

# COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS & VACANCIES FOR NOMINATION

228TH CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND — MAY 4-5, 2012

*Dear Friends,*

*This Diocese, like any other, is run on the faith, talent, good will, and the 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 21st.*

*Blessings,*

*The Nominations Committee*

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## SECRETARY OF CONVENTION

**ELECT ONE PERSON UNTIL 2013**

The secretary of Convention is an ex-officio member of the Convention Planning Team, a member of the Resolutions Committee, and is responsible for recording the minutes of the convention and other responsibilities assigned by Canon 1-210.

## COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE

**ELECT ONE CLERIC AND ONE LAY PERSON UNTIL 2015**

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 the annual convention relating to compensation standards for congregational staff.

Elected members remaining after convention:

The Rev. Dion Thompson (2013)

The Rev. Pat Drost (2014)

Celeste Morgan (2013)

Charles Roebuck (2014)

Appointed members:

The Rev. Ann Boyd

The Rev. Annette Chappell

The Rev. Caroline Stewart

The Rev. Eric Zile

Anne Gross

Sarah Ingalls-Howard

Stephen Howard

Louise Izat

Michael Warlow

## DIOCESAN COUNCIL

**ELECT ONE CLERIC AND TWO LAY PERSONS UNTIL 2015**

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 Convention.

Terms for council members are three years. Council meets a minimum of ten times a year including 8-9 Saturdays (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) at a different location for each meeting, requiring travel to various parts of the diocese, and one Monday evening in December (5 – 8 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 as well as on a Horizons task force.

Elected members remaining after convention:

The Rev. Lew Bradford (North Central, 2014)

The Rev. Nancy Dilliplane (at large, 2014)

The Rev. Jessica Knowles (Frederick, 2013)

The Rev. Kathryn Wajda (Towson/Roland Park, 2014)

The Rev. Nancy White (at large, 2013)

Sarah Ingalls-Howard (at large, 2014)

Thomas Meachum (at large, 2013)

Dian Nelson (Washington County, 2013)

Glen Weaver (Harford, 2014)

John Willard (at large, 2013)

Ellen Zior (at large, 2014)

## DISCIPLINARY BOARD

### **ELECT ONE CLERIC AND TWO LAY PERSONS UNTIL 2015**

The Disciplinary Board was established by canon law to oversee "jurisdiction and venue for proceedings" for "a Member of the Clergy...for the alleged commission of an Offense..." The Board replaces the Ecclesiastical Trial Court (under the old canon) and is convened whenever an offense has been reported to an appointed Intake Officer who determines that there is sufficient reason for referral to the board.

Those elected to the office may never be called to session, but in the event of a report 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 president.

Elected members remaining after convention:

The Rev. Alistair So (2013)

Bill Acorn (2013)

The Rev. Janice Gordon-Barnes (2013)

Stephen Alpern (2014)

The Rev. Pat Drost (2014)

The Rev. Taylor Smith (2014)

## STANDING COMMITTEE

### **ELECT ONE CLERIC AND ONE LAY PERSON UNTIL 2015**

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) Denominational 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 or 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:

The Rev. Florence Ledyard (2013)

The Rev. Chip Lee (2014)

The Rev. Glenna Huber (2015)

Russell R. Reno (2013)

David Mallory (2014)

Sandra A. Criscimagna (2015)