

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held in the Nave of Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church on Sunday, January 21, 2018, following the combined 10:00 AM service, the following persons are nominated to serve on the Vestry and to serve as Lay Delegates to the Diocesan Annual Council. All nominees have consented to their nominations and have given assurance that, if elected to the offices or positions for which nominated, they will serve faithfully.

Children ages Pre-K, K, and older are invited to Holy Cross Chapel and the Palmer Youth Room for supervised activities after the 10:00 worship while parents attend the annual meeting; the nursery will be open for childcare needs. A lunch will be provided following the Annual Meeting.

VESTRY NOMINEES

(Five persons are to be elected to serve three-year terms, 2018-2020)

Kristina Goff (Kristie) Van Arsdel

Barbara Walsh Hass

Burdette Watts Keeland III

Frederick L. (Fritz) Glover

Kaiti Kaitlin Kling

Adaline Posey Martinez Saenz

Rita Justice

Albert Charles (Al) Hergenroeder

Neil Kenton (Ken) Alexander

Susannah Koontz Webb

LAY DELEGATE NOMINEES

*(Two persons are to be elected to serve two-year terms, 2018 -2019, and two persons will serve as Alternate Delegates for one-year terms, 2018.)***

Suzanne Miller

William (Bill) Robertson

Rand L. Key

Denise Allen Zwicker

**The Parish sends four Lay Delegates to Diocesan Council each year. John Wallace and Libby Spoede, Palmer's two Lay Delegates elected in 2017, will complete their two-year terms with their service in 2018.

Presentation of the Vestry candidates will take place on Sunday, January 14, at the 10:00 hour in the Parish Hall.

Absentee voting will be held on Sunday, January 14, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Tower Room outside Parish Hall.

Several reports on the parish will be presented orally at the Annual Meeting; the entire Annual Report will be available on Palmer's website. Additionally, a limited number of paper copies of the Annual Report will be available at the Annual Meeting.

VESTRY NOMINEES

NAME: Kristina Goff (Kristie) Van Arsdel

ADDRESS: 12418 Pinerock Lane Houston, TX 77024

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Tom Van Arsdel

NAME(S) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: Katie (13) and John (10)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Attorney, University of Houston Law Center

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts, Vanderbilt University; Juris Doctorate, University of Houston Law Center

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: n/a

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: I have been a member of Palmer for 20 years. Tom and I became active members of the Palmer community when our children grew to Sunday School age. We have been teaching Sunday School ever since. I coordinated the Palmer Sunday School program for two years as well as leading VBS and Kids in Service. I have also served on the Women's Retreat committee, the board of the Palmer Preschool, an associate rector search committee, coordinated the Mom's Helping Hands food ministry for new parents, made reference calls for the Safeguarding program, and served as a Serve Sunday team leader.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I was born and raised in the St. Louis area. I grew up Catholic and became Episcopalian in 2012. I attended Vanderbilt University where I graduated with a BA in English and met my husband Tom Van Arsdel. Tom brought us to Houston to attend the University of Houston Law Center. I worked as a writer/editor in the Medical Center before attending the Law Center. I have worked for the Law Center in various capacities, and am currently assisting students in preparation for the Bar exam. Tom and I have two children Katie (13) and John (10).

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: If elected to the Vestry, I will work to help Palmer achieve our mission. I am particularly interested in youth programs, given my children's ages. They have enjoyed participating in many of Palmer's children's ministries, which have laid a strong foundation. It is in the teen years that our work at Palmer continues. I am also interested in educational programs, service opportunities, and community gatherings for Palmers of all ages and stages of life. It is in these programs that we can grow closer as a Palmer community and, with that strength, reach further into the greater Houston community.

NAME: Barbara Walsh Hass

ADDRESS: 2634 Couch St., Houston, TX 77008

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Bill

NAME(S) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: Andy (43), Sarah (38)

EMPLOYMENT: Retired Teacher

EDUCATION: Lamar High School, Texas Tech University

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: n/a

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: Member since 1967. Formerly: two terms on the Vestry, Verger, Sunday School Teacher, Women's Retreat Committee. Currently: Daughter of the King, Outreach Council, Star of Hope Blessed Breakfast, Chalice Bearer; Co-Chair, Days for Girls Serve Sunday Sewing Project.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: Retired teacher - last school was Poe Elementary, volunteer tutor at Yellowstone Academy, volunteer textile arts instructor at Garden Oaks Montessori.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: Because Palmer has enabled my growth in the knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ for many years, one of my strongest desires is to help others to experience that also. So much of this growth happens simply by showing up and being open to it. I want to make Palmer's welcoming spirit more known so that others will come, hear the message, experience the love and want to share it too.

