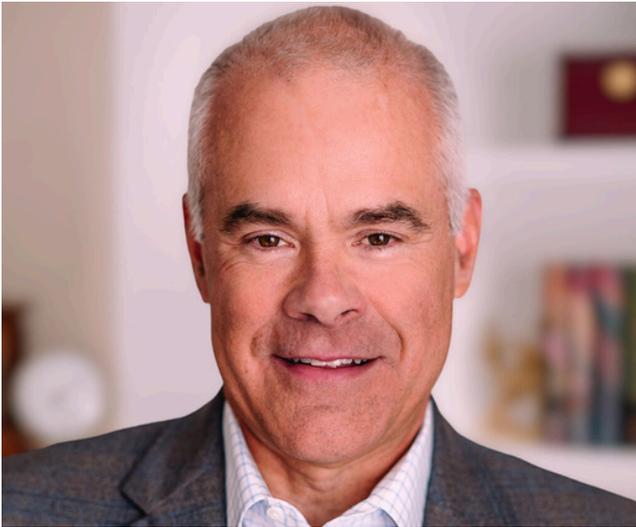


# 2026 Vestry Nominees



MARK SESLER

*Nominee for Senior Warden 2026-2028*

Mark is a lifelong Episcopalian who grew up in Columbus, where his family attended St. Mark's and St. John's Worthington. After graduating from the University of Cincinnati, he met Audrey, and they were married at Redeemer in August 1991. They have two sons: Matt (30), who lives in Montreal, and Drew (27), who lives in Cleveland with his wife, Grace.

Mark has served in several leadership roles at Redeemer. He is currently Junior Warden and also serves as a Chalice Bearer, Lay Reader, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, and participant in the Lunchtime Bible Study. If elected, he looks forward to joining the long line of excellent Senior Wardens who have led Redeemer during his time here.

ANDREA ROGERS

*Nominee for Jr. Warden 2026-2028*

A lifelong Episcopalian, Andrea joined Redeemer in 2008. She served on the Search Committees for the Director of Music, Brett Scott and our Rector, Philip DeVaul. Andrea has served on the Parish Discernment Committees for four candidates for ordination. Currently, Andrea chairs the Worship Intercessors and serves on the Altar Guild, as a Reader, and Chalicist, and she loves being a part of the Thursday Bible study.



Andrea is a widow. Her husband Paul and her have two adult children. Philip Rogers and Laura have three boys, Charlie, Lincoln and Wyatt. Julia Joyce and Brad have two boys, Liam and Gus. Andrea loves grandparenting as well as gardening, bird feeding, spectating soccer, basketball, football and many others. She also enjoys music, movies and the outdoors.

Andrea feels honored to be involved in this vibrant community and wants to be a part of the leadership to keep it strong and growing us in the ways of Love, service, and justice.



JANE ALLAN

*Nominee for Member-at-large  
Mission Funding Committee 2026-2029*

Jane was born on a farm in southern Indiana. After college, she taught grade school in Chicago where she met and married her Canadian husband. They moved eastward eventually ending up in Montreal, Quebec. They had two children and were active in an Anglican Church. Tragically, her husband died suddenly of a heart attack while jogging. Suddenly, Jane was a single parent with a seven and ten year old. God's presence in her life

and the support of her church community helped her in this difficult time.

She returned to teaching and taught English as a second language to immigrants, refugees and francophone adults. Still active in her church, she was Chairperson of The Open Door, a drop-in/soup kitchen for the homeless and marginalized, operated by her church. When the Syrian war began, the church wanted to sponsor a family. The Refugee Support Team was formed, and Jane headed the Fundraising team. Thankfully, a family of six was able to immigrate to Canada.

