



I was born in Buffalo, New York and lived there most of my life, as did my brother. We both were called on to care for my parents, other family members, various properties belonging to my mother and a farm that my mother and father bought when my father retired. My education was private Catholic schools from K-12 and local public university for undergrad and grad school and doctorate. My personal choices for traveling the world started in HS and continues to this day. I am most appreciative to have enjoyed my strong family ties and truly enjoyed our family farm as did my husband and my two daughters for many years. My own nuclear family now included my daughters, Amy and Gretchen. Gretchen, a teacher, is married to my favorite son-in-law, Sean Kaine and Amy is single and works for DHS, Dept of immigration and citizenship. I have two grandchildren, Brady 10 and Sullivan 3. We all live in DC metro and still enjoy each other's company! Today, I am grateful we share so much time together! hey have always been my first priority and will be forever,

My professional life was full of opportunities, including a fellowship for a Master's degree and a doctorate in education, positions included teacher, program coordinator, principal, program director, executive director in private and public school, I also taught colleges level courses at 3 universities in NYS. All in all, a professional life in education for 52 years. After the move to VA, I opened an office as a consultant in areas of education that I felt students needed including programs not funded by school districts. Living in the Leesburg historic district, I met many neighbors and found myself working with the Loudoun Symphony and then helping my neighbor to establish a renewable energy business, and was asked to partner and then became first woman owner of a solar energy company in Northern Virginia.

As mentioned previously, my faith has always been an essential part of my life since a child, with my family and friends via the importance of a spiritual life within my family. When I married my role with my children and husband was to seek leadership in our church community via teaching and program creation. After moving to Virginia, my family and I visited many churches in DC, and Loudoun and I finally found a home at St David's after being introduced by friends, Rachael and Brett Goodwin. I became an active member and volunteered for several

committees, sang in the choir and created the SD Green Team with co-chair Donna Lewis.

I believe it was necessary to meet people, learn the culture and become a true community member prior to considering invitations to run for SD Vestry. I am most interested in programs that will continue our VA Episcopal Churches goals for growth in congregations, creation care projects as stewards of the earth, furthering the arts via developing further the Belmont Program, growing our outreach locally and internationally and most important, creating the legacy of the Belmont Plantation Education Program established for freed slaves and young women in Virginia and throughout Southern USA.