

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**VESTRY**  
**CANDIDATES**  
**2018**



*The election will take place  
January 21, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall  
during the Annual Parish Meeting*

*Four Vestry members will be elected for three-year terms  
and two will fill non-expired terms.*

Section 5.2 of the Trinity By-laws states that "Men and women at least sixteen (16) years of age, who are "Enrolled, Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing of the Parish," and enrolled as such in the records of the Parish, are entitled to vote for members of the Vestry and upon all questions requiring action at the Annual Parish Meeting."

## **PAUL BOWER**



I have been working in the Information Technology (IT) industry for 30 years; of which 15 I have been managing IT teams in deploying IT solutions utilizing Project Management disciplines. I have been a member of Trinity Episcopal Church for 4 years of which I have lead the Welcoming team for 3 years. I have been an Episcopalian all of my adult life but was raised Catholic. I reside in Humble TX sharing a house with my friend & his family.

I look forward to the challenges that Christ places before me and try to see His spirit in everybody that I encounter.

## SHELBY BRADLEY



I was born, reared and educated in Philadelphia, PA. At the age of nineteen, I officially left the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and was confirmed at Saint John's, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania for the Church of Saint Barnabas Haddington, Philadelphia on November 27, 1966.

The parish was busy in the community and provided summer activities for neighborhood youth. We also had a program named "Girls Friendly" which encouraged and taught girls to sew, study, be confident, and exposed them to future career paths. I was elected to the Vestry and continued to participate in various program at our church.

After I graduated from Gwynedd-Mercy College, I moved to Houston and began to visit parishes. A new, local church home was needed. I finally joined St. John the Divine and became a member of the choir. I was also active in the establishment and program of Good Neighbor Healthcare Center. Unfortunately, this center is now closed. In 1990, I left Houston and moved to the Hopi Indian Reservation in Northeastern, Arizona.

For the next five years I taught English, Reading and created a Spanish course, a drama club, and an English course which focused on the works of Shakespeare. I was also able to fully develop my own Indian identity. By the time I returned to Houston in 1995, I was immersed in my own culture and learned to appreciate the real me. While at Hopi, I was awarded grants to study at Breadloaf School of English, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, and The Folger Shakespeare Library through Georgetown University. The opportunities allowed me to create course material for my students, and I was better equipped to prepare them for college and life.

1995 was the year I returned to Houston and found Trinity. Being part of the Trinity family and its community has given me countless opportunities to serve. In the beginning I joined the choir, helped serve at special events, and was voted to serve on the vestry. Outside of Trinity, I became active in the Native American Community.

It is my dream to see Trinity continue to grow and serve in its community. I believe that we must be true to our mission, and belief in Christ's teachings. Walking in His footsteps is both challenging and rewarding, but we're not alone on this journey. All of us can serve in some way. We must unite to make Trinity even better in the future. What happens here, or doesn't happen here depends on each of us.

## ALICE DAVIDSON



I am Alice Davidson, and my daughters Emily, Elizabeth, Katy and I have been members of Trinity for about 4 years. Katy was confirmed here last year. My father was an Episcopal priest and I have been a member of the Episcopal church all my life. I attended Kemper Hall, an Episcopal boarding school in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and taught the junior high Sunday School class as well as directed the Junior Choir at my home church back in Michigan while I was in college. I have been a teacher at Houston's Episcopal High School for 28 years. I attend the 10:30 service at Trinity and am a lector, a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and serve on the Altar Guild. When I can, I

also attend Pub Theology on Wednesday evenings.

Having grown up in the home of an Episcopal priest where service to the church was part of my daily life, I am happy to have been nominated to serve on the vestry of Trinity and expand my opportunities to serve. I am knowledgeable enough about how things generally work in the Episcopal Church to understand the commitment necessary for this position, and am anxious to work with others on finding and developing new ways to make the strong, vibrant presence that Trinity has in Midtown even greater. Since I have attended and/or worked at several Episcopal churches and schools over my lifetime, I have participated in various ways of running programs, updating curriculum, adapting to new leadership styles, etc.

My main teaching assignment is ninth grade, and every year my students are new to Episcopal High School. As a long time employee of the school, I know, almost instinctively, how things work and run at the school, but I see their confusion and lack of understanding in even simple things, like the bell schedule, and am constantly reminded that what seems clear to some is confounding to others. Since I am relatively new to Trinity, I find myself in that same situation here occasionally. If I am called to serve on the vestry of Trinity, I will bring both the knowledge of a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church as well as a newcomer's perspective.

