

REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITION CANDIDATES FOR BISHOP OF MARYLAND

PLEASE NOTE:

Petition Forms and Essay Questions will be available to download from the diocesan website (www.ang-md.org/bishopsearch.php) beginning January 8, 2008. All completed materials must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 29, 2008.

On January 8, 2008 the Standing Committee will announce the Search Committee's nominees for the 14th Bishop of Maryland to be elected in Special Convention on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at Saint James' Church, Baltimore, MD. In addition to candidates nominated by the Search Committee, candidates may be nominated by Petition by submitting to the Standing Committee the following materials:

- **Petition on the provided forms**, signed by fifteen (15) communicants in good standing from congregations in the Diocese of Maryland, AND any five (5) clergy canonically resident in the Diocese of Maryland. Signatories must represent at least three (3) regions and five (5) congregations. You may submit the nomination signatures in counterparts, that is, all endorsers do not need to sign the same copy of the nomination form. However, the Petition must be received in hardcopy (i.e., not electronically) as a single unit with all original signatures attached.
- **Current Resumé**
- **Current C.D.O. Profile**
- **Concise, narrative biography of no more than 125 words written in the third person**
- **Greeting** - a statement of no more than 250 words introducing themselves to the diocese.
- **A Photo for publication**, submitted electronically – one digital JPEG color photo of the nominee, 600x800 pixels minimum. The photograph should be of the nominee only, showing head and shoulders against a neutral background. The nominee should be wearing clericals or other professional dress, but not liturgical vestments. The photograph should be royalty-free, and the Diocese of Maryland reserves the right to publish it.

All petition materials must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., January 29, 2008. All materials, with the exception of the Petition itself, may be sent either electronically or in hardcopy.

Ms. Christine N. Kinard, Secretary OR bishopsearchmd@comcast.net
The Standing Committee
Diocese of Maryland
4 East University Parkway
Baltimore, MD 21218

In addition:

- The petitioner must be eligible for election as a Bishop according to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church.
- Petitioners shall be subject to the same background checks as nominees of the Search Committee. If we do not receive background check results prior to publication of the petition candidate names and if a petition nominee does not satisfactorily complete the Oxford Document Services background check we will expect a speedy and gracious withdrawal by the petition nominee. The Standing Committee will pay for Background Checks for all candidates – Search Committee candidates and Petition candidates alike.

- The Standing Committee shall certify a petitioner only if all requirements are met.
- Petitioners shall participate in the presentation of candidates on the same basis as other nominees. The presentations, or “walkabouts,” are scheduled for Tuesday, March 4 – Saturday, March 8, 2008.
- The names on the ballot at the Electing Convention will be arranged in alphabetical order.
- Nominations will not be accepted from the floor of the Electing Convention.

*Petition Nomination Form
for the Fourteenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland*

The Nominee must sign this form to be considered.

Name of Nominee _____

Full Address _____

Telephone Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-Mail Address _____

I consent to placement of my name in nomination for the election of the Bishop of Maryland. I agree to submit to the requirements of the process, including the background check, and I expect in good faith to serve if elected. I agree that any information resulting from the background check may be disclosed to the Convention, so long as that information has been disclosed to me before being disclosed to the Convention.

Signature of Nominee _____ Date _____

In order to allow sufficient time for background checks, please return this page immediately. This page is intended to arrive ahead of the rest of the completed form, and should be sent to:

*Christine N. Kinard, Secretary
Standing Committee, Diocese of Maryland
4 East University Parkway
Baltimore, MD 21218*

Upon receipt of this page, you will be sent the appropriate forms to begin the Oxford Document Services background check.

Page 2 Name of Nominee _____

Name of Nominator _____

Parish or Mission _____

Full Address _____

Telephone Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-Mail Address _____

I hereby nominate _____

as a petition nominee to be elected Bishop of Maryland by the Diocesan Convention in March, 2008.

The nominee was duly ordered a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on _____,
(Date and Year)

in the Diocese of _____,

with the Rt. Rev. _____ officiating,

and was duly ordered Priest in the Episcopal Church on _____,
(Date and Year)

in the Diocese of _____,

with the Rt. Rev. _____ officiating.

I have obtained the nominee's consent to place [his] [her] name in nomination. I have also obtained the agreement of the nominee that [he] [she] submit to the requirements of the process, including the background check, and expects in good faith to serve if elected. I also have the consent of the nominee that any information resulting from the background check may be disclosed to the Convention, so long as there was disclosure of such information to the nominee prior to the Convention. I have included herewith the necessary endorsements, with signatures and appropriate identification, as required by the applicable diocesan procedures.

Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____

Page 3 Name of Nominee _____

Endorsements

NOTE: *Each at-large nomination must be accompanied by the following combination of endorsements and signatures:*

- a. five (5) clergy canonically resident in the Diocese of Maryland;*
- b. fifteen (15) communicants in good standing from congregations in the Diocese of Maryland;*
- c. Signatories must represent three (3) regions and five (5) congregations.*

You may submit the nomination in counterparts (that is, all endorsers do not need to sign the same copy of the nomination form) as long as you submit one original signature from each endorser.

Endorsements: Five (5) clergy canonically resident in the Diocese of Maryland:

1. Signature _____

Print Name _____

Parish or Mission _____ Region _____

Phone Number _____

2. Signature _____

Print Name _____

Parish or Mission _____ Region _____

Phone Number _____

3. Signature _____

Print Name _____

Parish or Mission _____ Region _____

Phone Number _____

4. Signature _____

Print Name _____

Parish or Mission _____ Region _____

Phone Number _____

5. Signature _____

Print Name _____

Parish or Mission _____ Region _____

Phone Number _____

**Endorsements: Fifteen (15) communicants in good standing from congregations
in the Diocese of Maryland.**

1. **Signature:** _____
Print Name: _____ Parish or Mission _____ Region _____
Phone Number: _____

2. **Signature:** _____
Print Name: _____ Parish or Mission _____ Region _____
Phone Number: _____

3. **Signature:** _____
Print Name: _____ Parish or Mission _____ Region _____
Phone Number: _____

4. **Signature:** _____
Print Name: _____ Parish or Mission _____ Region _____
Phone Number: _____

5. **Signature:** _____
Print Name: _____ Parish or Mission _____ Region _____
Phone Number: _____

6. **Signature:** _____
Print Name: _____ Parish or Mission _____ Region _____
Phone Number: _____

7. **Signature:** _____
Print Name: _____ Parish or Mission _____ Region _____
Phone Number: _____

8. **Signature:** _____
Print Name: _____ Parish or Mission _____ Region _____
Phone Number: _____

9. **Signature:** _____

Print Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parish or Mission Region

10. **Signature:** _____

Print Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parish or Mission Region

11. **Signature:** _____

Print Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parish or Mission Region

12. **Signature:** _____

Print Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parish or Mission Region

13. **Signature:** _____

Print Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parish or Mission Region

14. **Signature:** _____

Print Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parish or Mission Region

15. **Signature:** _____

Print Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parish or Mission Region