



Mrs. Susan Shannon
Candidate for Standing Committee
Lay Order

Native New Englanders, my husband and I moved to Orlando in 1991. Together with our son, Colin, we opened Shannon's Casual Café in south Orlando. I have been an active communicant of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke since 1991.

I have served on the Cathedral Chapter, the Diocesan Board, the Standing Committee, and the Strategic Planning Commission. My current Diocesan activities include membership on the Commission on Ministry.

As a member of the Anglican Communion I believe the Creeds, Holy Scripture, the Sacraments and the Historic Episcopate are essential to the Church.

The first challenge facing our diocese is how to move forward with the positive spiritual emphasis on the grace and love of Christ that we already exhibit. In the face of growing opposition from the secular world, we must continue to build on the great truths of God's Word and maintain our faithfulness to Holy Scripture and the traditional teachings of the Church.

The second challenge is to create a positive environment for evangelism. By changing the culture from maintenance to evangelism, parishioners can become excited about the primary mission of the Church, the spread of the saving word of God. Several positive benefits result. Increased evangelism means that many aided parishes can become self-supporting and begin contributing to the new missions that would be started. This growth impacts the financial health of the diocese and allows more mission and outreach. The key is to commit to evangelism, not church growth.

Third, we will be challenged by the need to preach and teach, in the Anglican tradition, the grace filled message of Christ's love in a world that is desperately seeking meaning but unaware of where to search. Together with Bishop Brewer, I wish to contribute to healing and unifying the Episcopal Church we cherish and respect and to offer the message of salvation as it has been passed down to us.

To be a member of the Standing Committee would be a privilege to which I would give my enthusiasm, devotion and utmost efforts.