

**Name:** John Melvin

**Order:** Lay

**Congregation:** Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, Aptos Trustees

**Nominated for:** Board of

**Please tell us why you feel called to serve and what you can contribute to this particular body.**

I have experience in finance management, budgets, personnel management. I have served on the Standing Committee and feel that my background will serve the Diocese Board of Trustees. I have served in managing financial issues for my parish and feel that I can offer my experience to the Diocese.

**Please give some brief background on your church activities.**

I have been active in St. John's for 15 years. I have served as assistant Treasurer and Treasurer for 14 years. I am currently chair of the parish Finance Committee and administer several endowments for the church.

**What is the most pressing issue facing the diocese in the next 5 years and how would you work to address it if elected?**

Keeping the Church and Diocese relevant to our changing population. Looking at changes in ethnicity, ages, demographics, languages and economic status in our population and how we can adjust and change to better serve this changing population. Developing more children's programs to attract younger families, offering services in other languages and promote greater participation in local communities. Working with parishes to provide Diocesan leadership and financial support to further these aims.