

## **Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop**

TERM OF OFFICE: 3 years

NUMBER TO BE ELECTED: Five (5) lay persons and five (5) clergy persons, one of whom must be a deacon, elected by the House of Deputies; Five (5) bishops elected by the House of Bishops. Total persons to be elected: 15 Total persons on the committee: 20 (2 youth reps. to be appointed, 3 other members to be appointed to ensure diversity)

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Nominating Committee shall (only in the event of a vacated office of Presiding Bishop):

- design a process to solicit and identify qualified nominees for the office of the Presiding Bishop;
- inform the wider Church of the process and timeline
- prepare and publish a profile for the election of the next Presiding Bishop;
- select a slate of not fewer than three (3) members of the House of Bishops;
- establish a petition process for additional nominees;
- provide for pastoral care for the nominees, their families, and their diocesan staffs;
- present to a Joint Session of the House of Deputies and House of Bishops the names of the nominees to be considered by the two (2) Houses; and
- report its actions, expenditures, challenges, and recommendations to Executive Council within three (3) months after the election.

Report to the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention

Elect: Lay 5 Clergy 5 (including at least one deacon) Bishop 5  
 Slate Needs Minimum of: Lay 8 Clergy 8 (including at least two deacons) Bishop 8  
 One of the clergy must be a vocational deacon.

*HoD elects lay and clergy; HoB elects bishops*

<b>Lay</b>	<b>Clergy</b> (at least 2 deacons)	<b>Bishops</b>
Brandon Beck (VII W. Texas)	(D) Carolyn Foster (IV Alabama)	Lucinda Ashby (VIII El Camino Real)
Tivaun Cooper (II New York)	(D) Carole Maddux (IV Atlanta)	Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows (V Indianapolis)
Joanmarie Famularo (VII Texas)	Linda Grenz (I Rhode Island)	Mariann Budde (III Washington)
Robert Halleck (VIII San Diego)	Adrienne Hymes (IV SW. Florida)	Mark Lattime (VIII Alaska)
Hugh Halsey (VIII Olympia)	David Jackson (VIII Hawaii)	Jose McLoughlin (IV W. N. Carolina)
Ora Houston (VII Texas)	Luis Lopez (IX Colombia)	Jeffrey Mello (I Connecticut)
Eddie Vance (III Easton)	Alyssa Stebbing (VII Texas)	Phoebe Roaf (IV W. Tennessee)
Andrea McKellar (IV South Carolina)	Deborah White (VIII California)	Audrey Scanlan (III C. Pennsylvania)
	(D) Fatima Yakubu-Madus (V Indianapolis)	

**Brandon Beck**

Lay  
San Marcos, TX  
St Mark's, San Marcos, TX  
West Texas, VII



I am a member of a dispersed monastic community through which I serve the Church as a teacher, healer, community builder, and visionary. I am an EfM mentor, a two-time servant on the GC Task Force on Ministry for People with Mental Illness, a diocesan council representative, a diocesan Mental Health Task force member, and a Community of Hope lay chaplain. I have a PhD in Adult Education and a MFA in Creative Writing which weave together with my ministry and theology to build community at the intersection of my queer/trans experience and education and support for those in recovery. I am discerning a call to ordained life.

**Tivaun Cooper**

Lay  
Brooklyn, NY  
St. Bart's NYC  
New York, II



I would like to contribute my knowledge and enthusiasm to help our church. I was raised with a strong respect for the sacred traditions and a dedication to maintaining the ideals of justice and accountability. I promise to support honesty, decency, and openness in our diocesan institutions. I sincerely believe that our bishops should base all of their decisions on the highest moral principles and the tenets of our Church. I will work diligently to foster an environment of equal opportunity to be heard by our bishops. Additionally, I am aware of the significance of dealing with any instances of dishonesty or betrayals of trust within our episcopal leadership. I'm dedicated to preserving a strong accountability system in which grievances are thoroughly examined and appropriate steps are taken to protect the integrity of the system.