*“As my children were now living in Cincinnati, I realized it was time for me to return to the U.S. Three years ago I moved to an apartment in Hyde Park near my children and grandchildren. What a gift to find Redeemer near by. I visited one Sunday and knew this was where I was to be. I am now an intercessor at the banquet and am in my second year of volunteering at the after school program for the Clark students. I feel honoured to be asked to serve on this committee.”*



ANITA DOHN, MD MSc

*Nominee for Member-at-large  
Mission Funding Committee 2026-2029*

Anita is a retired family physician with a public health degree. Her background includes academic medicine, 15 years as an Episcopal cross-cultural missionary, caring for the uninsured and underinsured at an FQHC clinic, serving on the diocesan Sustainable Development Goals Grants Committee, and being a Diocesan Convention delegate several times. Service on this committee offers an opportunity for understanding and involvement in the heart for service and mission of the Church of the Redeemer today.

SEAN MAHER

*Nominee for Member-at-large*

*Mission Funding Committee 2026-2027*

A California native, Sean has been living in Cincinnati for 25 years. His wife, Maureen and he have been married for 25 years, and they have two young adult children, Emma and Mikias. Sean teaches History and Social Studies at Deer Park High School and is a strong advocate for public education. Raised Lutheran, Sean is a newer Episcopalian and is thankful to have found a church community here at Redeemer that embodies Christian love and service.



TOM KIRKWOOD

*Nominee for Trustee of the*

*Permanent Property Fund 2026-2029*

Tom joined Church of the Redeemer in 1980, serving in many ministries since. He was Warden and twice on Vestry, the first chair of Mission Board and of the Vestry Nominating Committee. He attended the College of Congregational Development, chaired the IHN / MEAC Mission Partnership Committee, served on Cornerstone and Enliven Our Vision capital campaign steering committees, the Cornerstone Building Project Team, and with Stewardship of God's House. He chaired Annual Giving and now chairs Planned Giving. He was a lector and now an usher, a sacristan, and a member of the Worship Team. He provided legal help for the Columbarium move, the IHN and MEAC/Eastminster acquisitions, COR/MEAC contractor disputes, clergy contracts, and more.



Before retiring, Tom was a partner at Thompson Hine and a construction claims mediator. He's been a trustee of Freestore Foodbank and on its finance, strategic, and development committees for 12 years. He was chair of finance and chair of the board of Cincinnati Nature Center and helped formulate its Endowment Investment Policy. He was a member of the ERS Affordable Living Board. Christine Andrew and Tom were married at Church of the Redeemer ten years ago.

Tom attended Indiana University's Lily Philanthropy Fundraising School with the Rev. Philip DeVaul. Upon completing 3/4th of the work towards a Certificate in Fund Raising Management, Tom then agreed to co-lead Church of the Redeemer's Planned Giving and now feels called to help see that those who make annual, capital, or planned gifts to Church of the Redeemer may be confident that our Permanent Property Fund continues to abide by the highest standards of endowment fund management.



CYNTHIA BLOCKSOM

*Alternate to the 2026 Diocesan Convention and Delegate to the Conventions in 2027 and 2028*

Cynthia, a lifelong Episcopalian, has been a member of Redeemer since 1980. She and her husband, David, were married here and has faithfully served in many ministries over the years. She currently serves as a Eucharistic Visitor and leads the Funeral Reception Ministry.

Cynthia enjoys time with her family, traveling, and is committed to protecting the environment. She considers the Church a lifelong source of strength and members loved as her extended family. She would be honored to be elected as an alternate delegate to the convention.



MATTHEW CAREY

*Alternate to the 2026 Diocesan Convention and Delegate to the Conventions in 2027 and 2028*

Matthew and his wife were married at Redeemer in 2016 while living in Hyde Park. They moved to Montgomery in 2021 where they live with their 2 daughters, Charlotte (6) and Sophie (3). They enjoy going to the park, the gym to work out, and meeting new neighbors and friends. Mathrew moved to Cincinnati after graduating from Ohio State in 2010, and has worked in manufacturing as an engineer for 15 years, and is now in sales, all at the same company, Cincinnati Thermal Spray, Inc.