NAME: Burdette Watts Keeland, III

ADDRESS: 2332 Dunstan Rd., Houston, TX 77005

MARITAL STATUS: Single

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: n/a

NAME(S) AND AGE(S) OF CHILDREN: Elizabeth Gray LeMaster (35), Caroline Harrison (32), Taylor Whitty (29)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Keeland Associates, Inc., 5252 Westchester, Suite 170 Houston, TX 77005. Custom residential homebuilding, renovation, remodeling and real estate management.

EDUCATION: BBA in Finance/Real Estate—University of Texas (1976), High School—Lamar (1972)

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: Texas Society of Architects Honor Award (1982)

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: I joined Palmer in May, 1989. Currently I am serving on the Archway Academy Board of Directors, a position I have held since 2012, am co-leading the WCCM (Christian meditation group) at Palmer on Monday nights and am on Palmer's Outreach committee. For many years I have been an active participant in the Men's Bible Study. From 2010-2015 I ran the construction portion of Palmer's Bolivian Mission, went on the fire relief effort in Bastrop, and to New Orleans twice in 2007 to assist with mucking out houses. I served on the Palmer Place Apartments committee between 1999 and 2002 and headed up Palmer's Private Sector Initiative between 1996-2003, where Palmer undertook repair of siding and re-painting homes for low income Houstonians twice a year. In 1995, I served on the Junior Warden's Committee.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I am a native Houstonian, born at Hermann Hospital, grew up in Houston and attended Poe Elementary, Lanier Middle School and Lamar High School. In 1976 I started my real estate and construction company with my father. I am still running that company. All three of my daughters were raised at Palmer. I have been actively involved at Palmer for twenty-five years in various capacities, and am now ready to take a more active role at Palmer should I be given the opportunity to serve on the Vestry.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I believe that my work and study around my relationship with God and his Son, with and because of Palmer have brought me to a new understanding of God's love for me and for others, which I will continue to share. I feel that it is important for us to expand our focus on providing support to all our members—new and old—as we all move through this sometimes difficult journey we call life. I feel that my life experiences—particularly the work I have done around my relationship with Christ, family and being attentive to the needs and voices of those around me, can provide a positive perspective to the Vestry if I am fortunate and have the honor of serving in this capacity.

NAME: Frederic L. (Fritz) Glover

ADDRESS: 4435 Yoakum Blvd., Houston, TX 77006

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER / SPOUSE: Joan Baird Glover

NAME(S) AND AGE(S) OF CHILDREN: Justine (58), David (56)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Retired

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science (Chemical Engineering), University of Michigan; MBA, Harvard Business School

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: n/a

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: Joan and I came to Palmer in December 2014, immediately after our return from Ellensburg, Washington. We had married in Houston in June 1988 and in August moved to Washington. We were active in the Episcopal church in Ellensburg, where I served as Treasurer, Senior Warden, and Chair of the Endowment Trust Fund. In August 2015, Bishop Jeff Fisher appointed me to a Turn Around Team for St. Vincent's House, in Galveston, a social service agency of the Diocese. After eight months, the work of the TAT was successfully completed. We have continued to participate in outreach activities at Palmer with particular interest in the impact of poverty and immigration in the Houston area.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: Born in Detroit, I went to school in Grosse Ile, Michigan, and graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Chemical Engineering. In 1964, I received an MBA degree from Harvard Business School and continued my professional career in management and administration of several large corporations. In 1984 I came to Houston as General Manager at Texaco Chemical Co. I took early retirement in 1988, married Joan, and purchased a commercial orchard in central Washington state, where we started a new life. While in Washington, I was very active in the community and was recognized for several volunteer civic activities. In December 2014 we sold our 8,000-tree apple and pear orchard and returned to Houston.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: In three years since returning to Houston, Joan and I have become aware of numerous service opportunities currently available at Palmer. We connect best with those activities that are focused on the disadvantaged beyond the Palmer Church walls. My travel to Israel in 2016 has led to a keen interest in Jerusalem Peacebuilders. In addition, I want to be involved in programs that focus on the homeless, as well as immigrants and refugees. I envision Palmer as a conduit for greater involvement and impact on: the Episcopal Health Foundation, Interfaith Ministries, St. James Church, Star of Hope, Bridges out of Poverty, and Rice University's Religion and Public Policy Program. I welcome the opportunity to serve on Palmer's Vestry and where appropriate be an "ambassador" for Christ to these groups.

