



The  
Church of  
Bethesda-by-the-Sea  
*Love and Serve*

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## Annual Meeting and Parish Picnic

**Sunday, January 28, 2018**

— Please note there will NOT be a 9:00 a.m. service —

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Annual Meeting including Election of  
Vestry members in the Parish Hall

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12:15 p.m. Parish Picnic  
\$10 Adults; \$5 Children under 12 years old;  
\$30 Family Max.

### **NOMINEES FOR VESTRY**

Raphael (Ralph) Clemente  
Connie Purcell

Charles (Chuck) Hagy, Jr.  
Wendy Victor

### **2018 DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES**

Tom O'Brien  
Michael Smyser

Jan Shoobridge  
Ben Williams (Alternate)

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**RAPHAEL (RALPH) CLEMENTE —**

Raphael Clemente moved to Lake Worth from White Plains, New York, at the age of four and has spent most of his life in the West Palm Beach area. He met his wife, Lois, riding bicycles not far from Bethesda, and the two married in 2000. Lois grew up attending church at Bethesda and encouraged Raphael to join her in returning to the church in 2005, where he was baptized three years later. Raphael holds a Bachelors degree

in Social Science and a Masters degree in Urban Planning. He is the Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority for the City of West Palm Beach, where he has been employed since 2006. Raphael has raced bicycles professionally, taught high school, and managed development projects. He and Lois have two daughters, Kaia, 12, and Rell, 5. Raphael enjoys water sports, bicycling, and working on fun projects at home with his family.



**CONNIE PURCELL —** Connie Purcell graduated from Vassar College. She moved from Greenwich, Connecticut to Palm Beach in 1979. She has been an active member of Bethesda since 1980 and has served multiple terms on the Vestry as Senior Warden and Junior Warden with special responsibilities for Restoration and Stained Glass window projects during the 1990s. Bethesda committee memberships include Executive Committee, Search

Committees, Buildings and Grounds, Personnel, Budget and Finance, and Past President of ECW and Board Member. Community activities include child welfare advocacy, Executive Board of The Rehabilitation Center, Past President of The Children's Home Society of Southeast Florida, and Allocations Chairman of the Palm Beach Community Chest/United Way. In January 2017 Connie was honored for extraordinary and exemplary service through the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea with the award of the Rector's Cross by Father James Harlan. She is mother of three and grandmother of five.

**CHARLES (CHUCK) HAGY, JR.** — Charles Hagy, Jr., a teacher and coach for over 28 years, is blessed to be in his 25th year at The Benjamin School. A graduate of Purdue University, he currently serves students and faculty at Benjamin as Head of Middle School, a role he assumed in 2003. In this role, Charles has developed partnerships with organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League of Florida, Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians and Jews, Palm Beach Symphony, Center for Creative Education, and Flagler Museum. He has been honored to serve as a Trustee at two schools, St. Ann's School and Gulf Stream School. A member of Bethesda-by-the-Sea since 2005, Charles is has served as an usher and a shepherd, participated in the Boar's Head Festival and Christmas Programs, and helped with the youth education program. Charles and his wife, Deborah, have three children: Rachael, Ryan, and Hudson.



**WENDY VICTOR** — Wendy Victor was confirmed at Bethesda in 1955. She attended Palm Beach Private School from 1953-1958. She and her husband, Mike, moved here on a permanent basis in 1997 and became members of Bethesda at that time. Wendy has served on the vestry from 2011-2016, filling a partial term and then a full term. She was Junior Warden from 2014-2016. She also served on the Strategic Planning Committee and has been Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign numerous times. In Palm Beach, Wendy has served as a Trustee of the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach and was a Director of the Civic Association. She served on the Landmarks Preservation Commission for six years. Wendy has worked at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Connecticut. She graduated from Briarcliff College, attended Columbia University, received a BA from SUNY Purchase, and a Masters in Women's History from Sarah Lawrence College. She is a founding Trustee of the Mead School for Human Development in Greenwich, Connecticut.

