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Dear Clergy, Wardens, and Diocesan Leaders:

The 195th Convention of the Diocese of Kentucky is scheduled for November 11-12, 2022 at Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville. We look forward to being able to gather as a diocese to share fellowship, to worship together, and to plan and prepare for how we as a diocese continue our ministry as followers of Jesus, doing the work we have been given to do.

As part of the convention responsibilities, delegates will elect members to a variety of diocesan positions. As the nominations chairperson, I ask that every layperson and member of the clergy of our diocese prayerfully consider the time and talents that they can offer in support of the work of the Church and be willing to be nominated for election to one of these positions. The work of all of these groups continues to be vitally important, and I hope that you will assist this process by sharing this information with your congregations.

Enclosed is a list of positions to be filled at the next diocesan convention. The list includes qualifications for the various positions, information about continuing members, and details of those members whose terms will expire this year. A one-page Nomination Form is also included. It is important that the individuals who are nominated **have given their permission to be nominated**. **Please note that all lay nominees must be active members of one of the congregations in the Diocese of Kentucky. Priests in charge of congregations will be asked to verify membership.** Nominees will be sent a biographical information sheet that they will be asked to complete and return.

Please return completed nomination forms to me by the Monday, September 26th deadline. Forms may be mailed to my attention at Christ Church, Bowling Green or scanned and emailed to kellie@cecbg.com. **Nominations may only be made after this date from the floor of the convention.**

Faithfully,

The Rev. Kellie Mysinger, Chair
Diocesan Nominations

Qualifications for Positions to be Filled at the 2022 Diocesan Convention

Deputies to General Convention and the Provincial Synod:
Four members of the clergy (presbyter or deacon), canonically resident in the diocese, and four resident lay adult, confirmed members in good standing of the diocese shall be elected as Deputies of the Church in the Diocese of Kentucky to the next General Convention, which will be held in Louisville, Kentucky in July 2024. All deputies will be expected to attend the General Convention as well as two Provincial Synods. The deputies will each serve a term of three years and until the election of their successors. In the same manner, two members of the clergy and two laypersons, having the qualifications for deputies, shall be elected as alternates. All deputy and alternate positions are to be filled.

Trustees & Council:
Trustees and Council manages the temporal affairs of the Diocese subject to the Canons of the Church and the budgets and resolutions adopted by the Diocesan Convention. A nominee for the council should be a person who has at least some familiarity with the organization, structure and resources of the Diocese and an interest in business affairs. Nominees should be willing to take responsibility for the work of the council in implementing decisions of the Convention, formulating long-range plans and making immediate decisions about the life and work of the Diocese. Each nominee, if elected, should be prepared to vote upon matters which will support the mission and ministry of the Diocese. Each lay nominee must be an active, adult, confirmed communicant of a congregation in good standing, and should be a faithful, committed believer in the Lord, who is committed to the well-being of the Diocese and the larger Church. Each clerical nominee must be canonically resident in the Diocese of Kentucky, either parochial or non-parochial. Trustees and Council meets five to six times a year, including one overnight retreat at All Saints' Center; members should expect to pay for travel, lodging and meals for these meetings. A trustee may be elected for two (2) successive terms of three (3) years each, after which at least one (1) year shall elapse before a trustee may be re-elected. Partial terms shall not be considered in determining whether a trustee has served two (2) consecutive terms.

Continuing members are the Rev. Dr. Steven Pankey (2023), the Rev. Jerry Cappel (2023), Jay Mehta (2023), the Rev. Charles Uhlik (2024), the Rev. Clint Wilson (2024), Becky Carroll (2024), and Christine Thorowgood (2024) . Two presbyters and two laypersons will be elected for three-year terms to replace the Rev. Matthew Bradley, the Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer, Paula Lyons, and Heath Rico-Storey, and one layperson will be elected to replace the one-year, unexpired term of Susan Marquardt.

