

The Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas Petition Process for the Election of the Fourteenth Bishop of Arkansas

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Arkansas announces that the petition process for the election of Bishop will be open from 12:00 p.m. (noon) Friday, June 2, 2023, through 12:00 a.m. (midnight) Monday, June 12, 2023. The petition process is the means by which a qualified person, not initially part of the slate, can be nominated for inclusion on the Slate of Candidates. The intention of the petition process is to replace what was formerly “nominations from the floor.” The Standing Committee welcomes those who have discerned a call to this ministry to submit their nominations.

Our commitment to diversity in the Petition Process continues in the same vein as that of the commitment of the Search Committee: diversity in ethnicity, gender, geography, and sexual orientation. Completed petition packets or any questions about the petition process should be emailed to the Rev. Stanley McKinnon at petition@episcoar.org.

Once the petition process has closed, background checks will be undertaken on those nominated by petition, all materials will be reviewed, interviews will be scheduled, and the Standing Committee will check references applying the same criteria used by the Search Committee. The petition nominees will be announced once the due diligence has been completed.

A petition process candidate shall be nominated with the following criteria of the nominators:

- One primary nominator, clergy or lay, for each nominee-by-petition. This nominator shall answer the following questions found on the nomination form:
 - How long, and in what capacity, have you known this nominee?
 - After your review of the profile, what gifts, talents, and skills does this nominee possess that qualify them to serve as the Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas?
 - Are there any hesitations, concerns, or issues that you believe might inhibit this person’s ability to serve as Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas?
- Ten Clergy nominators.
- Ten Lay nominators.
- The primary nominator shall be one of the ten Clergy nominators or one of the ten Lay nominators.
- The twenty nominators shall represent four of the five diocesan convocations.
- No two nominators shall be from a single parish/congregation.
- Clergy nominators shall be eligible to vote at The Diocese of Arkansas Electing Convention in August 2023.
- Lay nominators shall be communicants in good standing in the Diocese of Arkansas, and either a delegate to The Diocese of Arkansas Annual Convention for 2023, 2022, 2021, or 2020, or have served on a diocesan committee between 2020-2023.

Additional requirements and instruction:

- Primary nominator, co-nominators, and nominee may sign separate nomination forms which are then submitted as part of the package by the nominee.
- On the nomination form, the nominee shall give consent to be considered as a candidate, and a willingness to serve if elected.

The completed petition package shall include:

- Cover letter
- Nomination form(s) including consent
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Copy of current Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) portfolio
- Names and contact information (office phone, cell phone, and e-mail) for all bishops under whom the nominee has served
- Names and contact information (office/home phone, cell phone, and e-mail) for references of at least three of those with whom the nominee is currently serving (wardens, clergy, staff, organist, stewardship, and other program chairs), plus at least three clergy that are active clergy canonically resident in the nominee's current Diocese.
- Answers to the following questions used in the search process (Each answer shall not exceed 500 words).
 1. We have churches in our diocese ranging from an ASA of 10 to over 400 and in both urban and rural settings. How would you support, maintain, and develop all churches in the diocese according to their need?
 2. The diocese of Arkansas shares in our Episcopal history a participation in slavery, oppression, and prejudice. How do you encourage and help people to respect the dignity of all people with intentionality and authenticity?
 3. What does a healthy diocesan youth ministry look like to you? Please describe your experience with the importance of youth involvement within a diocese and the larger church body.
 4. As a bishop, how would you provide development and pastoral care for the clergy of the diocese?

The completed petition package shall be sent by midnight on Monday, June 12, 2023, via e-mail in pdf format only to the President of the Standing Committee, the Rev. Stanley McKinnon at petition@episcoar.org.

DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS PETITION PROCESS
NOMINATION FORM FOR BISHOP

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____

Current Position: _____

Address: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

I consent to nomination for consideration, and a willingness to serve if elected, as the Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas:

Signature Date

PRIMARY NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Clergy: _____ Lay: _____ (Check One)

Parish: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

How long and in what capacity have you known this person? (Maximum 350 words). *You may attach a separate page for answers.*

After your review of the profile, what gifts, talents, and skills does this nominee possess that qualify them to serve as the Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas (Maximum 500 words). *You may attach a separate page for answers.*

Are there any hesitations, concerns, or issues that you believe might inhibit this person's ability to serve as Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas (Maximum 200 words). *You may attach a separate page for answers.*

Signature Date

This Nomination is signed by:

1st Lay Co-nominator:

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

2nd Lay Co-nominator:

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

3rd Lay Co-nominator:

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

4th Lay Co-nominator:

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

5th Lay Co-nominator:

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

6th Lay Co-nominator:

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

7th Lay Co-nominator:

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

8th Lay Co-nominator:

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

9th Lay Co-nominator:

Signature: _____ Parish: _____
Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

10th Lay Co-nominator:

Signature: _____ Parish: _____
Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

1st Clergy Co-nominator

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

2nd Clergy Co-nominator

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

3rd Clergy Co-nominator

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

4th Clergy Co-nominator

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

5th Clergy Co-nominator

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

6th Clergy Co-nominator

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

Print Name: _____ Convocation: _____

7th Clergy Co-nominator

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8th Clergy Co-nominator

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10th Clergy Co-nominator

Signature: _____ Parish: _____

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