## JOHN ESCOTO



I have been in Houston for 4 years since moving from St. Paul, MN and currently work for ITW Global Brands in Research & Development. I am a graduate from Texas Tech University where I earned a BS In Mechanical Engineering and fell in love with my beautiful wife Kamisha. Thereafter, I went on to Prairie View A&M to earn a MS in Engineering. I enjoys spending time with my son Henrik, occasionally traveling and reading (as much as Henrik will allow!)

I currently serve as Junior Warden for Trinity. I also serve as an acolyte and greeter for 12:30 service and usher at the 10:30 service. Lastly, I am committed to the mission of Trinity and being a faithful steward to Lord Jesus Christ. I ask for your support in my continuing duties as Junior Warden.

## CARL THOMPSON



I was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, the third child of Charles and Christina Thompson. I was baptized into the Episcopal faith at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Corpus Christi and was raised in South Texas. After graduating from Riviera-Kaufer High School, I went to Texas A&M University where I graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. I continued my studies at the University of Houston

Law Center and am now the owner and President of The Law Office of Carl Thompson, PC, a law firm with an emphasis in construction, business and contractual litigation.

My wife Alexis and I began attending Trinity in 2008 and we were married here in 2010. Our children, Charles and Eleanor, were baptized here. I have served as an Usher for several years, and previously served on the Stewardship Ministry. We also support the church's missions by sponsoring Coffee Hours and Altar Flowers, and making the occasional sandwich.

Trinity has been a special place for me for quite some time now. When Alexis and I were looking for a church home, we searched for a church that was not only a beautiful place to worship, but also a place that welcomed all of God's children with open arms and open hearts. We found that home in Trinity. Diversity is Trinity's greatest attribute, and its strength lies in the broad backgrounds, experiences and talents of its parishioners.

If called to be a member of the Vestry, I hope to continue as a steward of Trinity's rich legacy of reaching out to all of God's children with open arms and open hearts, heeding Christ's lesson to love our neighbors as ourselves. Vestry responsibilities include the ensuring of effective organization and planning and managing resources and finances – as a small business owner, I have experience executing both of these responsibilities.

## LIBBY TSUBAI



I was baptized at Trinity as a young child but took a rather convoluted spiritual path before coming home to my Episcopal faith a few years ago. I became an active Trinity member in early 2015 and was confirmed in December 2016, life-changing events for me. I do love it here. I volunteer monthly at the LOTS service, lead the Peace Crane Ministry, and participate in other activities. Increasing service to Trinity is an intentional part of my retirement plan as I wrap up a 14-year career with the Houston Methodist Hospital System in January 2018, and why I seek Vestry membership.

I have been happily married to Kenzo for thirty years; our daughter Miko is 28. I enjoy spending time with them, reading, writing, and playing Irish traditional music. I also have had 'another life' as a semi-professional comedian, comedy writer, and improv coach.

At Houston Methodist I was Operations Director for the Institute for Palliative Medicine for ten years, which involved extensive program development and project management. During that time I also served as a Senior Biomedical Ethics Consultant, handling and mediating complex ethical issues with clinical staff, patients, and families. I have been an invited speaker on end-of-life issues at numerous local, state, and national conferences and in 2006 was honored to be selected as one of Houston's Top Ten Nurses by the Houston Chronicle. Along the way I became interested in healthcare informatics and organizational change management, and for the last three years served as Lead Change Management Consultant on the multi-million-dollar implementation of Methodist's new system-wide electronic medical record.

**Educational Background:**

Master of Science, Texas Women's University  
BSN, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

**Professional Certifications:**

Registered Nurse  
Certified Prosci Change Management Practitioner/Trainer  
Board Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse  
Board Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Administrator  
Certified Birkman Consultant

### **SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday**      **7:00 a.m.** Lord of the Streets, *Church*  
                  **8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite I, *Chapel*  
                  **10:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite I or II, *Church*  
                  **12:30 p.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite III, *Chapel*  
**Wednesday**      **6:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist, *Chapel*  
**Monday - Friday**      **5:30 p.m.** Evening Prayer, *Church*

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