Standing Committee:
The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice to the Bishop and, when there is no Bishop authorized to act, serves as the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese. The committee consists of three (3) presbyters, three (3) lay persons and one (1) deacon who serve for terms of three (3) years each. The routine work of the committee consists of deciding whether or not to approve candidates for the ministry and proposed ordinations in the diocese, and whether or not to consent, on behalf of the diocese, to the ordination of bishops elected in other dioceses. Upon resignation of the Bishop, the Standing Committee is responsible for the process leading to the nomination and consecration of a new bishop. Nominees for the Standing Committee should be persons who are interested in the ordination process and the life of ordained ministry and can respond to questions relating to approvals sought by other dioceses and concerning our own diocesan structure. Nominees, if elected, must be willing to understand and work within the canons of both the diocese and the Episcopal Church. Each lay nominee must be an active, adult, confirmed communicant in good standing in his/her own congregation and should be a faithful believer who is committed to the Lord and has been in the Diocese long enough to know the workings of the Diocese and its individuals, conditions and situations, and has been supportive of the work of the church even though the nominee may disagree with some decisions. Each clerical nominee must be canonically resident in the diocese, either parochial or non-parochial and should have been in the Diocese long enough to know the workings of the Diocese and its individuals, conditions and situations, and should be one who has been supportive of the work of the church and who does so in his/her present position, even though the nominee may disagree with some decisions. The Standing Committee meets about ten times a year for two to three hours each. No member of the Standing Committee who has served any part of the term for which such member was elected by the Convention shall be eligible for re-election to the Standing Committee until an interval of one (1) year has elapsed.

Continuing members are the Rev. John Fritschner (2023), James Bartman (2023), the Rev. Dr. Lee Shafer (2024), and Susie Watkins (2024). One presbyter, one deacon, and one layperson will be elected for three-year terms to replace the Very Rev. Becca Kello, the Rev. Dcn. Mark Richard, and David Lee.

Trustees, the Bishop Dudley Memorial Trust:
The Board of Trustees of the Bishop Dudley Memorial Trusts is a semi-independent, non-profit corporation which has charge of all money, funds and property of every kind and description, now held or which may hereafter be contributed, for the support of the Episcopate in the Diocese, including when entrusted to its care the Episcopal residence or residences. The board of directors of the corporation consists of nine (9) Trustees who are elected for terms of three (3) years each. The Trustees are responsible for the investment of endowment and other funds and for the expenditure of income thereof for the support of the Episcopate according to the requirements of the Canons of the Diocese and the charter of the corporation as amended. Each nominee should have substantial understanding of and experience with financial and investment matters and be willing to attend quarterly meetings with the other Trustees and with representatives of the Louisville-based financial institution which the Trustees select to manage the funds of the Trust. No member who has served for any part of an elected term shall be eligible for re-election until an interval of one (1) year has elapsed.

Continuing members are Michael DaRif (2023), Robert Shober (2023), Blade Townley (2023), Tom Cooper (2024), James Moody (2024), and Ann Puckett (2024). Three laypersons will be elected for three-year terms to replace Ralph Barany, H. Alex Campbell, and Linda Wardell.

Trustees, the University of the South:
Pursuant to the Charter of the University of the South, the Diocese is entitled to one (1) presbyter and two (2) lay positions on the Board of the University. The persons elected to this position will be part of the ultimate policy-making body of the University of the South, which includes the college, St. Luke's Seminary and St. Andrew's-Sewanee. Each person nominated as a Trustee should be willing to learn about the university, to represent it faithfully to the church in Kentucky and be willing to support its programs. Trustees are expected to attend one midweek meeting at the University in the fall of the year; they are not reimbursed for travel or lodging expenses. Additionally, each Trustee is expected to make an annual, personal financial contribution to the University.

The University of the South trustees are scheduled for a final vote at their next Board meeting in October to revise their Charter to include both presbyters and deacons as eligible to fill the clergy positions on the board. Anticipating that this revision will pass, presbyter AND deacon nominations will be provisionally accepted for the November convention election.

Continuing members are Mac Jefferson (2023) and Leslie Newman (2024). One presbyter (or deacon) is to be elected for a three-year term.

