

Name: The Rev. Jon Perez

Order: Clergy

Congregation: Epiphany Lutheran & Episcopal Church

Nominated for: Board of Trustees

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

Since February of 1996 I have served in the life of the Diocese as both Lay and Ordained. My experience and skills in running my family's business and corporate career bring strong management experience. As well as being in a congregation that is at the crossroads of the Diocese and serves the 7th most diverse city in the United States with a congregation of 8 different first languages (Chinese to Spanish). As well as being the Vicar of Epiphany, I'm the Senior Chaplain for CSUMB. Which allows me to work with mostly 2nd and 3rd generation Hispanic young adults.

Please give some brief background on your church activities.

I have served from Vestry Member, on Diocesan Stewardship Commission to currently Vicar of Epiphany and Senior Campus Chaplain for CSUMB.

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

"The changing demographics in the Diocese, financial dynamics and religious appeal are major factors in growth and lack of growth in our congregations. We need to look new models, new ways of approaching problems that no longer work, while meeting people and congregations where they are willing to make change. Listening, Respecting and creating an open and safe environment to communicate and explore."