

## 2021-2023 NCCW Secretary Candidates



### **AMY KENNEDY for NCCW Secretary**

**Statement:** “That after 100 years, the National Council of Catholic Women’s voice is strong and unified, and its impact remains vital is a testament to our membership and the leaders they have chosen. As a practicing attorney, service to others, integrity, and attention to detail guide my professional life, and I would bring these values to the office of secretary along with my diverse personal and Council experience. I have been countlessly blessed and enriched as a member of NCCW and through my involvement with Council. In gratitude, I wish to serve God through the NCCW and ask for your vote.”

**NCCW:** Positions held include Leadership Development Training (LTD), Bylaws Committee Chair and Leadership Commission Chair; Positions within the Associates of NCCW Inc. include: President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chair of Bylaws committee

**DIOCESAN:** Salt Lake City DCCW positions held include President, Immediate Past President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Treasurer. Chaired or co-chaired Nominating committee, Finance committee, Ways & Means, Annual DCCW Convention, Protocol committee and Membership, Development & Resource (MDR) committee

**DEANERY:** Salt Lake Deanery CCW positions include President, Vice President/President-Elect, Parliamentarian, Leadership Commission Chair, Advisory Board Member and Bylaws Committee Member

**AFFILIATIONS:** Cathedral Women's Society (NCCW Parish Affiliate) positions include: President, Secretary & Acting Secretary, Treasurer & Acting Treasurer, Deanery Representative

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS & RECOGNITION:** Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake Board of Trustees positions include Chair (two terms) and Vice-Chair; Salt Lake City Diocesan Review Board for the Protection of Children and Young People Board Member; Junior League of Salt Lake City Finance Vice President and Member; Association of Collaborative Professionals (formerly Collaborative Family Lawyers) of Utah: President & President-Elect; Young Lawyers Division of the Utah State Bar: CLE (Continuing Legal Education) Committee Co-Chair, Needs of Children Committee Co-Chair & Co-author of Attorneys and the Child Abuse Reporting Statute (which appeared in the Utah Bar Journal) resulting in recognition as Young Lawyers of the Year 2003

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING DEVELOPMENT:** LTD presenter at four NCCW Conventions, Provinces of Omaha, St. Paul/Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Oklahoma City and San Francisco as well as DCCW’s of Des Moines and Palm Beach

**EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE:** Juris Doctor degree from the University of Utah; Training Certification in Basic and Domestic Relations Mediation, Collaborative Family Law and Private Guardian ad Litem training; Currently a Law Firm Partner of Dart, Adamson & Donovan, Salt Lake City



## **YVONNE PYGATT for NCCW Secretary**

**Statement:** “I reside in Columbia, South Carolina and am a member of St. Martin de Porres Church. I have held several leadership positions for my local CCW affiliate and at the State Level. At the National level, I’ve chaired the NCCW Nominating Committee and Resolutions Committee and served as an NCCW Leadership commission member. Currently I’m an NCCW Legislative Committee member and on the Leadership Team. I am committed to Serve! I have the experience needed to fulfill the responsibilities of this position. I pride myself on accuracy and consistency. I would be honored to serve as your next Secretary and will perform the job to the best of my ability.”

**NCCW:** Served as Chair of Nominating Committee, Chair of Resolutions Committee, Leadership Commission member, Leadership Team and Legislative committee member

**STATE/DIOCESAN/DEANERY:** Representative & Attendee to past 15 South Carolina SCCCW State Conventions from 2004-2019; Served as South Carolina Deanery’s President, Vice President and Secretary

**PARISH:** Served in local CCW Affiliate as President, Vice President, Secretary (twice) and Treasurer

**NCCW CONVENTIONS:** 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019

**EDUCATION:** BA Sociology/Social Work, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, GA; Master’s (M.A.) in Education, Lesley University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Masters in Counselor Education (M.Ed.), Webster University, Columbia Campus, Columbia, South Carolina

**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Intake Counselor, Three Rivers Behavioral Health, West Columbia, South Carolina -- Prepared written assessments, interviewed prospective patients prior to hospital admission  
School Social worker, Richland School District 1, Columbia, South Carolina -- Case management of students; counseling of students and families; development of strategies and implementing intervention to improve attention; maintain and decrease dropout rate; Representative in court for the School District on Truancy cases; referrals to outside agencies to assist school and families to improve attendance and academics  
Child Protective Service Case Worker, Richland/Lexington Department of Social Services, Columbia and Lexington, South Carolina -- Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect cases; Preparation of social summaries; testify in Court; foster home placement; consult with social agencies and resources to assist in reuniting family if possible; permanent placement/adoption of children; conducted staff education and parenting workshops  
Clinical Counselor, Pee Dee Mental Health, Florence, South Carolina -- Counseling of individuals, families and adolescents; quality assurance record-keeping; psychotherapy group counseling and psychodrama; diagnosis and recommendation to Psychiatrist based on social assessments; participated in medication check with staff Psychiatrist

**OTHER:** Goal to serve high school and college students, providing workshops and initiatives, offering strategies to educators and students to maintain stability and focusing on increasing positive self-image and self-esteem

## 2021-2023 NCCW President-Elect Candidates



### **BETH MAHONEY for NCCW President-Elect**

**Statement:** “In my journey with the Council of Catholic Women, I have learned so much about life and witnessed a prophetic love for God with my council sisters. It’s time to give back by sharing my gifts of organization, creativity, and vision, in a leadership position. I will whole heartily dedicate my time to collaborating on the NCCW mission/vision.

