

Committee Descriptions & Vacancies FOR NOMINATION

225rd Convention of the Diocese of Maryland - May 1-2, 2009

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.

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 17th.

Blessings,

The Nominations Committee

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Elect one clergy and two lay persons until 2012.

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 in September 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 2009.

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy '10
The Rev. Madeleine Beard '11

Mr. Townsend Hoen '10
Ms. Laura McGuire '10
Mrs. Inez Haynie Dodson '11
Mr. Fred Mason '11

DIOCESAN COUNCIL *continued*

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

Elected REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES Remaining After Convention 2009.

Frederick County
Ms. Robin Heiser '10

Harford County
The Rev. Brad Ingalls '11

North Central
Ms. Caroline Workman '11

Patapsco Valley
Mr. Ron Buchman '10

Towson Roland Park
Ms. Christina Harris '11

Washington County
The Rev. Anne Weatherholt '10

Western Maryland
The Rev. Roland Bonadie '11

REGIONAL VACANCIES *to be elected by the Regions*

To serve 2 year terms

Northwest - Lay

To serve 3 year terms each

Anne Arundel - Clergy

Northeast - Clergy

Harbor - Lay

Southern Maryland - Lay

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Elect one cleric and one lay person until 2012.

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 2009.

The Rev. Caroline Stewart '10
The Rev. Rebekah Bokros Hatch '11

Mr. Steve Howard '10
Mr. Charles Roebuck '11

Current *Appointed* Members

The Rev. Eric Zile
The Rev. Annette Chappell

Mr. Michael Warlow
Ms. Anne Gross
Ms. Louise Izat

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT

Elect one cleric and two lay persons until 2012.

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 2009

The Rev. Kristen Looney ‘10

Ms. Julia Dryden English ‘10

The Rev. Pat Drost ‘10

Mr. Stephen Alpern ‘11

The Rev. Jane O’Leary ‘11

The Rev. Taylor Smith ‘11

STANDING COMMITTEE

Elect one cleric and one lay person until 2013.

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 2009.

The Rev. Scott Bellows ‘10

Ms. Ginny Miller ‘10

The Rev. Kirk Kubicek ‘11

Mr. Richard Roszel ‘11

The Rev. Allen F. Robinson ‘12

Ms. Faye Houston ‘12

** 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.