Disciplinary Board for Ecclesiastical Discipline:
The process and procedure for ecclesiastical discipline in the Diocese is prescribed in Title IV of the Canons of the General Convention and Diocesan Canon 29. Title IV as revised by General Convention 2009 creates a hybrid mediation and hearing model whose stated purposes include efforts to "resolve conflicts by promoting healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, amendment of life and reconciliation among all involved or affected by" alleged Clergy misconduct. Diocesan Canon 29 creates a Disciplinary Board of seven members, four Clergy and three lay, which functions through panels to mediate, and if necessary, try alleged violations of clerical standards of conduct which are prescribed in the Canons of the General Convention. All members elected to serve on the Disciplinary Board should be emotionally mature and intelligent individuals who are capable of understanding and evaluating evidence and can be expected to be fair-minded and objective when considering alleged violations and can appreciate the needs of the Church, the vulnerabilities of the victim or complainant and the defenses presented by respondent Clergy. Because our Diocese and the Diocese of Lexington have elected to share resources if needed, members of the Disciplinary Board in our Diocese may be called upon to serve in a similar capacity during a Title IV proceeding in the Diocese of Lexington. Existing members of the Disciplinary Board may be reelected for up to three successive terms of three years each after which such a member shall not be eligible for further election for at least one year after the end of his or her third consecutive term; members of the Standing Committee are not canonically disqualified from serving on the Board.

Continuing members are the Rev. Dcn. Eva Markham (2023), Judith Fischer (2023), the Rev. Jerry Cappel (2024), Tom Noe (2024), and Martha Blair "Marti" Harrison (2024). Two clergypersons (deacon or presbyter) will be elected for three-year terms to replace the Rev. Dcn. Becky Brooks and the Rev. Dcn. Kellie Mysinger.

Cathedral Chapter Representative:
The articles of incorporation of Christ Church Cathedral authorize the Convention to elect three (3) Diocesan Representatives to serve as voting members of the Cathedral's Chapter (vestry) for terms of three (3) years of each. Nominees must be either a presbyter or deacon canonically resident in the Diocese, or an adult, confirmed communicant in good standing of a congregation other than the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, in union with the Convention of the Diocese of Kentucky. Nominees who are elected are expected to attend meetings and functions of the Chapter and offer perspectives of the Diocese at large during the Chapter's deliberations. Elected representatives are not eligible to serve as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer or Secretary of the Chapter.

Continuing member is the Rev. Dcn. Mark Richard (2024). One person (lay or clergy) will be elected for a three-year term to replace Jan Scholtz and one person (lay or clergy) will be elected for a one-year unexpired term to replace the Rev. Valerie Mayo..

Secretary of the Diocese:
A Secretary of the Diocese is elected immediately upon the opening of a Convention for a term that begins at the end of that meeting and ends with the next "stated meeting of Convention." Canon 9 describes numerous responsibilities for the Secretary, starting with attending the Convention and all meetings of Trustees and Council and its Executive Committee and verifying the minutes of these meetings. The secretary is expected to verify official documents, publish the annual Journal of the Diocese, perform a number of additional duties throughout the year of service, and gather advance reports from congregations in preparation for the next Diocesan Convention. The Canon authorizes the Secretary to request the appointment of an assistant. One person will be elected for a one-year term.

The current secretary is Kay Shields Wilkinson.

Nomination Form
for the 195th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Kentucky, November 2022

I, _____
(print your name)

of _____
(print your congregation's name and city)

nominate _____
(print nominee's name)

of _____
(print the nominee's congregation's name and city)

(All lay nominees must be active members of one of the congregations in the Diocese of Kentucky. Priests in charge of congregations will be asked to verify membership.)

for the office/position of _____
(print position nominating for)

I nominate this person **with their knowledge** and they may be contacted at

_____
(print nominee's address)

_____
(print nominee's phone number) *(print nominee's e-mail)*

Signed _____
(your signature and date)

Self-nominations are accepted. The nominee will be contacted for any further information. Please return this form no later than **Monday, September 26th, 2022**. **Nominations made after this deadline must be made from the floor of the convention and will not appear on the printed ballot.** The form may be scanned and emailed to (kellie@cecbg.com) or mailed to:

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