NAME: Kaiti Kaitlan Kling

ADDRESS: 4402 Stillbrooke Drive, Houston

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER / SPOUSE: Carl Classen

NAME(s) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: Ella Classen (14) and Liesl Classen (11)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Baylor College of Medicine

EDUCATION: BA in Business Administration, Trinity University; MBA Texas A&M University

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: n/a

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: I joined Palmer with my family 12 years ago. We wanted to participate in the life of our church and wanted a church closer to us and one that welcomed children in worship with us. I serve as a greeter for worship, and have enjoyed volunteering with and participating in the Camp Allen retreats, teaching Sunday, volunteering on Serve Sunday, and participating in the Rector's Forum. I've also been a member of a Palmer Small Group and Bible study for the past five years. My children were active in the choir when they were younger, and are currently serving as acolytes and participating in the youth group. My husband Carl has been a Palmer Change Ringer for the last five years.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I grew up in Amarillo, TX, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Following high school, I moved to San Antonio and attended Trinity University. I was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church, where I served as a youth leader for junior and senior high school students and worked as the Interim Director of the Youth Program during a staffing transition. Carl and I later married at that church. My career has always been in helping donors and organizations partner together to meet their common missions. I've worked in an independent school, at Rice University, and Baylor College of Medicine. I teach a class in the Glasscock School's Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership at Rice. I

am the Board Chair for Interface Samaritan Counseling Center, a behavioral health center that provides counseling services from a Christian perspective.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I believe in Palmer's mission to know and share the love of Jesus Christ and will work with clergy, staff, lay leaders and parishioners to that end. Particular areas of interest include youth and young adults, supporting parishioners' mental and physical health, and lending a supportive hand to our worship and music programs. I hope to grow more and deeper relationships within Palmer and forge strong alliances outside of Palmer to support our mission.

NAME: Adaline Posey Martinez Saenz

ADDRESS: 4515 Nenana Houston TX 77035

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Lawrence Saenz

NAME(s) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: Starks (5), Evie (3)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: CenterPoint Energy/Trader

EDUCATION: Rice University, BA in Political Science and Policy Studies, 2000

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: n/a

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: My husband and I were married at Palmer in 2008, and both children were baptized here. I was initially drawn into a more active role in the parish through a wonderful (and incredibly long lasting) Foyer Dinner group. Since then I have participated in a variety of areas, including the Parents of Young Families group, the Women's Retreat, Junior High Sunday School and most notably the Mother's Helping Hands ministry, where I organize meal trains for families who have added new members through birth or adoption, as well as families undergoing medical emergencies or other issues.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I am the daughter of a career Army officer who spent most of my childhood in the Washington D.C. area, before moving to Houston for my glory days at Rice. Since then I have worked at several energy companies, typically in a trade floor role, including Enron, Duke, Atmos, and now Centerpoint. Lawrence and I met while we were at Atmos, so we are thankful that the oil and gas industry brought us together! Our children keep us busy and on our toes. Starks is a thriving kindergartener at Kolter Elementary, and Evie is a charmer with limitless energy.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I intend to work to keep Palmer as the welcoming, inclusive and tolerant place that my family has always known it to be. I would like to continue to find ways to support our parishioners in their daily lives, expanding the efforts of groups like Mother's Helping Hands and making sure that all parishioners are aware of the ways in which Palmer is ready to help them. I'd also like to find ways to expand the ongoing efforts to interact with the city around us, whether that is Medical Center Ministries, Serve Sunday, or new ventures that haven't been explored yet.

NAME: Rita Justice

ADDRESS: 2615 Sunset Blvd. Houston 77005

MARITAL STATUS: Widowed

NAME(s) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: Cindy Justice (62)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: President of The Master Caregiver Company

EDUCATION: Ph.D.

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: Clinical Psychologist

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: Palmer became my spiritual home five years ago. For the first year, I went to church to refill my soul but it was only when I began to participate in the ministries that I became part of the Palmer Community. I am part of the Palmer Place Ministry, Senior Ministry, and the Women's Retreat Committee.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I am a native Houstonian and have lived in Houston all my life except for schooling. My undergraduate and graduate degrees in psychology are from UT-Austin. I was in private practice as a clinical psychologist for 40 years. Five years ago, I started a high-end caregiver company, The Master Caregiver Company, in response to needing better caregivers for my husband Blair. I co-authored books and lectured worldwide on child abuse and incest in the 1970s with Blair, who was also a psychologist and professor/associate dean at the UT School of Public Health. Blair and I helped found The Houston Aphasia Recovery Center (HARC), a wellness center for people who have aphasia, the communication disorder resulting from stroke or brain injury. My passions are my dog Tashi, HARC, my new company, my family, and silent meditation retreats.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: My understanding of the needs of seniors and connections in the community where I have spent my life gives me a perspective on resources that can help the Palmer seniors.

