



The Diocese of New Jersey

September 2021

To the Clergy and Congregations of the Diocese of New Jersey:

I would like to call to your attention the upcoming nominations for offices at the 2022 Diocesan Convention.

In accordance with Canon 5, Section 3 of the Constitutions and Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey, a list of the offices to be filled by the election of the 238th Diocesan Convention will be provided. In addition, the Nomination Recommendation Form as well as a list of the Nominating Committee members will be available.

The Nominating Committee requests that the clergy and lay leadership of each of our churches review the lists of offices to be filled by election, **publicize them to their congregations, and recommend candidates appropriate for those offices.**

We continue to be very thankful for those who have served the Diocese ably and well in the past and may choose to serve again. We also welcome and encourage those who have not served before to consider serving in one or more of the open positions.

Please complete the Nomination Recommendation Form for persons whom you recommend or for yourself. Submit it to the address below or complete it online here: <http://www.formstack.com/forms/?408210-fFQ7hk5oRm> preferably by December 1, but no later than December 31, 2021. Please take note to provide a statement of qualification in **75 words or less**, as this statement is not provided by the committee. All names submitted are placed in the nomination process. You can make copies of the nomination form. It is also available online at www.dioceseofnj.org. **Please make this material known and available to your congregation.**

Feel free to contact me or any member of the Nominating Committee with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. We look forward to assisting you in whatever way possible for this very important part of our life in the Diocese of New Jersey.

Yours in Christ,

Arthur

Arthur G. Pedersen
Chair, Nominating Committee
Electronically signed to expedite mailing

The Diocese of New Jersey

OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION – 2022

Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)

Incumbents to be Replaced or reelected

A. 1 Clergy Member – 4-year term

*The Rev. Dr. William Ndishabandi

B. 1 Lay Member – 4-year term

*Ashley Maddison

**Not eligible for reelection*

The Standing Committee acts as a council of advice for the Bishop and also functions as a check and balance. Their advice and consent is needed for various appointments made by the Bishop and for the expenditure of certain trust funds. They must approve all candidates for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood, and they vote on behalf of our Diocese in the process for approving the election of all bishops of The Episcopal Church. Their consent is needed before any church can sell or mortgage property. Lay members must be communicants of a congregation in union with the Convention. Clergy must be canonically resident in the diocese. Committee meets monthly, usually on the third Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Diocesan Council

Incumbents to be Replaced or Re-Elected

C. 3 Clergy Members – 3-year terms

*The Rev. Eve Y. Chamberlain, Dcn.

*The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

*The Rev. Megan E. Thomas

1 Clergy Member – 2-year unexpired term

vacant

D. 3 Lay Members – 3-year terms

*Brian Bussey

*Robert McGonigle

*Canon Karen Moore

1 Lay Member – 2-year unexpired term

vacant

**Not eligible for reelection*

The Council develops, administers, oversees, coordinates, and evaluates the program of the Diocese and maintains general supervision over the Diocese's budget and financial affairs. Clergy members must be canonically resident in the Diocese, and lay members must be communicants of a congregation in the Diocese. They should be knowledgeable about and active in Diocesan Programs. Meets about tentimes a year, usually the third Tuesday, September - June at 1:00 p.m.

General Convention Deputies (Vote by Orders) (to serve at the 81st General Convention in 2024)

Incumbents to be Replaced or Re-Elected

E. 4 Clergy Deputies – 3-year terms

The Rev. Canon Valerie L. Balling

The Rev. Trisha Thorne, Dcn.

The Rev. Gail L. Bennett, Dcn.

The Rev. Emily A. Mellott

F. 4 Lay Deputies – 3-year terms

Canon Barbara O. Bach

Canon Noreen L. Duncan

Canon Wendy V. Blackman

Canon Paul Ambos, Esq.

Deputies represent the Diocese at the triennial General Convention of The Episcopal Church, the highest legislative body of the denomination. Deputation members meet to elect a Chair, Secretary, and other officers usually in the fall after their election, and after Alternate Deputies are elected at the following Diocesan Convention, the Deputation as a whole meets generally monthly leading up to the General Convention held in July the following year.

Cathedral Chapter

Incumbents to be Replaced

G. 2 Clergy Member – 3-year terms

*The Rev. Canon Karin R. Mitchell
*The Rev. Canon Arthur P. Powell

H. 1 Lay Members – 3-year term

*Catherine Ambos

2 Lay Members – 2-year unexpired term

vacant

**Not eligible for re-election*

The members of the Chapter elected by Convention together with other members elected by the Cathedral congregation constitute the Major Chapter of the Cathedral. Their function is to provide a liaison between the people of the Diocese and the Cathedral parish congregation. Clergy members must be presbyters. The committee meets quarterly in the evenings.

Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation

Incumbents to be Replaced or Re-elected

I. 2 Clergy Members – 3-year terms

The Rev. Dirk C. Reinken
The Rev. Daniel S. Russell

1 Clergy Member – 2-year unexpired term

vacant

J. 2 Lay Members – 3-year terms

Rosina Dixon
Arthur G. Pedersen, II

1 Lay Member – 2-year unexpired term

vacant

The Commission makes recommendations to Convention about minimum standards of compensation for clergy and reports on compliance with the standards set by the Convention. Members must be canonically resident in the Diocese. They should be knowledgeable about personnel, insurance, statistics or clergy lifestyles. This committee meets during the day about six times a year.

Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons

Incumbents to be Replaced or Re-elected

K. 1 Clergy Member – 3-year term

The Rev. Canon John P. Mitchell

L. 1 Lay Member – 3-year term

Canon Paul Ambos, Esq.

