



The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

228th Annual Convention
Notice of Elections

To: Members of the Clergy and Lay Orders of the 228th Annual Convention
From: The Very Rev. Chris Huff, Chair of the Nominating Committee

The following positions will be filled by election at the 228th Annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

Body	Positions	Term
Standing Committee	2 Clergy, 2 Lay	3 years
Diocesan Council	2 Clergy, 2 Lay	3 years
Trustees of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina	3 Clergy, 3 Lay	For up to 6 years
Trustee, University of the South	1 Clergy	3 years

The nomination deadline is Monday, September 17, 2018. Nomination forms may be submitted by email to convention@episcopalchurchsc.org or mailed to the office: P.O. Box 20485, Charleston, SC 29413

Nomination Forms are available on the website. Please submit a high-quality photograph of the nominee. Nominees for Standing Committee and Diocesan Council must be confirmed, adult communicants in good standing in this Diocese or members of the clergy canonically resident in this Diocese. Nominators must be members of the Convention (lay delegates or members of the clergy) and the consent of the nominee is required.

Below, you will find the current membership of the bodies listed in the above chart. Sitting members of the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council who are completing a full term are not eligible for immediate re-election to their current committee. They are identified below by an asterisk (*).

The Standing Committee

<i>Term Expires Fall 2018</i>	<i>Term Expires Fall 2019</i>	<i>Term Expires Fall 2020</i>
The Rev. Mark Brinkmann* The Rev. Dr. James Yarsiah* Timothy Armstrong* Barbara Mann*	The Very Rev. Wil Keith The Rev. Jeff Richardson Carol Grish Rebecca Lovelace	The Rev. Dr. George Moyser The Rev. Fred Thompson Emily Guess Rick Stall

The Standing Committee is comprised of six clergy and six lay members. The Standing Committee’s responsibilities are: 1) Act as the Standing Committee of the diocese in accordance with the requirements of the Constitutions and Canons of The Episcopal Church, The Constitution of this Diocese (Article IX), and its Canons, including giving consents to Episcopal elections elsewhere in TEC; 2) Act as a Council of advice to the Bishop; and 3) Act as Ecclesiastical Authority in absence of the Bishop.

Time commitment: Meetings 2 hours/month, with additional meetings/preparation as requested. Meetings usually held in Charleston, occasionally around the diocese.

The Diocesan Council

<i>Term Expires Fall 2018</i>	<i>Term Expires Fall 2019</i>	<i>Term Expires Fall 2020</i>
The Rev. Pam Fahrner* The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee* Hillery Douglas* Pam Guess*	The Very Rev. Chris Huff The Rev. Jean McGraw Patricia Neumann Woody Rutter	The Rev. Rob Donehue The Rev. Cn. Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant II Ray Wannamaker Sabalis Carrington S. Wingard

The Diocesan Council is responsible for the development, implementation and oversight of the Diocesan program and budget. Between Diocesan Conventions, the Council functions much like the vestry of a congregation, establishing policies, planning the work of the church, and overseeing its administration.

Time commitment: Meetings 2 hours/month, with additional meetings/preparation as requested. Meetings usually held in Charleston, occasionally around the diocese.

Trustees of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

<i>Current Lay Members</i>		<i>Current Clergy Members</i>
Dr. Charles Carpenter Jan Gilbert Robert Moffitt	Bob Pinkerton Betsy Walker	The Rev. Donald S. McPhail The Rev. Jack Nietert The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor

The Trustees of the Diocese have previously been comprised of three clergy and five lay members. Updated Canons now call for 3 clergy and 3 lay members to serve 6 year terms. For the first 6 years, two members will expire every other year. After convention, the newly-elected trustees will determine who will hold terms for two years, four years and six years, with one clergy and one lay Trustee designated for each of those term lengths.

The responsibilities of the Trustees are in accordance with 1902 Act of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, and include quarterly meetings, and managing the investments, assets, and endowments of the diocese.

Time commitment: Meetings 2 hours/quarter, with additional meetings/preparation as requested. Meetings usually held in Charleston, occasionally around the diocese.

Trustees of the University of the South

<i>Term: October 2016- October 2019</i>	<i>Term: October 2017- October 2020</i>	<i>Term: October 2018-October 2021</i>
The Very Rev. Wil Keith	Jane Hart Lewis	Tom Wilson

The University of the South, located in Sewanee, Tennessee, is owned by the Episcopal dioceses of the southeast, each of which elects two lay persons and one member of the clergy to its Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet once each year for two days. Between annual meetings, trustees serve the University by promoting its mission, encouraging enrollment, and supporting it financially.

Time commitment: One weekend per year at Sewanee for annual meeting. Other meetings/calls as requested.

The clergy term that is to be elected at this November 2018 Convention will be: October 2019-October 2022

The Nominating Committee

Canon 8.2. The ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese shall appoint, at least sixty (60) days before the convening of each annual Convention, a nominating committee comprised of one (1) priest and one (1) layperson from each deanery and shall designate the chairman of the committee.

Below are the members of the Diocesan Nominating Committee by deanery, along with their contact information. Members of the committee welcome any questions about the nominating process.

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Pee-Dee Waccamaw

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Southern Deanery

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FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

August 8, 2018

We of the Diocesan Nominating Committee realize that many questions often arise when it comes to nominating qualified people for various elected offices in the Diocese. We have tried to anticipate some of the most commonly-asked questions below, and invite questions that are not addressed here (see contacts below). We invite your participation in this most important process in the life of our diocese, and pray for wide and diverse involvement among the many talented people who make up our part of the Body of Christ in South Carolina.

Who may run? Among the laity, any active, confirmed, adult member of an Episcopal congregation in this Diocese may run for one of the lay positions on diocesan councils, committees or boards. Among the clergy, anyone, retired or active, and in good standing in the church, and canonically resident in this Diocese may run for office.

Who SHOULD run? Anyone from the above who 1) senses a call to serve in such a capacity in Diocesan leadership, 2) has discernible spiritual gifts and talents that align with the descriptions of the offices and 3) has adequate availability for the time requirements described for each office.

Who may nominate? Official nominations can only come from convention delegates from either the lay or clergy orders. Anyone may recommend people for nomination either to the members of the Nominating Committee directly or through a delegate from a member congregation, who will then submit a nomination through the Nominating Committee. If a nomination form is sent into the Diocesan office directly, that Nomination will be submitted to the Nominating Committee for consideration. A report of all approved nominations will be posted online during the last week of September and prior to the Pre-Convention Deanery meetings in October.

What types of information should be included in the Nominator's Statement? This is explained on the Nominating Form, but if more information is needed, please contact one of the members of the committee listed below.

What types of information should be included in the Personal Statement from the Nominee? This statement from the Nominee is more subjective and depends upon the individual's personality, but the Nominee should think of it as a "letter of introduction" to people who otherwise do not personally know them, and should also include a description of their sense of call to the office for which they wish to run.

An important reminder: Please do not consider a nomination properly submitted unless the person you want to nominate consents to being placed in nomination.