

Name: The Rev. Dcn. Robin Poppoff

Order: Clergy

Congregation: St. Jude's, Cupertino

Nominated for: Board of Trustees

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

I believe my past experiences will bring another variety of voice to the Board of Trustees.

Please give some brief background on your church activities.

My second diaconal assignment is with St. Jude's, Cupertino. I work with and contribute to the life of the parish in the social justice and outreach committee, vestry and staff meetings, Eucharistic Visitors, pastoral concerns as needed, serve at the altar, preach, and am a Veriditas trained labyrinth facilitator.

Prior to ordination I have served in parishes as a Stephen Minister, Eucharistic Minister and Visitor, vestry member, healing prayer member, and trained to be a Veriditas labyrinth facilitator.

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

We tend to be concerned about the number of people on our campuses, parishioners or not. Housing in California is an issue. Each church likely has rooms or facilities which sit vacant during the week, and there may be portions of unused land. Part of our being church out in the world might include weekday facility usage to non-profits, and exploring how any unused land might be used for housing (while working with a housing non-profit). Building/property audits are coming our way; how might we prayerfully use our audit results to dream of other or additional possibilities to serve God's people in the world?