**Joanmarie Famularo**

Lay  
Austin, TX  
Jubilee Episcopal of Austin  
Texas, VII



Served Under Bishop Walker at Grace Episcopal Day School School promoting the Episcopal Identity to our students in our education of K-8 in an ecumenical environment. All were welcome at the Wednesday Chapel Service and Monthly Communion. As a member of Jubilee Episcopal in Austin Texas fills my need to be where my Lord Jesus is every Sunday. In the songs readings and sermons that nourish my soul. Feeding my imperfections to go back to do his work in the community and return next Sunday morning and learn more of his experiences that refuel my meaning in this chapter of my life. My need to join my fellow lay leaders to pray on the new journey to select who will lead over the next nine years is personal and clear. The community of jubilee requires support compassion and support. I pray for the love and support to join.

**Robert Halleck**

Lay  
Del Mar, CA  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church Del Mar, California  
San Diego, VIII



I am the retired President of Maryland Federal Bancorp, a billion dollar plus bank public company now part of Truist Corporation. I had a 30 plus year career in financial services. In my early years I was a buyer of banks for First Virginia Banks where I learned the art of financial analysis and negotiation. I hold an MBA from The University of North Carolina and BS in Finance from Norwich University. In my working career I served as trustee of several retirement funds. Obviously, as a bank president I had all departments working for me and I was, for good or bad, a very hands on manager. I believe you must know what you are supervising. I have always managed my own portfolios and mentored several successful investors. I have been an Episcopalian since 1965 and in 3 different parishes been the head of finance, endowment, and planned giving areas. I can evaluate almost any investment opportunity based in the criteria I am given. I work well with others and years ago shed my ego.

**Hugh Halsey**

Lay  
Bainbridge Island, WA  
Grace on Bainbridge  
Olympia, VIII



I have a broad background of experience both in my work and in my membership of The Episcopal Church. I have been an active member in four different diocese and many different churches. I hold an MA in Christian Formation from Virginia Theological Seminary. I have a prophetic call and believe in speaking truth to power.

Our church is in the midst of a radical change. I believe that we have an opportunity to transform into a liberation focused justice oriented organization serving God and the people. However, if we choose to do nothing, our church will still be transformed into something unrecognizable within my lifetime. Even if I am not selected to serve I hope that young people are being cultivated into these positions. If we do not lift up our younger parishioners who can we expect to lead us in the years to come, and continue our work and traditions?

Thank you, be well, God bless.

**Ora Houston**

Lay  
Austin, TX  
St. James' Episcopal Church  
Texas, VII



I believe that God's children call God by many names and no name. They come in all shapes, sizes, religions, beliefs or not! It has been my pleasure to be a Lay Deputy to three General Conventions and serve on various committees and commissions of the Diocese of Texas. My lay ministry from 2015 - 2019 was serving the good people of District 1 and the citizens of Austin on the City Council.

It is my belief that God can work at the extremes however, prefers to work in spaces where we humans have the capacity to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. More often than not found in our work in the middle.

It is my prayer that there will be no need for this Committee, however if there should be a need, I am prepared to serve.

**Eddie Vance**

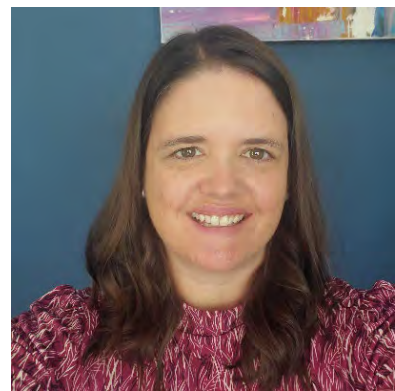
Lay  
Ridgely, MD  
Christ Church, Denton, MD  
Easton, III



I am a servant, a team player, and a leader: Senior Warden & Vestry member (CCDenton); Diocese of Easton Nominating Committee; Trinity Cathedral Chapter (thrice); General Convention Deputation (since '97); Province 3 Council (since '01) & P3 Executive Committee; Provincial Leadership Council & Joint Standing Committee on Nominations (TEC). Served on: Rector Search Committee (CCDenton); VP Diocesan Council (Easton); Standing Committee (Easton); Nominating Committee Chair (Easton); GC Deputation Chair (Easton); Nominating Committee Chair (P3); Resolutions Committee (P3); Bishop Search & Nominations Committee (Easton); Integrity, Eastern MD Chapter, Convener & Co-Chair; Standing Commission on Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations (TEC). Also: Choir, crucifer, lector, EM, Worship Leader & Eucharistic Visitor. Progressive theologically, and otherwise. I strive to keep The Church moving forward, always am blessed, privileged & honored to serve, and ask kindly for your vote. Thank you & amen!

