

POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED
at the 148th Convention of the Diocese of
Bethlehem

THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Two to be elected
One (1) clergy person and one (1) lay person to be elected for a three-year term.

THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Four to be elected
Two (2) clergy persons and two (2) lay persons to be elected for a three-year term.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Two to be elected
One (1) clergy person and one (1) lay person to be elected for a four-year term.

DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION

Eight (8) to be elected to attend the 2018 General Convention: Four (4) Clergy persons and four (4) Lay persons for a term of three years. Four (4) Clergy alternates and four (4) Lay alternates will also be elected.

THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Function: The Commission on Ministry assists and advises the Bishop in the design and oversight of the process for those discerning ordained and lay ministry; in implementing Title III of the canons of the Episcopal Church; and in the development and support of the ministry of all baptized persons.

Meetings: Two retreats a year and three or four meetings a year on a Saturday in person or by conference call. Working groups convene as needed between regular meetings of the commission.

THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Function: The Diocesan Council is the executive agency of the Convention of the Diocese in between meetings of the Convention. Its responsibilities include developing a Diocesan mission strategy, developing and maintaining programs to implement the mission, reviewing the strategy and reporting to Diocesan Convention, preparing the Diocesan budget, and setting policy for the diocese.

Meetings: Five or six meetings a year on a weekday evening. Committees of Council convene as needed between regular meetings of Council.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Function: The Standing Committee is the body of lay and clergy members of the Diocese elected by the annual Diocesan Convention and authorized by the Canons of the Episcopal Church as the Bishop's Council of Advice. The Standing Committee advises the Bishop or gives consent in matters of the disposition of property, ecclesiastical discipline, the election and consecration of Bishops, and in matters involving candidates for ordained ministry. In the absence of a Diocesan Bishop, the Standing Committee is canonically authorized to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

Meetings: Six or more meetings a year on a weekday evening.

DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION

Meetings: Attendance at the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, June 30 – July 9 in Baltimore, MD. Various planning meetings in preparation.

Function: Sits in the General Convention's House of Deputies as part of eight-member deputation from the diocese; prepares through study and prayer to vote on legislation and, if called, participates in legislative committees; attends and votes at all legislative sessions; reports back to diocese after General Convention.

**THE DIOCESE OF BETHLEHEM
2019 NOMINATING PETITION**

I submit my name to the Nominating Committee for consideration for the following position to be filled by the next Diocesan Convention.

I seek nomination to: _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PARISH: _____

Check one: CLERGY LAY

I am seeking to be nominated for a first term

I currently hold this office and wish to be nominated

for a second term

for a first term as I am currently filling an unexpired term

The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include (100 words /625 characters or less):

- Nominations must be received by **July 15, 2019. This is a firm date.**
- Include a digital photo.
- Email completed form and photo to Megan Dembi at megan@diobeth.org
- Forms can also be mailed: 333 Wyandotte St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 or Faxed: 610-691-1682