



Announcement regarding Diocesan Elections in 2020

This year, there will be a special convention in lieu of our diocesan Annual Convention. Because this is a special meeting, there will be no elections to diocesan committees. Those who were elected and currently serve on diocesan committees and commissions will be asked to continue for one more year, even if their term is up. In the case of vacancies, the Bishop and/or Diocesan Council will make appointments as is permitted by diocesan canons.

The one exception to this is the Standing Committee. The canons (4.2) state that each person may serve one four-year term on Standing Committee. That means that in November 2020, one priest and one layperson will have their terms expire. This same canon allows Diocesan Council to fill any vacancies on Standing Committee. Bishop Knisely has suggested that anyone wishing to serve on Standing Committee should fill out a nomination form. At its November 2020 meeting, Diocesan Council will elect one priest and one lay person from those nominees to fill the two vacancies.

The nomination form is attached, and it includes the requirements for those who wish to serve on Standing Committee. Please note that a short biography and 3 signatures or endorsements are required.

Any questions about current committee membership or future vacancies can be sent to the Elections Committee at this address: convention@episcopalri

The Rev. Bettine Besier
Chair, Committee on Elections
August 25, 2020



2020 NOMINATION FORM FOR STANDING COMMITTEE

From the Diocesan Canons

Canon 4.1. Duties. The Standing Committee, comprised of four Presbyters and four lay persons, shall be the council of advice to the Bishop and shall perform such duties as required by and in conformance with the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese.

Canon 4.2. Term of Office. The members shall serve staggered terms of four years each. At each Annual Convention there shall be elected one Presbyter and one lay person for such term. No person who has served for a full term of four years, or for more than two years in an unexpired term, shall be eligible for election until after the expiration of one full year. The failure to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Standing Committee, unless the failure to attend is waived by a majority of the Standing Committee, shall be deemed to be a resignation of the member. Vacancies may be filled by the Diocesan Council to serve until the next Annual Convention, which shall elect a member for the unexpired term.

INSTRUCTIONS

- A person must agree to be nominated and the nominee's signature is required.
- If you are a lay person, the priest at your church is asked to sign the form indicating that you are a communicant in good standing and that she/he supports your nomination.
- Each nominee should submit a biographical paragraph (not more than 150 words). It can include the following information: occupation, diocesan service, parochial responsibilities, community involvement, etc. This paragraph can be typed and attached to this form, but preferably it is emailed as a Word document to the email address below.
- This nomination form must be signed by at least three persons who are delegates to Diocesan Convention or are canonically resident clergy. In lieu of signatures, endorsements can be sent by email.
- Please note that Standing Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 4 pm. Meetings are via Zoom.
- This signed nomination form must be received at the diocesan office by **November 13, 2020**
- Mail paper form to: Committee on Elections

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 275 North Main Street
 Providence, RI 02903-1298

OR scan and email to convention@episcopalri

Nominee Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Church/Town: _____

We, the undersigned members of Convention, nominate the above-named person for Standing Committee

Sign and Print name

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Lay persons are asked for the signature of their priest who states that you are a communicant in good standing and that she/he supports your nomination.

Priest signs here _____