**Andrea McKellar**

Lay  
Johns Island, SC  
St. Stephen's, Charleston  
South Carolina, IV



I would be honored to serve the church in this capacity and feel it is a good use of my skills if elected. I have served in multiple roles on diocesan staff and on a parish staff over the last 13 years including as a Diocesan Transition Officer walking the path with congregations as they call a new clergy person, explore new ministry models, and training lay leaders. I have also served on the denomination level as a member of Executive Council (2018-2024), chair of the Joint Standing Committee for Finance (2022-2024) member of the Audit Committee (2022-2024), chair of the Budget Committee (2020-2022), Task Force for Leveraging Social Media for Evangelism (2016-2018), and the Standing Committee for Lifelong Faith Formation (2013-2015).



**Carolyn Foster**

Deacon

Birmingham, AL

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Birmingham

Alabama, IV



I was born, raised, and educated in Birmingham, AL. I grew up in the Smithfield neighborhood located in west Birmingham which became known as Dynamite Hill during the turbulent 60's; a reference to numerous bombings of the homes of civic rights activists in the area. My memories and experiences of that time shaped and guided my work in areas dealing with social justice issues and racial justice and reconciliation.

I have served on several state and local Boards and am currently on the staff of Greater Birmingham Ministries serving as Faith in Community Coordinator. I also serve as Tri-chair for the Alabama Poor People's Campaign. I was ordained Deacon in November 2002 serving at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. I studied Education for Ministry at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. For over twenty years I co-chaired the Commission on Truth, Justice, and Racial Reconciliation in the Diocese of Alabama.

**Carole Maddux**

Deacon

Roswell, GA

Diocese of Atlanta

Atlanta, IV



As the Archdeacon for Discernment in the Diocese of Atlanta, I have many years of experience in the process of discerning God's call to individuals and the Church. I am a long time member of our Commission on Ministry and am now a permanent ex officio member. It is a great joy to me to help identify with people their call to service.

Before ordination, I also served as a Search Chair for parish during a particularly challenging time for us. Our founding rector had a sudden health crisis that required his immediate retirement during a turmoil laden time in the wider Church. I found that non-anxious leadership would be essential to our success and did my best to provide it. The next rector was a very good fit and stayed for over a decade. Finally, in my professional life as a non-profit executive, I have had a lot of experience with project management as well as Human Resources.

**Linda Grenz**

Priest

Washington, DC

Washington National Cathedral

Rhode Island,

I have been a member of the Presiding Bishop's staff during the tenure of two Presiding Bishops. I've served as a parish priest, interim priest, Canon to the Ordinary & as a consultant providing training & education events in multiple dioceses. I have ten years of experience serving as a transition consultant in the dioceses of

Rhode Island, Vermont & the Convocation of Churches in Europe. This experience has given me a broad understanding of life of the church both in the US & in Europe. I have also gained an appreciation for the life & work of the Presiding Bishop through my work on the Presiding Bishop's staff which included working with dioceses in Africa, the Philippines, Haiti & El Salvador & my current work with the bishop & churches of the Convocation of Churches in Europe where the Presiding Bishop serves as the primary bishop. Also, as a transition consultant, I have extensive experience in accompanying committees & candidates through the discernment process.



**Adrienne Hymes**

Priest

Wesley Chapel, FL

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Wesley Chapel

Southwest Florida, IV

I earned my B.A. in Rhetoric and Communications Studies from the University of Virginia which led to a corporate career in public relations and marketing for 13 years in Washington, DC and Los Angeles. Trained in client relationship development, project/budget management, strategic planning, event planning and media relations, my competencies and skills uniquely equipped me to serve as the diocesan Missioner for

Church Extension in the Diocese of Southwest FL. In this role, I restored the physical plant and defunct campus ministry as resident chaplain and director of the Episcopal Chapel Center at the University of South FL while planting a new faith community in the town of Wesley Chapel. The faith community, of which I am the first vicar, is now a vibrant, growing mission church. If elected, I will enthusiastically contribute to, and learn from, the ministry of the JNCPB, as the committee answers God's call in shaping the life of the Episcopal Church now and into the future.





