**225th Annual Convention
Notice of Elections**

To: Members of the Clergy and Lay Orders of the 225th Annual Convention

From: The Rev. Rick Lindsey, Chair of the Nominating Committee

The following positions will be filled by election at the 225th Annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

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| **Body** | **Positions** | **Term** |
| Standing Committee | 2 Clergy2 Lay | 3 years3 years |
| Diocesan Council | 2 Clergy2 Lay | 3 years3 years |
| Trustee, University of the South | 1 Clergy | 3 years |

**The nomination deadline is Monday, September 7, 2015**. Nomination forms may be submitted by email to convention@episcopalchurchsc.org or mailed to the office: PO Box 20485 Charleston, SC 29413

Nomination Forms are be available on the website. Please submit a small 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. They are identified below by an asterisk (\*).

 The Standing Committee

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| *Term Expires Fall 2015* | *Term Expires Fall 2016* | *Term Expires Fall 2017*  |
| \*The Rev. Wilmot Merchant\*The Rev. Calhoun Walpole\*Erin Bailey\*Lonnie Hamilton |  The Rev. Chris HuffThe Rev. Jean McGraw Dr. Frances ElmoreDr. Scott Shaffer | The Rev. Jim DannalsThe Rev. John Zahl Doug BillingsGinga Wilder |

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.

 The Diocesan Council

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| *Term Expires Fall 2015* | *Term Expires Fall 2016* | *Term Expires Fall 2017* |
| \*The Rev. Mark Brinkmann\*The Rev. Jeff Richardson\*Nancy Bailey\*Barbara Mann | The Rev. Al VotawThe Rev. David WilliamsCarol GrishJim Gettys | The Rev. Rick LindseyThe Rev. Cn. Michael WrightSue CavanaughVirginia Weaver |

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.

Trustees of the University of the South

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| *Term Expires Fall 2015* | *Term Expires Fall 2016* | *Term Expires Fall 2017* |
| The Rev. Cn. J. Michael Wright | Jane Hart Lewis | Ann Stirling |

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.

**Members of the Nominating Committee by deanery**

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 composed of one (1) priest and one (1) layperson from each deanery and shall designate the chairman of the committee.

**PeeDee – Waccamaw**

The Rev. Wil Keith

 Mr. Mike Thomas

**Charleston Peninsula**

The Rev. John Zahl

 Ms. Elsa McDowell

**West Charleston**

The Rev. Chris Huff

 Ms. Evelyn LeGrand

**Southern**

The Rev. Rick Lindsey, Chair

Ms. Pamela Guess