I will focus on enhancing our mission and envisioning a strong supportive initiative to give witness to membership, to youth, and to the projects/programs of the commissions/committees in building a strong NCCW, as we walk in solidarity into another 100 years.”

**NCCW:** Chair of Education Committee (facilitated writing of the Resource on Papal Documents); Chair of Spirituality Commission (facilitated writings of Retreat on Mercy, Project Vocation Purse, Vocation Prayer Services, Rosary Meditation on the Dignity of Women and Prayer Card for Spiritual Advisors)

**PROVINCE & DIOCESE:** Boston Province Director; Diocesan President; President-Elect; Church Commission Chair; Spiritual Advisor

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:** Keynote speaker - Knoxville DCCW Convention, New Hampshire DCCW Convention, Fall River DCCW Convention, Maine DCCW Convention;  
Workshop Presenter – NCEA Convention & NCCL Convention; Los Angeles Religious Education Conference & San Diego Religious Education Conference; World Meeting of Families presenter, Dublin Ireland; Formation Trainer for St. Vincent de Paul Society; Numerous parish & school presentations across country and internationally

**EDUCATION & WORK:** MA in Theology with concentration in Pastoral Care and Counseling – Boston College; Principal of St. Stanislaus Catholic School, Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts

**AWARDS:** National Association of Professional Women – Woman of the Year 2011  
International Women’s Leadership Association – Woman of the Year 2012  
World Wide Who’s Who VIP – 2014  
Top Hat Award, St. Vincent de Paul Society – 2012  
Key to the City of Taunton – 1997

**OTHER:** World Youth Days – Member of the Global Planning Committee; Presenter, Director of Operations (responsible for security, food services, logistics and 400 volunteers) for English Speaking Venue for 24,000 youth in Spain, Brazil and Poland; planned major events for World Youth Days in Canada, Germany and Australia



## **DIANE TUGANDER for NCCW President-Elect**

**Statement:** “After prayerful consideration and encouragement, I am answering the call to serve and submitting my name for nomination of NCCW President-Elect. The Council of Catholic Women has been an important part of my life for forty plus years. It has helped me through some difficult times and has given me a sense of self-worth. Through those difficult times, I was able to develop my God-given talents, which I now offer to others. We need strong, qualified women to lead us into our next 100 years of service and support of our Bishops. I believe I am one of those women.”

**NCCW:** Bylaws Committee Chair & member, Service Commission Chair, Education Committee member, Nominating Committee member, Service Committee-RESPITE, OLGC Committee member, NCCW Individual & Birthday Club member; WUCWO Treasurer; NCCW Associates Life member; On-site Chair for Miami Convention & Miami General Assembly

**PROVINCE:** Director, Director-Elect, Immediate Past Director, Service Commission Co-Chair, Treasurer; Ad-Hoc Chair for Migrant & Farm Workers and Website & Membership

**DIOCESE:** Miami ACCW President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary & Parliamentarian; Commission Chair - Church, Family Concerns, Community Concerns & Organization; Leadership Training Team member; Scholarship committee; Mentor to Officers; MACCW Convention Chair

**DEANERY & PARISH CCW:** President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary & Parliamentarian; Commissions include Church, Family Concerns and Community Concerns; Mentor to Officers

**NCCW CONVENTIONS:** Attended 17 NCCW Conventions and 3 General Assemblies

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:** Presenter at 6 Florida State Conventions; Presenter on RESPITE; Conference speaker on Membership; Mentored Nassau Catholic Women’s Auxiliary (CWA) at request of Archbishop and attended two CWA Conventions

**EDUCATION & WORK:** Certified Classroom Assistant ESE (Exceptional Student Education) for K-5 and Pre-K ages 3-5 with Autism; Bank of New York Teller

**AWARDS:** FCCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Award – 2012

Martha Lynch Award – 2001

Non-Instructional Employee of the Year finalist, Broward County School District – 1998

Irma Rummel Award – 1995

Rev. Ron Carroll Award – 1994

**OTHER:** Delegate to Tallahassee Catholic Days at the Capitol; Lake Yale Leadership Symposium; Instituted NCCW Doll Campaign Project; Seminar on Human Trafficking; Started Lick Family Violence Campaign; Parish “Faith in Action” Chair