**David Jackson**

Priest  
Kapaa, HI  
All Saints'  
Hawaii, VIII



I have previously served as a member on the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop 2012-15, which resulted in the election of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

GOE Reader: I served as a Reader of the national GOE's in 2008 and 2009.

I am currently the Chief Instructor in Bible and Church History in the Diocese of Hawa'i local formation program (via the Iona Institute and SSW).

I was ordained in the Church of England (Diocese of Oxford) in 1995, and have served in TEC for over 20 years in churches, Episcopal school chaplaincy, and as Dean and President of Bloy House (the local formation program in the Diocese of Los Angeles). My experience in the wider Anglican Communion gives me a more global point of view to offer.

**Luis Lopez**

Priest  
Cali, Valle del Caluca  
Trinity Church  
Colombia, IX



I am a married priest and father of two beautiful children; I serve with joy in the Diocese of the Episcopal Church in Colombia, convinced to bring the Good News of salvation to all people, especially those who are in the fringes of society. The congregation I serve as vicar is the Trinity Church Parish in the city of Cali, Colombia. I pastorally encourage my parish and I oversee the management of the Church's properties in the city of Cali. I am a theologian by profession and I enjoy reading. I have served my Diocese in different capacities: President of the Standing Committee, member of the Ecclesiastical Discipline Committee, and Chaplain of Public Relations. I enjoy my ministry and spending time with my family. In my spare time, I play sports.

**Alyssa Stebbing**

Priest

Houston, TX

St Paul Episcopal Church/Iglesia Episcopal San Pablo

Texas, VII



I am passionate about the work of racial reconciliation in the church and in our communities. I have witnessed the effects of colonialism around the world, worked with teens in trauma from Native reservations, the inner cities of the US, to orphans in Russia. My call as a priest is to be an advocate for multi-ethnic congregations that face institutionalized racism, and for the full inclusion of our LGBTQIA+ siblings in the communion of God's Church. From 2007-2008, I was an Anglican delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and subsequently served a term on the The Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women. I've learned a lot from those experiences as a lay leader that inform my ministry as a priest today. I serve as a liaison for the Diocese of Texas on Episcopal Migration Ministries and advocate for the rights of asylum seekers, refugees, and the undocumented in the community where I serve and have provided training at addressing the state legislation.

**Deborah White**

Priest

Alameda, CA

Grace Martinez

California, VIII



My diocese is currently in the midst of a search process. I served as the President of the Standing Committee of the diocese during the beginning of this transition period. In that role, I led the Standing Committee in launching the search process. This work included appointment of the Search Committee Co-Chairs, development of the search timeline, approval of the membership of the Search Committee, making decisions related to the structural organization of the search process, and serving as the primary "voice" of the Standing Committee during the initial announcement of the bishop's retirement and imminent search. I believe that my background as a psychologist and my administrative skills were helpful to the diocese during this time. I would like to apply these skills to working with others to consider how the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of a Presiding Bishop might evaluate and change its process in an era in which the Church has changed considerably.

**Fatima Yakubu-Madus**

Deacon

Indianapolis, IN

Christ Church Cathedral

Indianapolis, V



1. Networking in the church and Community
2. Discernment
3. Advocacy and Outreach
4. Mission work in Africa

The experiences listed above give me a broader view of the church and the world at large. I served two terms on Commission on Ministry, this allowed me the opportunity to walk with aspirants in discerning their call. In addition, I was on the search committee for my current Bishop. I am currently on the board for the Funds for the Diaconate. I have been ordained since 2010 and serving my second parish.

I worked in a fortune 10 Pharmaceutical company multiple roles as a research scientist, manager of a laboratory, and operation consultant.

I have continued to be a missionary for Community Engagement and served as a deacon at Christ Church Cathedral.

