

Committee Descriptions & Vacancies FOR NOMINATION

224th Convention of The Diocese of Maryland - May 2-3, 2008

Dear Friends,

This Diocese, like any other, is run on the faith, talent, good will and prayers of its people.

Except for the employees of the Diocese, all of the offices and ministry positions are staffed by volunteers. When you offer your talents for one of the elected positions, or nominate an individual, you are contributing to the work of God in Maryland.

In this very critical time of transition, please give your prayerful consideration to running, or to nominating someone for one of our offices. Fill out the form and submit it NO LATER THAN February 18th.

Blessings,

The Nominations Committee

GENERAL CONVENTION

Elect four clergy and four lay persons, plus four clergy alternates and four lay alternates.

The Deputies and Alternates will represent the Diocese at the General Convention of the church in the summer of 2009 and serve until our next election in 2011. The General Convention does the business of the church and charts a course for the following three years.

TRIENNIAL

Elect two delegates and one alternate.

The Delegates and Alternate will represent the Diocese at the Triennial meeting of the Episcopal Church Women at the General Convention of the church in the summer of 2009. The Triennial is devoted to women's activities and concerns.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Elect one clergy and two lay persons until 2011.

The Diocesan Council serves as Convention in recess to plan, budget, review, and provide oversight of all aspects of the life of the Diocese not specifically reserved by Canon or the Bishop for some other agency or person and fulfills the Canons of the Diocese regarding duties of the Council. Council is the central point in the Diocese for communication among the Episcopal, staff, geographic, and program interests. The Council has charge of all receipts and disbursements of the Diocese provided for under its budget or by resolution or authority of the Convention

Terms for Council members are three years. Council meets a minimum of five times a year including four Saturdays (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) at a different location each meeting, requiring travel to various parts of the Diocese, and one Monday evening in December (5 – 9 p.m.) at the Diocesan Center. Members are also expected to attend one overnight session each year at the Bishop Claggett Center. Orientation is provided for new members. Council members have seat and voice at Convention. Each member is asked to serve on a committee that reports to Council.

Elected MEMBERS AT-LARGE Remaining After Convention 2008

The Rev. Charles Messer '09
The Rev. Stephanie Yancy '10

Mr. Lee E. Weber '09
Mr. Charles Graves, IV '09
Mr. Townsend Hoen '10
Ms. Laura McGuire '10

Other Council members are elected by the Regions, with each Region alternating lay and clergy members

Elected REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES Remaining After Convention 2008

Anne Arundel

Mr. Ron Burr '09

Harbor

The Rev. David Showers '09

Northeast

Mr. Julian Morgan '09

Southern Maryland

The Rev. Julie Wizorek '09

Washington County

The Rev. Anne Weatherholt '10

Western Maryland

The Rev. Rowland Bonadie '10

REGIONAL VACANCIES

to be elected by the Regions

To serve 2 year terms each

Frederick – Lay

To serve 3 year terms each

Harford County – Clergy

Northwest – Lay

North Central – Lay

Towson Roland Park – Lay

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Elect one clergy and one lay person until 2011.

The Committee provides advice and counsel on staffing, personnel policies, compensation and benefits, and budget requirements for that portion of the Diocesan structure that supports the Bishops. The Committee will provide recommendations to the Diocesan Council with respect to benefit plans and policies as applicable to all parochial clergy and lay staff. The committee further provides recommendations to Annual Convention relating to compensation standards for congregational staff.

Elected Members Remaining After Convention 2008

The Rev. Ann Boyd '09

Ms. Louise Izat '09

The Rev. Caroline Stewart '10

Mr. Steve Howard '10

Current *Appointed* Members

The Rev. Eric Zile

Mr. Michael Warlow

The Rev. Dan Meck

Mr. Patrick Stapleton

Ms. Anne Gross

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT

Elect two clergy and one lay person until 2011

The Ecclesiastical Court was established by Canon Law to preside over "the Trial of any Priest or Deacon subject to its jurisdiction....." The Court is convened whenever the Standing Committee has deemed there is sufficient reason for presentment (charge) to be made against a priest or a deacon.

Those elected to the Office may never be called to session, but in the event of a trial they must be available for a brief but intense period of time. No special legal expertise is required. An orientation meeting is held shortly after Convention, with the election of a Presiding Judge.

Elected Members Remaining After Convention 2008

The Rev. Richard Ginnever '09

Ms. Marjorie Richmond '09

The Rev. Kristen Looney '10

Ms. Karen Ballard '09

The Rev. Pat Drost '10

Ms. Julia Dryden English '10

STANDING COMMITTEE

Elect one clergy and one lay person until 2012.

The Standing Committee is comprised of eight members, elected by Convention to serve as the Bishops' Council of Advice. It is so named because it is prescribed by Article IV of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church. If the Diocese should be without a Diocesan Bishop, the Standing Committee becomes the Chief Ecclesiastical Authority. Some specific duties of the Standing Committee are:

- A) Council of Advice to the Bishops
- B) Involvement in the Ordination Process
- C) National Duties such as Consents for Episcopal Elections
- D) Ruling on the Encumbrance of Diocesan Property

The Standing Committee currently meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in the mid to late afternoon and early evening. An all day meeting is held with the Commission on Ministry in mid January each year. At that time, decisions regarding candidacy and ordination are made. Committee members are expected to be a part of that process. It is also expected that members take part in an overnight session once a year, usually in September.

Elected Members Remaining After Convention 2008

The Rev. Scott Slater '09

Ms. Lynne Graham '09

The Rev. Scott Bellows '10

Ms. Ginny Miller '10

The Rev. Kirk Kubicek '11

Mr. Richard Roszel '11

**** Please note:**

The offices listed in this mailing are those known to us as of the date of this mailing. Changes due to resignations may warrant additional elections at Convention. The Secretary of Convention will notify all delegates if additional elections are to be held.