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CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

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## CANDIDATES FOR WARDENS

GREG BRADLEY

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My husband Ricardo and I came to the Episcopal Church Over twenty years ago. Serving on many different committees, being both senior and junior warden twice, has been extremely rewarding. Chairing the Gala committee for ten years has been a blast, but my favorite part of Atonement is the wonderful people that I have had the pleasure of meeting over the years... In my professional life I am a real estate broker and live in Hawthorn Woods and in East Lakeview with Ricardo, my husband of 29 years.



LIZ SARNIK

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It is with gratitude that I accept Mtr. Erika's invitation to serve as Warden for Church of the Atonement. My first tenure at Church of the Atonement began in the 1980's, but, through my marriage (at the time), our family history goes even further back. I guess you could say I have some knowledge and love of the church's past. My second tenure began in 2011, when I lost my son Eric suddenly. Atonement was wholly and lovingly there for me. It felt like I "came home." In my grief and sorrow, I turned to my faith and have not looked back. I continue to walk the path of my ever-growing faith, and there is no other place I'd rather be than Church of the Atonement to guide and support me on my faith journey.

In my work life, I am the executive assistant at Food for Thought Enterprises, where I have worked since 1999. I have served on several non-profit boards and as a charity planner and political campaign volunteer. I was on the vestry of Atonement from 2014-2017, have served on multiple Stewardship Guilds, serve currently on the Altar Guild, and have assisted with refugee ministries and with priestly discernment committees.



With the grace of God, I accept this invitation knowing that I want to align myself with what feels right and to be a part of something larger than myself. I support the mission and the ministries of Church of the Atonement. Together with the guilds, the committees, and the parishioners, I am excited about envisioning and realizing a future for Church of the Atonement.

## CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY

NATALIE ARCHIE

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I started attending Atonement in the summer of 2018 after moving to Edgewater. I was born in Trinidad and Tobago on the Island of Tobago, where my father still lives. I'm one of five sisters and (fun fact!), I have an uncle who is an Anglican Priest! I am the mother of two, Omar, who is 16, and Imani, who is 9.

I am currently employed with the Illinois Department of Insurance as a Financial Examiner. I've spent the majority of career working with Social Service and Advocacy organizations. My outside interests include reading, listening to music, traveling, visiting museums and art galleries (although I claim no expertise in any of these).

I was elected to serve on the vestry this year to fill the position of a vestry member who resigned. My hopes for Atonement are that we will experience continued growth and that more neighborhood families will make this their spiritual home.

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RICHARD BENSON

I first set foot in Atonement in 2016 based on the recommendation of a friend in Bloomington, Indiana (Go Hoosiers!), where I was finishing law school and joining the Episcopal Church after an evangelical upbringing. After moving to Chicago, I remember Atonement's then rector warmly telling me "this is your parish and I'm your priest." That spirit of welcome and faithful growth and challenge has been my rock since moving to Uptown and now Ravenswood. Despite whatever life has thrown me, Atonement has shown me God's joy, conviction, and peace.

In 2020, I completed Education for Ministry, served as Stewardship Guild chairman, and joined the lectors. In the before times, I attended the 11 or 9 o'clock masses and loved the unique nature of each.



As for paying the bills, I'm a tax attorney and am blessed to be on a two-year fellowship with CEO Action for Racial Equity. We are researching and promoting scalable and sustainable public policies and corporate practices to promote social justice, especially for Black Americans. Before law school, I was a higher education development officer in Florida.

By serving on Atonement's vestry, I hope to learn from wise friends and deepen relationships. I also hope to bring my skills and experiences to help atonement grow in this new world. I seek to help make this kind, beautiful, talented, scrappy parish emerge from the pandemic stronger as a vessel of God's Grace and mercy for a city and nation that need him and need the message of the Christian hope we share. I'm committed to transparency, growth, living into our Anglo-Catholic heritage of liturgy and music, increasing small group offerings, and inclusion of all God's people in his house.

#### AMANDA KIM

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My husband, AJ, and I joined Atonement in 2009, after moving to the Edgewater neighborhood. We were immediately drawn to the atmosphere of thoughtful wonder, the liturgy, music, and friendly community. We have been delighted to bring up our two boys, Hugo (9) and Felix (6), in this loving and faithful community. I'm grateful for the opportunity to work with other parishioners on the vestry. I work as an attorney for the Office of the State Appellate Defender, representing indigent defendants in criminal appeals. When I'm not shuttling the boys to their various sports practices and activities, I enjoy reading, cross-stitching, and traveling as much as possible.



## CANDIDATES FOR PARISH DELEGATES

BR. JOSEPH GAUSS, BSG

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I have been a giving member in good standing of The Episcopal Church of the Atonement for over 25 years, with several years of ministry serving on the altar and most recently in Atonement's Saint Cecilia choir. I am a member of The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory - a men's Christian community within The Episcopal Church - and I function as their secretary. I have served as a delegate to diocesan convention for the past two years and also served at the special convention this past December to elect our new bishop.

In my work life, I am a Registered Nurse working as a Clinical Coordinator on the Stroke Unit at Evanston, Hospital in Evanston, IL. I am also an avid cyclist.



JAMES OLSON

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Hello, everyone! My name is Jim Olson, and I am a relatively new, recently Confirmed member of Church of the Atonement. I'm honored to be given the opportunity to serve as a delegate to Diocesan Convention. I'm a native of the Boston area, and for the last 25 years, I've served as a United Church of Christ pastor in local parishes as a settled and interim pastor, as a University Chaplain, and as a denominational officer. I have lots of experience with church conventions, and I have served as Parliamentarian at General Synod, the UCC's big national meeting. I live in Edgewater with my husband, Darrick, and two very spoiled rescue cats. I'm currently in the beginning stages of discernment with Atonement to become an Episcopal priest, and I am currently enrolled in the Diploma program at Bexley-Seabury.

## ALLISON TRIBBLE

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I have had the honor to serve as one of Atonement's Delegates for two conventions, the last being to elect the next Bishop of Chicago. I am a "Cradle Episcopalian" and deeply love the Episcopal Church! My family has included generations of Episcopal Priests, but I am most proud of how our denomination led on important social issues: ordination of women, gay and HIV+, divorced inclusion at the altar rail, and more. In my life, my faith has led me to work in helping professions as a master's-degreed Psychologist/Therapist and now as an MDiv., because the psychology wasn't enough. Holistically, I felt drawn to Chaplaincy and I am the Chaplain at a long-term care facility in Chicago. My husband, Dave, and I have been members of Atonement for 15 years and miss in-person services!



## WILL CRONENWETT (ALTERNATE)

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I'm Will Cronenwett, and I've been going to the Church of the Atonement since about 2006. It was the first Episcopal church I ever attended, and from the moment I walked in the door I knew I was home... both at Atonement, and also in the Anglican, sacramental way of making our faith come alive. I've been active in our church, serving twice on the vestry (once about 10 years ago and then again currently), and I've had the honor and privilege of serving on the altar. For the last several years, I've helped represent our Parish at the Diocesan convention, making sure that Atonement has actively helped shape Diocesan governance and the Diocesan stance on issues that are relevant to our lives and faith.