Founded a non profit organization in 2008 that has given me the opportunity to collaborate with different Dioceses in the Anglican Communion

**Lucinda Ashby**

Bishop

Salinas, CA

El Camino Real, VIII



There are many different types of leaders at work in our church on different levels. The gifts I bring are those of diverse experience and knowledge of how the church works at every level and in multiple contexts.

These are areas I have served in: Latino Ministry, Stewardship, Liturgy, Congregational Development, Transition Ministry, Social Justice, General Convention Rules of Order, Task force on Re-engagement with Cuba, Cuba Legislative Committee, World Mission, Task force on Translation and Interpretation, Bi-lateral Committee with Mexico, and the Anglican Center in Rome. At CDSP, I taught "Ministry in a Latino Context."

I am bilingual and bi-cultural, having been raised in Costa Rica, Peru and Northern New Mexico. My background is as an educator, having served as a teacher, administrator, and educational consultant. I have a special affinity for my colleagues who serve in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as Europe.

**Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows**

Bishop  
Indianapolis, IN  
Indianapolis, V

I currently serve on the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of a Presiding Bishop. In addition to contributing to the general work of the Committee, I've used my skills in writing, communications and social media. Working with the Communications Subcommittee, I've created accounts and content for the Instagram and Twitter feeds and assist with news updates as the nominating process unfolds. As a bishop, my experience in convening and acting quickly and prudently in unusual circumstances would serve me well on this committee if indeed it were necessary to fill the position of Presiding Bishop unexpectedly.



**Mariann Budde**

Bishop  
Washington, DC  
Washington, Ill

I have served as bishop for nearly 12 years, under two presiding bishops. I would bring a strong commitment to prayerful discernment and an open, inclusive, and engaging process to select a new presiding bishop should, God forbid, we need to elect a new leader in-between terms.



**Mark Lattime**

Bishop  
Fairbanks, AK  
Alaska, VIII

I have been serving as the co-chair of the current Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of a Presiding Bishop. It has been an honor to work for and with such a gifted group of Episcopalians focused on the leadership needs of the Episcopal Church.





**Jose McLoughlin**

Bishop  
Asheville, NC  
Western North Carolina, IV

Currently I serve on the Joint Nominating Committee for the election of the 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. While this has taken a great deal of time and energy to serve, it has been very rewarding and life giving. I continue to develop a deep appreciation for the vocation of Presiding Bishop and all the people who have been called to serve.

I feel my experience on the current committee will be an invaluable asset that will benefit any future work of the committee. I bring the gifts of organization, leadership, calmness in crisis, a deep passion for the ministry of the Episcopal Church.



**Jeffrey Mello**

Bishop  
Meriden, CT  
Connecticut, I

The core gifts and skills I would hope to bring to bear in serving on this committee would be listening, discernment and creating a shared vision across difference. In my work as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a parish priest, and now as a bishop, my desire to listen and discern has been critical to the best possible outcomes for the people I have worked with and served. In addition, my understanding of group dynamics and working with boards, vestries, councils and committees in completing a common task would be key to my work on this committee. The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church is a multifaceted role that requires a wide range of gifts, for a particular time in the life of the church. I would be grateful to be a part of helping discern who it is God might need to serve in such a role, should the need arise in the next triennium.



**Phoebe Roaf**

Bishop  
Memphis, TN  
West Tennessee, IV



I currently serve on the Joint Nomination Committee for the Presiding Bishop. In this role, I have listened to the ideas of others and shared my thoughts. I have actively participated in all meetings either virtually or in person and I am chairing one of the subcommittees. I have familiarized myself with the canons regarding the duties of the Presiding Bishop and have prayerfully approached these tasks. I look forward to the opportunity to continue this important work.

**Audrey Scanlan**

Bishop  
Mechanicsburg, PA  
Central Pennsylvania, III



Having served on the JNCPB in the last triennium (2021-2024) my familiarity with the scope and sequence of the work is a key reason- and competency- for signing up to do this work again, should the committee need to be convened.

I am a clear thinker, organized, process-oriented, and am comfortable assessing both the "big picture" of a project as well as I am comfortable down in the weeds (and able to find my way out again!). I have a good facility for listening and I am a direct communicator. I enjoy writing and can bring clarity in the written word. I will use my experience and skills to help organize our work and complete our task with efficiency and faithfulness.