

Mrs. Monica Tyedmers
Candidate for Standing Committee
Lay Order



Hello! I'm Monica (Taffinder) Tyedmers, and having had the privilege of serving on the Standing Committee in an interim role this past year, I am asking for the opportunity to serve another term. I want to help reinforce our identity as a Diocese whose members positively impact each other and our communities through God's love and grace.

During my time on Standing Committee this past year, I have leveraged my 20+ years as a Christian counselor, business owner, and consultant to help make decisions for the good of our Diocese and the communities within it. Whether prayerfully making decisions that will affect our Diocese for years to come, or voting on issues that are smaller in scope, each choice is an opportunity to help

strengthen our ability to be a source of sustenance for the Body of Christ and a beacon to the world around us.

Over my past 15+ years of being in the Diocese of Central Florida, I have served on various boards, committees, and task forces within the Diocese. In addition to Standing Committee, I also serve on the Bishop's Commission on Ministry (COM) and on the Disciplinary Board. Other roles I have had in the Diocese include serving on different task forces studying same-sex marriage and evaluating the Diaconal discernment process. I have also worked with Canons Justin Holcomb and Dan Smith to facilitate intensive focus groups comprised of priests representing different areas of our Diocese. Based on what we heard in these "Listening Days," Canon Dan Smith and I offered our insights around what we as a Diocese can do to better care for each represented group and our Diocese as a whole.

My husband and I attend the Cathedral of St. Luke. I am a 1999 graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary with a Master's in Counseling and a Master's in Biblical Studies. Both before and after seminary, I have been involved in missions in several countries. Before starting Grace Clinic Counseling in 2004, I ran the counseling ministry of a large non-denominational church. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!