NAME: Albert Charles (Al) Hergenroeder

ADDRESS: 3819 Marlowe Street, Houston, TX 77005

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Gigi

NAME(s) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: A.J. (31), Alicia (29), Georgene (26)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Baylor College of Medicine/Physician

EDUCATION: University of Pittsburgh B.S./M.D.; Duke University Medical Center, Pediatric Residency; University of Washington, Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: M.D., Professor of Pediatrics

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: I joined Palmer in 2010. I have been a regular member of the Men's Bible Study since 2011, and the Palmer Writing Group in 2017. I have participated in the Angel Tree Ministry for several years, the last Faith Alive Weekend held at Palmer and Serve Sundays.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I was raised Catholic and confirmed as an Episcopalian in 1984. I was born in Pittsburg, PA, moved to Durham, NC where I met my wife Gigi; we have been married 33 years. We have 3 children. I have been a faculty member at Baylor College of Medicine and lived in Houston since 1986.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: In order for Palmer to achieve its mission it needs to have the structure and processes in place to achieve the desired outcomes. I believe I am a good listener, am able to assimilate facts, analyze them and make recommendations about maintaining structure and processes that help fulfill the mission and recommending changes where the mission is not being met. I also think I can help set objectives that are measurable and realistic. Palmer has made a difference in my life, helping me to grow in my faith. I would like to help that work continue.

NAME: Neil Kenton (Ken) Alexander

ADDRESS: 3727 Jardin St., Houston, Texas 77005

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Susan

NAME(s) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: Matthew (34), Reid (32), Christopher (26)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Porter Hedges LLP - Attorney (Partner)

EDUCATION: Rice University, B.A., 1975; Harvard Law School, J.D., 1978

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: Member, State Bar of Texas

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: This year, Susan and I celebrate the 40th anniversary of our wedding at Palmer and membership here. In that time, I have served twice on the Vestry (under Rectors Jeffrey Walker and Jim Nutter), twice on the Stewardship Committee and as its Chair, twice on the Finance Committee and as its Chair, as chair of the Rectory Committee, as a Chancellor for Palmer, and as a Chalice Bearer, Lector, and Kirking of the Tartans and Serve Sunday volunteer.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I first attended Palmer while a Rice student, and it has been Susan's and my second home since we married here in 1978. Our three sons grew up as Palmer acolytes. My service at Palmer has helped me understand more about building community and listening. My legal specialty is business litigation, which continues to teach me about human foibles. For the last 24 years, I have served as Scoutmaster and as an Assistant Scoutmaster at Troop 55, St. John the Divine, a troop of 200 Scouts, which has taught me much about adolescence and organizing adult and youth volunteers.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I think of Palmer as the Episcopal teaching hospital on Main with the mission of inspiring parishioners and clergy to serve and share the Gospel, including with the academic, medical, and arts communities surrounding Palmer. That vision attracts people to Palmer for worship, education, and service. I hope my service at Palmer, informed by that vision, will build on Palmer's strengths in worship, music, and education. I learned so much from Vestry, Stewardship, and Finance Committee service; I think I can put that experience to work to help Palmer shine even brighter as a beacon for Christ.

NAME: Susannah Koontz Webb

ADDRESS: 4011 Turnberry Circle, Houston, TX 77025

MARITAL STATUS: Married (15 years)

NAME OF PARTNER / SPOUSE: George Webb

NAME(S) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: n/a

EMPLOYMENT: Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Consultant and Owner at Koontz Oncology Consulting LLC in Houston

EDUCATION: Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) – University of Michigan (1996); Pharmacy Practice Residency (PGY1) – University of Kentucky (1997); Oncology Pharmacy Residency (PGY2) – University of Kentucky (1998)

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist (BCOP) and Fellow of the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (FHOPA)

