

Monica (Taffinder) Tyedmers
Candidate for Standing Committee
Lay Order



As a mental health counselor, Monica (Taffinder) Tyedmers helps people grow stronger in their capacity to love and serve others. It is her job to help people take honest assessments of their lives to discern what is good and where they need growth and healing so they can more effectively offer grace and wisdom to the people in their lives.

Tyedmers is seeking a position on the Standing Committee because she says being a Christian counselor for 21 years has readied her to bring a valuable perspective and wisdom to the committee as the diocese continues to further strengthen itself and its churches as well as their ability to be beacons of grace and hope in their communities.

Tyedmers has been a part of the Diocese of Central Florida community for the past 15 years and have served on various boards, committees and task forces within the diocese. Having these opportunities has allowed her to see the tremendous strengths within the diocese as well as areas that need further strengthening. Along with The Rev. Canon Dan Smith, she recently facilitated numerous “listening days,” in which various priests graciously offered their perspectives on what is working well in the diocese and where more growth is needed. These listening days were part of the diocesan grant proposal for \$1 million to the Lilly Endowment Inc. The diocese was awarded this grant in December 2020.

Tyedmers looks forward to serving the diocese for the next three years through more listening days and offering her feedback to The Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer, bishop, along with the Standing Committee. Other roles she has in the diocese include serving on the Commission on Ministry and Disciplinary Board as well as being a member of the 2018 task force studying same-sex marriage and serving on a 2020 task force evaluating the diaconal discernment process.

Tyedmers graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary in 1999 with a master’s in counseling and a master’s in biblical studies. Both before and after graduate school, she has been involved in missions in several countries. After graduate school, she ran the counseling ministry of a large nondenominational church for several years before she and her colleagues started Grace Clinic Orlando almost 17 years ago. She is grateful for your prayerful consideration.