Chapter member. I have had the pleasure of working alongside him in our Stewardship work and have always found him to be a collaborative partner in advancing the mission of the Cathedral. The multiple ways that he has dedicated himself to the mission and ministry of the Cathedral in addition to his personal and professional expertise lends itself well to the qualities of a member of Chapter. I believe wholeheartedly that he will approach this work with seriousness and lend his many gifts to the corporate governance of the Cathedral.