



Are you called to serve?

The Nominating Committee seeks candidates to serve in a variety of leadership positions. Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to step into a leadership role in the diocese by considering to stand for election to one or more of the following positions. ***Nominations are requested by December 15, 2017, and may be made by the bishops of this diocese, clergy and lay delegates, vestries, and any other person authorized by Canon.***

2018 Leadership Positions Open

Bishop & Council

Elect 3 – 1 lay Middle East, 1 clergy Upper East and 1 clergy South East; 2018-2021

The Bishop and Council comprises the bishop plus lay and clerical members who represent each of the three areas of the diocese. “B&C” carries out the work of the Diocesan Convention between its annual meetings and oversees diocesan program. Members serve for three years; they review and approve the budget, follow implementation of convention resolutions and work with the bishop on ministry and mission decisions in the diocese.

Ms. Margaret Bickley rotates off B&C this year and is not eligible for re-election. We thank her for her service. Mr. Quinn Parman is eligible for re-election as he was appointed to fill an unexpired term and has not completed a three-year term.

Eligibility:

- Lay persons eligible to serve on the Council include all Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing eighteen years of age or more, except that no person whose compensation in whole or in part is paid by the Diocese, or by an Organization or Institution of the Diocese, shall be eligible to serve.
- Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, except members of diocesan staff, are eligible to serve on the Council.
- A person may not serve simultaneously on the Council and the Standing Committee.
- Not more than one person from the same Parish, either Clergy or Lay, shall be eligible to serve with a vote on the Council at the same time, except in the case of St. John’s Cathedral, from which a Lay person may be elected.

Disciplinary Board

Elect 2 – 1 lay and 1 clergy; 2018-2021

The Disciplinary Board is comprised of seven persons, four members of the Clergy and three Lay who serve on the board for three years. Clergy members must be canonically and geographically resident within the diocese, and lay members must be adult communicants in good standing who are geographically resident in the diocese. Members of the Standing Committee may not also be members of the Disciplinary Board. Functions of the Disciplinary Board are listed in the Canons of the Episcopal Church, Title IV.

Eligibility:

- No member of the Standing Committee may be a member of the Disciplinary Board.
- The Clergy members of the Board must be canonically and geographically resident within the Diocese.
- The lay members of the Board shall be adult Communicants in Good Standing, and geographically resident in the Diocese

Standing Committee

Elect 2 – 1 clergy and 1 lay; 2018-2021

The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice to the bishop. It has six members, three clergy and three lay. Each class is three years, and members can be re-elected for one successive term. One clergy and one lay member rotate off each year.

The Rev. Jay Mills and Sister Michael Julian Davidson SSG rotate off the Standing Committee this year and are not eligible for re-election. We thank them for their service.

Eligibility:

- Must be adult confirmed Communicants in Good Standing
- May not also serve on the Disciplinary Board or Bishop & Council.

Trustee, University of the South

Elect 1 lay; 2018-2021

Two lay people and one member of the clergy serve for three years on the Board of Trustees of Sewanee (The University of the South). Trustees are expected to attend the annual board meeting each October and any special meetings that may occur throughout the year. Trustees should be personally committed to the basic aims of the university. They are responsible for informing their dioceses about the university and should be willing to contribute to its financial well-being.

Mr. Chris Cone rotates off as a trustee this year and is not eligible for re-election. We thank him for his service.

Eligibility:

- A Trustee who has served two successive terms, either full or partial, shall not be eligible for re-election until the passage of at least one year.
- A lay person so nominated shall be a confirmed communicant in good standing and preferably a graduate of the University of the South.

NOTE

Nominations are requested by December 15, 2017. All nominations must be received no later than the final deadline of January 5, 2018. Only submissions received by this deadline will be posted on the convention web page prior to the convention and included in the convention packet.

After our final January 5, 2018 deadline, nominees are responsible for bringing 300 copies of their biography with photo to be handed out at the convention. These copies should be given to Canon Patricia (Pat) Grace before the start of convention business on Friday, Feb 9. Please send questions to the Rev. Canon Pat Grace, pgrace@dioet.org. Full instructions are on the following page.

Nominations After Jan. 5, 2018

Nominations for diocesan leadership positions which have been received by the deadline of January 15, 2018, will be included in the 2018 Diocesan Convention packet and posted on the convention website.

After this date, nominations may be made from the floor at the convention. Nominees are responsible for bringing 300 copies of their nominee information to be handed out at the convention. **Please give the material to the Rev. Canon Patricia Grace before the start of convention business on Friday, February 9.**

Nominee information should be on **one sheet of paper** and include these five items:

1. Your **name, parish and parish city**
2. The **position for which you are being nominated**

FOR LAY NOMINEES:

Bishop & Council – 1 lay leader from the Middle East Area

Disciplinary Board – 1 lay leader

Standing Committee – 1 lay leader

Trustee, University of the South – 1 lay leader

FOR CLERGY NOMINEES:

Bishop & Council – 1 clergy leader (each) from the Upper East Area and the South East Area

Disciplinary Board – 1 clergy leader

Standing Committee – 1 clergy leader

3. Your **biography of 100 words or less** that describes the skills, experience and commitment you would bring to the position – please focus on church-related activities or any experience related to the position sought. ***Please do not provide more than 100 words – all other nominees were required to abide by this guide, and more text could make you less appealing to those voting!***
4. A recent **photo** (head and shoulders) included on the sheet provided to delegates.
5. A statement that you are a **confirmed communicant in good standing** in your parish.