



PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATIONS

- a. All persons eligible to hold elected office may nominate themselves or be nominated by any person with seat, voice and vote at Convention in accordance with the following rules:
- b. In setting the times for filing nominations for office as required by Rule 9, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall set an initial filing time ending no less than eight weeks before time of Convention.
- c. For any office for which there is no contested election, a second filing time shall immediately open after the close of the initial nomination deadline. The second nomination period shall close at midnight on the Wednesday following the Diocesan Convocation.
- d. The President of Convention shall provide a form for filing nominations on the Diocese website. Nominations shall be filed only by using the form provided on the Diocese website.
- e. The Nomination Form shall include the following information:
 - i. Name, phone number and email address of the nominee
 - ii. Order of the nominee (clergy or lay)
 - iii. Congregation, including city, of which the nominee is a member
 - iv. Office the nominee is seeking
 - v. Name, order (clergy or lay), signature with date, and congregation including city of the person making the nomination.
 - vi. A Candidate's Statement required on the form, and
 - vii. A digital color headshot 5"x 7" at 300 dpi (1500 x 2100 pixels), submitted as .jpg or .png
- f. Submitted Nomination Forms will be forwarded to the Chair of the Nominations Committee for review. Forms which meet all requirements will be forwarded to the Secretary of Convention to be added to the ballot. If a Nomination Form is incomplete, the Chair of the Nomination Committee will inform the Nominee. Incomplete or incorrectly submitted forms will not be forwarded to the Secretary of Convention for the ballot.
- g. Candidates are strongly urged to participate in a recorded zoom call (TBA) and answer the following Question: *What are your hopes for the life of the whole Diocese?*
- h. The names of all candidates, and their submitted statements shall be published on the diocese website no less than two weeks prior to Deanery Convocations, scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2023.
- i. Nominations from the floor of Convention shall be opened as provided for nominations by Canon 6.2. A description of the procedures and requirements for Nominations from the floor shall be included in the materials provided at the Deanery Convocations. A person nominated from the floor must be prepared to submit 200 printed copies of the completed Nomination Form at the beginning of convention.



CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

- 1) In addition to following any applicable provision of the Constitution or Canons of The Episcopal Church or this Diocese, the President of Convention shall conduct all elections in the following manner:
 - a) All voting shall be by individual secret electronic ballot. *(See Rules of Order, House of Deputies, articles XIV E and XV B. The votes shall be tabulated electronically, and the results reported to the President of Convention. See also Diocese Canon 4.4.)*
 - b) Per Article X, section 2 of the Constitution, a voice vote may be used in place of a ballot for any uncontested election when approved by unanimous consent of the Convention.
 - c) The results of all elections shall be announced by the President of Convention and shall be published on the diocesan webpage as soon as possible after the close of Convention.
 - d) Publication of these Rules. The provisions of subsection (a) of this Rule regarding "Procedures for Nominations" shall be included with the notice and time and place of Convention specified by Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution.
- 2) At least sixty days before each annual Convention and at the time of sending the notice of a meeting of Convention required by Art. XIV of the Constitution, the Secretary shall post on the Diocesan website a list of all clergy canonically and actually resident in this Diocese and give notice of the posting by electronic transmission to all clergy canonically resident in this diocese, whether actually resident or not. Within thirty days following the electronic transmission, any member of the clergy canonically resident in this diocese may enter an objection to the list by an email addressed to the Secretary and the Chair of the Committee on Credentials. After reasonable notice and an opportunity for the objector to be heard, the Committee on Credentials shall render its recommendation, which the Secretary of Convention shall report to Convention.