

## Members of St. Timothy's Search Committee

**Ora Brown Tilghman** is chairman of St. Timothy's Search Committee. She has been a member of the church since 1975, and considers herself a willing worker who strives to be a servant leader. She has served in almost every leadership position at St. Timothy's as senior warden, junior warden, treasurer, and clerk of the vestry. Her willingness to develop a deeper understanding of her faith led her to pursue training and serve as a lay Eucharistic minister and acolyte. Over the course of her more than forty years of membership at St. Timothy's, she has been a member of numerous church organizations including the Order of the Daughters of the King, Episcopal Church Women, Transition Team, Renewal Works Committee, Contemporary Choir, and Social and Cultural Committee, to name a few.

Ora earned a Bachelor of Arts degree after matriculating at Virginia Union University and spent her entire professional career with the Social Security Administration. She retired as Director of Operations for the Office of Appellate Operations, where she provided executive leadership to the professional and support staffs of the Agency's Administrative Appeals Judges (the Appeals Council). As a retiree, she enjoys traveling, attending social and cultural events, and serving her community as a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

**Dr. Herman F. Bostick**, Professor/Dean Emeritus, Howard University, joined St. Timothy's in 1979 where he has served as senior warden, chairman of the Stewardship Committee, and Director of the Chapter of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew. He currently serves as lay Eucharistic minister and visitor and a member of the Men of St. Timothy's. In the Diocese of Washington, he has held the following positions: President of the Standing Committee, member of the Cathedral Chapter of the Washington National Cathedral, member of the Board of Directors of the John T. Walker School for Boys, and President of the Potomac Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. He is a graduate of the Virginia Theological Seminary's Lay School of Theology and serves on the Dean's Advisory Council. In 2015, the Seminary conferred upon him the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.

**Earl Harris-Nicholls** has been an active member of St. Timothy's since 1983. She has served in numerous roles, including several terms on the Vestry. She was instrumental in the church being designated as a Jubilee Ministry Center during her tenure as Outreach Chairperson. Earl considers her work with the youth as her true ministry, which she did for many years. This ministry extended to work at the Diocese including providing training for the prevention of sexual misconduct since early 2000.

Her most recent term on the Vestry was as the Junior Warden. Using project management skills from her Certified Public Management training, she led the Property Management team in a Capital improvement project to replace outdated equipment and make major repairs in the physical facility. She has also been a delegate to Convention, Sunday school teacher, and counter, among her many activities.

Earl is a retired Clinical Social Worker who spent most of her career working with the severely mentally ill in criminal justice settings. She has also used her skills working with youth with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and learning disabilities.

**Brenda C. Neal** has been an active member at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church since 1972. During these years, her involvement in the life of St. Timothy's includes serving on the vestry, co-directing the church school, and serving on the Budget and Finance Committee and Stewardship Committees. As a servant leader, Brenda has served as president of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Women. She is a life member of The Order of the Daughters of the King and serves in leadership positions on all levels - chapter, diocese, province and national. Brenda served on the Diocesan Commission on Ministry under the leadership of Bishop Haines and Bishop Dixon.

Brenda is an educator, mentor and consultant. She has taught on every level - preschool through college. She develops and conducts workshops and serves as a consultant to public, private, and parochial schools; governmental agencies; and The Order of the Daughters of The King. Brenda mentors students pursuing careers in early childhood education and now collaborates as an associate trainer with several childcare-training organizations. Her current employment is with Prince George's County Public Schools as the supervisor for the Before and After School Care Extended Learning Programs.

Brenda earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from North Carolina Central University and a Masters of Education degree in Early Childhood Education from Howard University. She is a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She and her husband, Danny, are the parents of two adult children.

**Theodore (Ted) Picott** was born in Hampton, Virginia and raised in Newport News, Virginia. He attended North Carolina Central College and following graduation started his professional career with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). During his tenure with DIA, Ted held numerous progressively responsible management and leadership positions and had several proud accomplishments. He created the Agency's Blacks In Government chapter and served as its first President. He was also the first African American Special Emphasis Program Manager, which led to his appointment as the Agency's first Diversity Management Director. After 35 years of distinguished federal service, he retired.

Ted has served on several nonprofit Boards of Directors including: Prince George's County Maryland Red Cross, Youth Educational Scholarship Foundation (a national nonprofit group), Charles Drew Scholarship Foundation, and Friendship Charities Foundation. Ted is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

As a teenager, Ted joined St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and was an active member until he finished high school. He started attending St. Timothy's in 2014, and transferred his membership the following year. At St. Timothy's, Ted is an active member of the Men of St. Timothy's, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and Ushers Guild.

**Deborah Pinchback-Cook** came to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church with her family in 1969, and with her late mother by her side, served on the altar guild for many years. Through her many years of being a member, she became is a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King and Episcopal Church Women. She also serves as a volunteer for Vacation Bible School, sings with the choir on special occasions, and served as a member of the Transition Team.

Since July 2000, Deborah has been employed with the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency as a Community Supervision Assistant. Previously, she was employed with DC Superior Court in the Social Services Division dealing with juvenile intake as a probation assistant and a Diversion Program Liaison, placing first-time juvenile offenders in diversion programs. Additionally, Deborah was employed as a legal assistant for the Legal Counsel for the Elderly, where she served as a liaison between senior citizens and attorneys.

Deborah is an active member of Federally Employed Women. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, Master of Arts degree in Business Administration with a concentration on Human Resources Management, and Master of Science degree in Human Resources Management. Deborah resides in Washington, DC, and is the mother of two adult children and grandmother of twin boys.

**Dr. Barbara VanDyke** - Inspired by the teachings of her devout, lifelong Episcopalian great grandmother and her passion for serving others, she chose a career in education, which she has been in for the past 30 years. She has served in St. Timothy's ministries, ranging from Christian education to a Vestry member.

Barbara is proud parent of one adult child and a surrogate parent to many others. She has been an educator for over 30 years and is employed by one of the local school districts as their Special Education Compliance Supervisor. While St. Timothy's is her faith community, 20 miles away is her home in Bowie, Maryland.

Her most recent Alma Mater is Wilmington University in Delaware, where she earned a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership. Her goals are to grow in her discipleship and to continue her support for her Church's mission. When Barbara is not serving her Church or working, she is traveling, reading, or attending creative arts events. Her career experiences include K - College instruction, and Educational leadership. She boasts extensive knowledge of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act regulations and Conflict Resolution.

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