Mrs. Susan Ruta Standing Committee Lay Order

Susan Ruta attends the Church of the Ascension in Dr. Phillips and has been part of the Diocese of Central Florida since 1955. She grew up attending Holy Family in Pine Hills and has been a member of Ascension for 44 years. At the age of nine, she was confirmed at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke in Orlando.

Susan was raised in a Christian home where Jesus and the church were central to her family life. As a teenager, she taught Sunday School at Holy Family and was a member of the Altar Guild. While at Ascension, Susan has served in many capacities. Home fellowship groups have been an important part of her spiritual journey, and she has hosted many since 1985. In the mid-1980s, Susan and her husband attended Cursillo, after which she served on two weekend teams. She has also served on the vestry, two discernment committees, and the women's ministry team, where she helps plan retreats and events to share Jesus with the women at Ascension. Additionally, she serves in the coffee hour and greeter ministries. Some of the most impactful and meaningful aspects of her walk with Jesus have been having prayer partners, participating in accountability groups, and attending Bible studies. Staying in daily communication with the Lord is central to her life.

Susan has been a widow for 12 years. Her son, Matthew, his wife, Natalie, and her two grandchildren live in Bradenton, where Matthew serves as the Principal of Bradenton Christian School.

Susan is honored to be considered for the Standing Committee and is committed to prayerfully serving the Diocese of Central Florida.