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: Palmer has been my only Episcopal home. I was introduced to Palmer in April 1999, shortly after moving to Houston after completing my residency, and I've been a loyal parishioner ever since. I was confirmed as an Episcopalian in November 2000 (I had been baptized and raised Presbyterian), and George and I were married in the Nave on November 2, 2002. My service to Palmer has included serving on the Hospitality Guild (2009-Present), teaching Sunday School (2007-2012), helping to coordinate the Grand Slam Against Hunger softball tournament (2004-2007) and periodically volunteering with Vacation Bible School.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I grew up in Maryland but have called Houston home since 1998 when I started working at M.D Anderson Cancer Center as the Pediatric Clinical Pharmacy Specialist. In my current professional role as an oncology pharmacy consultant, I work with healthcare stakeholders to rationally apply cancer treatments in children and adolescents as well as advocate for state and federal legislation to fund cancer research and support cancer patients. My time away from the office is often spent with George cheering on Houston sports teams and the Rice Owls, traveling to places of historical interest, and appreciating drams of single malt scotch.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I consider myself fortunate to be a member of the Palmer family. As a parish, we are blessed with a unique location and a talented congregation, and the hospitality each of us extends to one another is heartwarming and inspiring. I firmly believe that we must not keep those gifts to ourselves. As a vestry member, I will help lead our efforts to share Palmer's warmth and inspiration with others to grow our membership, and to invite and welcome new members to our exceptional worship services and loving outreach ministries to further our mission.

LAY DELEGATE NOMINEES

NAME: Suzanne Miller

ADDRESS: 24835 Peach Knoll Ln, Katy TX, 77494

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: James R. (Jim) Miller

NAME(S) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: n/a

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Semi-retired executive consultant. Have been partner & co-owner of Vantage Associates-West, Inc. for last 10 years (a management consulting firm that works with senior executives, specializing in operational strategy, team dynamics and leadership).

EDUCATION: BS in Communications. Post-graduate studies in Psychology

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: Member of Institute of Management Consulting (IMC); Certified in Center for Creative Leadership and Birkman leadership/management assessment tools.

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: Joined Palmer in 2001. Past service includes Vestry, Finance Committee, Rector Search Committee and Women's Retreat Committee. Chaired Stewardship Committee and Discernment Committee. Served as Community of Hope Lay Chaplain at MD Anderson. Also worked with the Diocese of Texas as a consultant facilitating monthly priest sessions (Clericus groups) for three convocations in the Greater Houston area and conducted development workshops for curates at Camp Allen. Currently I am a Verger, Acolyte, Lector and Chalice Bearer at Palmer, a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) and attend the Wednesday Noon Bible Study.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: Daughter of Methodist minister and I have always valued the church. Married Jim in 2001 - have been at Palmer ever since. Jim has one adult son, so now I am lucky enough to have two grandchildren. We moved to Cinco Ranch from Montrose (2015) so I could care for my father. Although our commute is longer, we are committed to Palmer. I have always been called to serve. Past volunteer work included staffing women's empowerment weekends, shampooing patients' hair at TIRR, providing workshops for abused women and mentoring adolescent gang members to enable them to return to society.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: As a Lay Delegate representing Palmer at Diocesan Council, I will listen and participate with the commitment to bridge "business" with Palmer's Mission. At the parish level, I will be active in Serve Sunday functions and look for other ways to share Jesus' love to the world in between Palmer's quarterly events. At a deeply personal level, I strive daily to see Christ in each person, especially those in need or different from me. And I have taken a life-long vow as a DOK to pray daily for Palmer's spiritual growth, our clergy, and all those requesting intercessory prayer.

NAME: William (Bill) Robertson

ADDRESS: 1929 Timber Creek Drive, Pearland, TX 77581

MARITAL STATUS: Married

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Wendy Robertson

NAME(S) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: Sean, Mindy & Kayleigh (all married with families) - 7 grandchildren

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Retired (Human Resource Director - 30 years, Deli Manager - 10 years)

EDUCATION: BS Business Administration, Cornell University

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: n/a

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: Member since 2004, Education for Ministry Mentor, Grow Vessel Leader - 4+ years, Community of Hope Leader- currently, active in Men's Bible Study, many other ministry roles as requested or needed. Palmer Council Delegate - past two years.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: Born and raised in Corvallis, Oregon; Attended Cornell University; started career in Industrial and Labor Relations; Married Wendy and began family; moved to Texas in 1974, Houston in 1977.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: By being faithfully present to those whom I meet and to the decisions that need to be made in our community and the Diocese. My perspective of faithful presence includes listening to others' stories/points of view with care and prayer.

