

# Meet Trinity Episcopal Church's Discernment Committee

## Jack McCracken

Carol and I began attending Trinity in 2010. I'm a lifelong Episcopalian and have had the privilege to serve various congregations throughout the United States and around the world as a member of Vestry, a Lay Reader and a Lay Eucharistic Minister, etc. My last vestry gig was with the Trinity Vestry 2017-2020. I'm currently one of Trinity's Lay Delegates to the annual diocesan convention. I'm a career Soldier and retired from the US Army in 2010. I currently work in the Defense Industry. Carol and I are blessed with five grown children and more importantly 11 grandchildren.



## Amy Verner

Amy Verner is a Manassas native who grew up in the Baptist church, where she was very active in the music and youth ministries. She and her husband Chris Magee (and their cat, Gus) live in Manassas Park and have attended Trinity's 11 AM worship service for the past several years. Amy sings in the choir at the 11 AM service, and has served on the Vestry since January of this year. Amy has her undergraduate degree in Sociology and Elementary Education from The College of William and Mary, and her M. Ed. in Social Foundations of Education from the University of Virginia. In addition, she earned her ESOL Certification in 2016.

She has taught 4th grade for over 20 years at Signal Hill Elementary in the Manassas area. There, she has held various leadership roles, including Team Lead, Mentor for several new teachers, Accompanist for the school chorus, and Math Lead Teacher. She is also active in the local educators' union, the Prince William Education Association, having served on their Board of Directors from 2016-2020 and as Government Relations Committee Chair during the same time period. She has also held leadership roles on the state-level Communications Committee, and as delegate to both the VEA (Virginia Education Association) Convention and the NEA (National Education Association) Representative Assemblies.

She is humbled and grateful to serve on the Vestry and to be chosen to be on the Discernment Committee.

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## Tammie Arnold

I grew up in the Episcopalian community and have been a member of Trinity since 1991. When he was relatively new priest to Trinity, Stuart baptized my son Jonathan that year. Next week, as one of her last duties at Trinity, Vinnie will marry my fiancée Scott and me. I have loved Trinity all these years because of its sense of inclusiveness, the thoughtful and insightful sermons, and the light-hearted approach to guiding souls that was sometimes used to remind us of life's joys. (Does anyone remember Stuart in a grass skirt and Vinnie dressed as Elvis?).



I have a master's degree in education. Throughout my career, I taught in Fairfax County Public Schools for 38 years in Special Education and English. At Trinity, I taught Sunday school for many, many years. I have served on the vestry, been a part of Vacation Bible School, and served as chalice. Currently, I am ushering, reading, and greeting. Now, I am very excited to a part of Trinity's next great chapter.



## Kim Albrecht

In 2003 my wife, Terri, and I were lucky to find Trinity. From the first day we walked into the church we felt welcomed, included and invited into this LOVING community. I have grown in my faith and we have grown as couple because of Trinity. In 2011 we were married in DC. The next day our Union was blessed at Trinity. We wanted and needed God as part of our love and commitment. Together we have served in many Trinity community outreach programs. I have served as Sunday School Teacher, Junior Youth Group Leader, Vacation Bible School Teacher, member if the vestry, Senior Warden, Chalice Bearer, Greeter, and facilitated Via Media The Episcopal Way. Most recently, I participated in the Episcopal Church's Scared Ground Class, which touched me greatly.

I am recently retired after 33 years in Prince William County Public Schools. I worked in the classroom as a special educator and later an as Transition Specialist assisting students with their post secondary goals. I received my BS from ODU and MA from Virginia Tech. I have lived in Manassas since 1970. I love being outdoors. Terri and I enjoy traveling the country in our travel trailer. I like to fish, golf, and kayak and spend time with my friends and family. I am honored to be part of the Discernment Committee. Please keep us in your prayers.

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## Isaac Randall

My wife Brenda and I have been members of Trinity for seven years. We were searching for a church home that truly showed it was welcoming, inclusive and loving of everyone and we found that at Trinity. I have served as an usher, reader and member of the Trinity Gardeners since joining. I am a native of Arlington County and retired in 2020 after working for 42 years as an information management programmer/analyst at AT&T and Fairfax County Public Schools.

I now work part-time as a school crossing guard for the Prince William police department at Westgate Elementary in Manassas. I have a B.S. in Economics from Virginia State University and a Masters in Information Systems from City College of New York. Our daughters Aishah and Erin live in Prince William and we have 6 grandkids that range in age from 11 to 3 that keep us very active.



## Liz Nasher

I am originally from Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Mercyhurst University in Pennsylvania, where I received degrees in Fine and Performing Arts and Business Administration. I then came to Virginia to perform with a professional ballet company and to teach dance at several local studios. After retiring from dancing professionally, I pursued my teaching certificate in Middle Grades Mathematics Education from Western Carolina University. I now teach Math 7 and Algebra 1 at Manassas Park Middle School and teach dance at Virginia Dance Center.



I have been a member of Trinity for 18 years. I am a "Cradle Episcopalian" and when I first moved to Virginia, I planned to visit all the Episcopal churches that fell within a twenty-mile radius of my new apartment. I visited Trinity first because it was the closest. That week, Vinnie gave one of her passionate sermons, and although I do not remember what she talked about, I knew I had found my new church home. I currently sing with the Chamber Choir and in the past have served as a lay reader, young adult group leader, youth group leader, theology book club leader, and Sunday school teacher. Trinity has become such an important part of my life and I want to ensure that it remains a special place for everyone.

In my spare time I enjoy hiking, playing golf, attending ballets and musicals, cooking, reading, and listening to podcasts.

I currently reside in Bull Run with my cat, Katniss.

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## **Nick Duray**

My wife Jean and I have attended Trinity faithfully, ever since moving to the Manassas area from Miami in 1987. We had the interesting timing of arriving at Trinity when the last full time Rector, Ed Campbell, was ending his tenure and so experienced the process that eventually brought us Stuart.

I'm grateful that we had the opportunity to raise our two children, Liz and Michelle, in the parish. Over the years, my parish activities have included long-term participation in the choir, several decades plus serving as head teller, a stint on Vestry and participation on two seminarian lay committees. I'm also blessed to be one of the founding members of Trinity's men's group.