The Committee reviews all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and makes recommendations concerning them to the Convention. Lay members should be attorneys with special competence in ecclesiastical law. This committee meets on a weekday at 11 a.m.

Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds

Incumbent to be Replaced

M. 1 Lay Trustee – 5-year term

* Paul Wolfgang

1 Lay Trustee – 4-year unexpired term

vacant

**Not eligible for re-election*

Trustees exercise fiduciary responsibility for the investment of the principal of six corporate trust funds of the Diocese. They decide how much income from these trust funds to transfer each year to the various entities that are authorized to disburse this income. They are also responsible for the care of all real property owned by these corporations. They must be communicants in good standing of a church in the Diocese. They should be highly qualified in investment, real estate management, or the care of trust funds. The Trustees meet quarterly.

Finance and Budget Committee

Incumbents to be Replaced or Reelected

N. 3 Members, Clergy or Lay – 3-year terms

The Rev. Gail L. Bennett, Dcn.
Daniel Lamptey
Charles Thorne

Committee is responsible for general oversight of the Diocesan finances and preparation of the draft budget to be submitted to Council. Members should have experience in the investment field, trust law, and/or budgeting. The committee meets approximately six times per year in the morning, with meetings concentrated in fall and early winter.

Diocesan Investment Trust

Incumbent to be Replaced or Reelected

O. 1 Member, Clergy or Lay – 4-year term

The Rev. William Balmer, Dcn.

1 Member, Clergy or Lay – 3-year unexpired term

vacant

Committee is responsible for overseeing the investment management of the Diocesan Investment Trust. Members must be communicants of the Church and resident in the Diocese. Members should be highly qualified in investment management or the care of trust funds. Meetings are quarterly.

Audit Committee

Incumbents to be Replaced or Reelected

P. 1 Member, Clergy or Lay – 3-year term

Dr. Karen G. Bemis

Committee has responsibility for overseeing Diocesan auditing procedures and evaluating annual audit. Members may be laity or clergy. Some members should have particular skill as an attorney, accountant or auditor. Members should have some knowledge of accounting statements. This committee meets in the morning four to five times a year.

Disciplinary Board

Incumbents to be Replaced or Reelected

Q. 4 Clergy Members – 3-year terms
(1 year as member, 2 years as alternate)

The Rev. Amy S. Cornell
The Rev. Canon John P Mitchell
The Rev. Dr. William C. Noble
The Rev. Richard J. Wisniewski, Dcn.

R. 3 Lay Members – 3-year terms
(1 year as member, 2 years as alternate)

Canon Morris Anderson
Tom Struble
vacant

The Board meets once after Diocesan Convention to elect a President and Clerk but does not otherwise meet as a body unless it is necessary to fill a vacancy in one of these offices. If a disciplinary case is brought, members of the Disciplinary Board are assigned by the President to Panels to process and decide the case. Lay members must be adult confirmed communicants. Clergy must be canonically resident for at least three years. The person elected by the Board as President serves, with the Bishop and the Intake Officer, as the Reference Panel to manage cases.

Intake Officer

Incumbent to be Replaced or Reelected

S. 1 Clergy or Lay Member – 1-year term

The Rev. Canon Karin R. Mitchell

The Intake Officer is the person who receives information about possible violations by priests or deacons of the Disciplinary Canons. The Intake Officer must prepare a report to the Reference Panel of the Disciplinary Board and must initially determine whether the information, if true, constitutes an offense. The Intake Officer serves, with the Bishop and the President of the Disciplinary Board, as the Reference Panel to manage cases.

Church Attorney

Incumbent to be Replaced or Reelected

T. Lay Member – 1-year term

Talbot B. Kramer, Jr., Esq.

The Church Attorney's job is similar to that of a District Attorney who investigates charges brought against a priest or deacon, prepares the case, and acts as the prosecutor at the trial. He/she must be an adult confirmed communicant in good standing of a church in the Diocese, must be a member of the Bar of the State of New Jersey, and should have experience as a trial lawyer.

Treasurer

Incumbent to be Replaced or Reelected

U. 1 Clergy or Lay Member – 1-year term

Jonathan Gloster

The Treasurer, elected annually by the Convention, serves as the executive financial overseer of trust funds and other funds for which the Convention is responsible. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Convention with the right to speak, and shall give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of the Treasurer's office. The Treasurer shall present a statement of the Treasurer's accounts to each annual meeting of the Convention.

DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY
NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION FORM

Print or type all information using a separate form for each person recommended. Or you can complete this form online: <http://www.formstack.com/forms/?408210-fFQ7hk5oRm> . Please submit no later than December 31, 2021. **Please submit early to enable the committee ample time to review submissions. Nominations received between January 1 - 19 will be referred to the Secretary of Convention. After this date, nominations must come from the convention floor.**

Name of office: _____ Lay _____ Clergy _____

Person being recommended: _____
Print full name

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone - Day: _____ Evening: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Parish and Town: _____
Parish Town

In the space below or reverse side, please provide a statement of qualification in **75 words or less** to be used in the nominating committee's final report to the convention. This statement may be submitted by anyone, including the nominee him/herself. *(Any additional materials may be attached separately for the committee's consideration.)*

Person submitting this form: _____
Print full name

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone - Day: _____ Evening: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Parish and Town: _____
Parish Town

Has the nominee agreed to serve if elected? Yes _____ No _____

Please submit all nominations to:

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C/o Diocese of New Jersey
808 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08618

E-mail: agpedersen@aol.com

Or complete and submit online:

<http://www.formstack.com/forms/?408210-fFQ7hk5oRm>

SUBMIT BY

DECEMBER 31, 2021

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