

## Biographical Statements of the Nominees

Nominees for Bishop of Chicago



### The Rev. Jane S. Gould

Priest in Charge / Rector, St. Stephen's Memorial Episcopal Church, Lynn, Mass. [www.ststephenslynn.org](http://www.ststephenslynn.org)

A parishioner sent me a card featuring the archangel Michael, writing, "Michael subdues the dragon allowing its evil to transform. ... Your willingness to call things out and take them on makes more room for the spirit to transform lives."

My archangel training began early as I claimed space in the world of my three older sisters and as I accompanied my mother to myriad meetings of social service agencies in Washington DC. As I found my way to such places as King's Poor People's March on Washington and antiwar protests, the Stanford Athletic Director's office seeking implementation of Title IX, rallies encouraging divestment from South Africa, and the Washington ordinations in 1975, working for justice shaped my life.

At MIT in the 1990s, I challenged both the Institute and the church to consider often ignored issues of ethics, mission and vocation. I also worked with ESMHE at General Convention 2003 to elect a young adult to Executive Council. In Massachusetts, I have organized on such issues as parochial assessments, urban strategy, immigrant ministry, and the Episcopal election of Barbara Harris.

In more than twenty years of ordained ministry, I've served urban, suburban, diocesan, and campus ministries always asking how God works among those present and who might be missing. In my current parish, these questions have led me to attend meetings with police and gang members, to build relationships with students and faculty at an evangelical Christian college, and to invite African Anglicans to launch a Kiswahili service and outreach ministry.

If archangels seek individual and institutional transformation, I relish the challenge. It is the work into which Christ calls us.



### The Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee

Rector, St. Thomas Church, Medina, Wash. [www.stthomasmedina.org](http://www.stthomasmedina.org)

I was born and raised in Sturgis, Mich. I graduated from the University of Michigan where I majored in music and German literature. After working in New York City, I entered Nashotah House Seminary and was ordained priest in 1985 in the Diocese of Northern Indiana. I served there as Canon to the Ordinary and in the Diocese of Indianapolis as a new church developer. From there I was called to be Rector of St. Christopher's Church in River Hills, Wisc. and came as Rector to St. Thomas Church, Medina, Wash. in 2000.

I am a member of the faculty of the CREDO Institute, Inc. On Seattle's Eastside, I initiated an inter-religious dialogue that led to the creation of Together We Build, an interfaith home-building project in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. I have served on the board of the North American Association for the Diaconate, the Council of Associated Parishes and the board of Affirming Catholicism. I teach in the Diocesan School of Theology and work as a congregational development consultant and retreat leader. I have twice been a deputy at General Convention. I am the author of *Opening the Prayer Book* in the New Church's Teaching Series, and have written for the Episcopal Church web site. I contributed to CREDO's Clergy Wellness Report, released to the 2006 General Convention.

I have been married to Lisa Rogers Lee for 27 years, and we are the parents of two children, Katherine Challoner Lee and Jonathan Rogers Lee.



## The Very Rev. Tracey Lind

Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio [www.trinitycleveland.org](http://www.trinitycleveland.org)

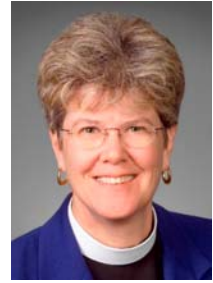
Greetings from another windy city on a lake. I am honored to be one of your nominees for bishop.

My call to proclaim God's justice, love, and mercy for all creation has led me to spend 20 years strengthening and sustaining urban and suburban congregations. In doing so, I have integrated my background in community planning, organizational development and nonprofit leadership.

I believe in the abundant grace that springs from practicing radical hospitality; in the power of quality liturgy, stewardship and education to sustain us in Christian life; and in the urgent and absorbing errand of community engagement to which we are called as witnesses of God's love made known to us in Jesus. Through my spiritual journey, I have developed an abiding hope that the things that separate us from one another may be overcome in the oneness of God.

My life with my partner, Emily Ingalls (a cradle Episcopalian), is the gift that most sustains me. Together, we tend our garden, travel, hike, bicycle, enjoy the arts, and spend time with family and friends. And I like to fly fish, run, read, write and look for God in silence through the third eye of my camera.

Thank you for asking me to participate in your process to discern the future of God's people in the Diocese of Chicago. I am excited about the possibility of serving and leading a diocese that is Midwestern, metropolitan and motivated by mission. May God bless your work with wisdom, grace, and joy.



## The Rev. Margaret R. Rose

Director of Women's Ministries, The Episcopal Church  
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I grew up an Episcopalian in the rural South during the early years of desegregation. Memories of that experience ignited my passion to work on issues of social justice in the community and the church. I went to public schools in Georgia and then to Wellesley College and Harvard Divinity School. During those years, I studied political science at the Institute of Politics in Paris, spent a semester at the World Council of Churches and the University of Geneva and served for a year as an intern in a Lutheran Church in what was then West Germany.

Ordained in Massachusetts in 1981, I served parishes and community organizations in that Diocese. In 1992, I was called to St. Dunstan's, Atlanta, serving on the Commission on Ministry, Deputy to General Convention and organizing with the Industrial Areas Foundation project. The return to the South was an opportunity to deepen the work of anti-racism and my conviction that our faith compels us to be engaged in the public arena.

Since April 2003, I have served as Director of Women's Ministries for the Episcopal Church. The most exciting work recently has been in gathering women from around the Anglican Communion to participate at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. The local and global connections formed in this work have been a vital part of our commitment to the Millennium Development Goals.

I have two daughters in college, Miriam and Hannah. I love the city, hiking, running, traveling the globe and eating and cooking good food.



## The Rev. Timothy B. Safford

Rector, Christ Church, Philadelphia [www.christchurchphila.org](http://www.christchurchphila.org)

To my brothers and sisters in Christ in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago and the Anglicans in all of Northern Illinois: I am humbled and honored to be sharing in this discernment with you.

I was born in 1959, baptized in 1969, and received sacred orders in 1985. I have served parishes in Bridgeport, Conn., Pasadena, Calif., and since 1999, Christ Church in Philadelphia. Gathering in this ecclesiastical and national historic landmark, we have labored hard these past years to be a congregation that looks toward our future as boldly as we stand on our past. Much of our growth has come from urban pilgrims under the age of 40.

I have a deep passion for preaching and teaching. My most significant spiritual discipline is tithing.

In the Diocese, I serve on the Commission on Ministry, working to strengthen the ordination process. I advocate for re-conceiving the nature and method of theological education to better serve the needs of parishes and missions in the rapidly changing and chaotic mission field. In the larger community, I have served through organizations that aid the homeless, advocate for children, reduce teenage pregnancies, fight the spread of AIDS, organize immigrants and refugees, and develop affordable housing. I have been pleased to represent our church, traveling to Central America, Southern Africa, Israel, and Palestine.

Anchored to each other 22 years, Lynn and I have been blessed by God and by our children Hannah (10) and Sarah (7).