NAME: Rand W. Key

ADDRESS: 1804 Colquitt Street, Houston, TX 77098

MARITAL STATUS: Single

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: Partner – Larry Wood

NAME(S) AND AGE(S) OF CHILDREN: n/a

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Lone Star College System. I serve as the CEO of the Lone Star College System Office at University Park.

EDUCATION: J.D. Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, Birmingham, AL; M.B.A. Samford University, Birmingham, AL; M.Ed. University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL; B.S. Samford University, Economics, Birmingham, AL

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: Alabama State Bar, Member of the American Association of Community Colleges Commission on Economic and Workforce Development, Member of Houston West Chamber of Commerce, Member of the Texas Economic Development Council.

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: I visited Palmer numerous times before participating in the Connections class in 2015/16 with Rev. Dub Brooks. On Wednesday, April 13, 2016, I officially became a member of Palmer Memorial during a Holy Baptism & Confirmation service and reaffirmed my baptismal vows with Bishop Andy Doyle. I have found Palmer to be a warm and welcoming place. I serve with Will Denham as a greeter and I serve as an usher under the direction of Don and Mary Tobin. Many of you may remember me as the guy who served you hamburgers and hotdogs at our last outdoor cookout!

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: I was born and grew up in Decatur, Alabama, as the oldest of two siblings. I have one younger sister. Although I practiced law for several years it was not my passion – education was. I moved into higher education administration and have worked for community colleges in Wisconsin, Nevada and for the past ten years in Texas. I have a strong belief that education is a key element to living a full and productive life and I chose to work in community colleges because I believe in their mission. They are a vital entry point for many who cannot afford or do not have the educational skills to start in a four-year institution. My partner and I have been together for eight years and together we are active participants in the Houston Community contributing our time and talents to Legacy Hospital and other organizations. In my spare time I am an avid reader and enjoy theatre.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I believe the best way to share the love of Jesus Christ is to live a daily life that reflects our faith in our words and deeds. I have the spiritual gift of administration and at work or in a community organization I am often the one who volunteers or is chosen to lead a project. My spiritual gift enables me to organize, direct and implement plans to lead others in various ministries of the Church. To achieve Palmer's mission, we have to be active members and lead meaningful lives so others around us, either family, friends, or work associates, see Christ reflected in our daily life. I look forward to many meaningful years at Palmer

NAME: Denise Allen Zwicker

ADDRESS: 6326 Dew Bridge Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77479-5518

MARITAL STATUS: Divorced

NAME OF PARTNER/SPOUSE: My live-in sweetheart is Rick Scialdone

NAME(S) AND AGE(s) OF CHILDREN: Laura Elizabeth Zwicker Everhart (30), Paul Allen Zwicker (27)

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Freelance business/marketing writer

EDUCATION: B.A. Journalism/English (double major), Baylor University

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Former member of Mensa

HISTORY OF PALMER MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: A member since 1989, I was active in Episcopal Church Women and was Lesley Douthwaite's vice president. After 15 years singing in Palmer's adult choir, I now sing in a symphony chorus. I've volunteered for many Palmer writing projects (brochures, website, publicity). For years, I worked alongside Burdette Keeland and Rob Mosbacher, coordinating Palmer's Home Repair Days. I am a new lector and wedding-guild member. My sweetheart Rick and I served as Jerusalem Peacebuilders "shepherds" last summer. I have sweated on Palmer and diocesan service trips to Honduras (two), New Orleans (two) and Galveston. Long ago, I taught Sunday School.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: A cradle Episcopalian, I grew up in (Southern Baptist) Waco, Texas. My parents were extremely active members of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. I followed suit, first as a teenager in adult choir. Soon I was volunteering for many activities—especially after I married, moved to Houston and joined the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in 1974. I have a keen interest and fully participate in both outreach (prison ministry, home repair, service trips) and interfaith dialogue (Turquoise Center, Jerusalem Peacebuilders, Boniuk, Interfaith Ministries' Dinner Dialogues). I like to use my writing skills to serve Palmer and others.

HOW I WILL HELP PALMER ACHIEVE OUR MISSION TO KNOW AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST: I enjoy research and conversation; I have a great deal of experience in both research and interviewing through my 40-year career as a freelance writer. As a delegate, I would emulate my father—age 85 and dozens of times a delegate—attending pre-council meetings and discussing relevant matters with Palmer parishioners, clergy and staff, as well as with our convocation and delegates from other convocations (at council). I also would use my writing skills to communicate clearly with everyone involved. My business tagline is "Making concepts clear with copy." Distilling complicated concepts to their essence earns my daily bread.