


2009 Nominee Biography

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Name *	Rev Paul Harris
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Parish *	non-parochial (serves at part-time interim, supply)
Deanery	in Delaware, Merion, Montgomery, Pennypack and Schuylkill
Office for which to be considered	Finance and Property
Occupation or Employer	Self employed
Are you willing to stand for election? *	Yes

1. What motivated you to seek nomination for this committee?

For the past thirty years (listed as non-parochial) I have served the Church in various part-time capacities in parishes and missions (e.g. curate, assistant, interim rector and supply priest). In this capacity (as well as being a professional in marketing/ communication and strategic planning), I have been involved in parishes/missions that are successful, growing and struggling to survive.

In many of these places, I have seen opportunities taken, and needs, strengths and weaknesses identified and met.

Also, I have witnessed opportunities missed and little or no self evaluation, inability or unwillingness to experiment with change which leads to growth eg: no strategic plan, little knowledge of needs of members, little experience on how to use financial and 'people' resources effectively, non-involvement with immediate community, ignorance and/or mistrust of the Diocese, and desire to "go it alone" rather than commitment to Diocesan 'teamwork.'

Result: God's work is not being done effectively

2. If nominated, what added value would you bring to the Diocese in moving the committee forward with God's work?

In addition to knowing and experiencing mission/parish responsibilities in many Deaneries, I have been a marketing director of several health care institutions, co-partnered a marketing/communication/ strategic planning firm, and presently co-own two retail stores in Philadelphia.

I believe I can bring to the table both church involvement, and expertise in the business world. As a clergy person and business person, I have my feet and hands in both worlds which, believe, gives me both a sensitivity and objectivity to my ministry in order to understand and meet both the spiritual and material needs of members of the community of faith.

I feel that I can bring another perspective to the Committee's important work to understand more the needs of missions/parishes, and help them to do God's work successfully by doing the best they can with what they have in financial and property resources.

3. Please list relevant experience.

Church Experience (part time)

Curate – St Mary, Bainbridge St.

Assistant – Trinity, Ambler; St Peter, Pine St and

The Cathedral

Interim Rector – St. Philip–In–The–Fields, Orland; St Dunstan, Blue Bell; and St. James, Kingsessing, Philadelphia

Supply Priest – numerous parishes and missions

Diocesan Committees – now defunct Communications and Editorial Board of Diocesan Newsletter

Secular Experience (full-time)

Director of Marketing/Communications – Graduate Hospital, West Park Hospital, MaGee Rehabilitation Hospital

CO-Partner – FH Associates, Marketing/Strategic Planning Consulting firm.

Co-Owner of Show of Hands Gallery and ADORNAMENTI, retail stores on Philadelphia's Historic Antique Row

Recommended for Nomination by

Lionel Broome and Ronald R Francis

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