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Leadership

TEC: Lay Deputy or First Alternate to five General Conventions (2009 to present); Currently Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, and Chair of the House of Deputies Rules of Order Legislative Committee.

Diocesan: Vice Chancellor; Bishop Search Committee; two terms on Bishop & Council; two terms on Standing Committee; and Delegate to Annual Convention since 1995.

Parish: Three Vestry terms; two terms as Senior Warden, and one term as Junior Warden.

Professional: Over 35 years as an attorney: over 20 years as a partner of a large, urban firm; the past 10 years at a small firm in rural West Tennessee. I represent individuals, family businesses, large companies, nonprofit and governmental entities in intellectual property, general business and commercial matters, local tax incentives, and economic development.

Other: Trained as a facilitator for Holy Currencies work by Kaleidoscope Institute, I now sit on its Board. I have completed the Education for Ministry (EfM) program of the University of the South School of Theology.

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Inclusivity

“By God’s grace...we are becoming a church that looks and acts like Jesus.” (Bishop Curry). I want our church to become the beloved community of Jesus. I am an openly gay man and married to my husband in our local parish during the pandemic. I have spent many years of anguish over not being able to be my authentic self. Having been on the floor of General Convention since 2009, I have watched with



great joy the increasing presence of LGBTQA+ persons and People of Color in our church clergy and lay leadership. My own experience of marginalization and disrespect helps me empathize with People of Color and others who feel marginalized by society and our church. The leadership of our church should look like its members.

Insight

I have lived in the Northeast, the Midwest, and the South. I have a B.A. in History and a J.D. I have practiced law in cities both large and small. I have been a member of a large regional law firm and a small one. I have been a parishioner in a large parish and a small one. I have traveled widely, mostly in Europe, Mexico, and Russia. I am the proud father of ten adult children, eight of whom were adopted as older children from Russia. Three of my children are People of Color. This abundant life experience, and my leadership experience, has given me insight about many cultures and the variety of human experiences. What we share is much greater than that which seeks to divide us. It has taught me the strength of diversity and the wisdom of decision-making in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment that values the lived experiences of all persons.

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