

53rd Annual Convention
Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota
October 27-28, 2023
At the Threshold!

If you are interested in being nominated for any of the following positions, check those that apply:
Please see the reverse side for more information about nomination positions.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary of Convention | <input type="checkbox"/> East Region Representative to Council
(multiple positions) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer of the Diocese | <input type="checkbox"/> West Region Representative to Council
(multiple positions) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Standing Committee
(Clergy – 1 3-year term)
(Clergy – 1 2-year term)
(Lay – 1 3-year term) | <input type="checkbox"/> General Convention Deputy Alternates
(multiple positions) |

Nominee's Affirmation (check boxes):

- I understand the obligations of the position.
- If elected to this office, I agree to serve.

Nominee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominations received for Diocesan Convention by the deadline of **September 1, 2023**, will appear in the publication of pre-convention materials. **Any individuals nominated “from the floor” will need to prepare this same information and provide printed copies to the Convention Delegates.**

Experience and Qualifications

NOTE: this information will be published in 2023 pre-convention materials.

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.

2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?

Print and mail nominations to:

Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota
ATTN: Convention Registration
3600 25th St. S.
Fargo, ND 58104

OR

“Save as” a file with your name to your computer and email as an attachment to office@ndepiscopal.org
Subject: Convention Nomination

Offices to be filled at Diocesan Convention

Please note, that all positions require access to e-mail, internet (for Zoom meetings) and Realm.

Secretary of Convention

Elect: 1 person, 1 year term, repeatable

This person is responsible for the recording of the proceedings of the Convention, and for their publication, and for certain official correspondences and certifications throughout the year. The diocesan Ministry Support Team provides assistance.

Treasurer of the Diocese

Elect: 1 person, 1 year term, repeatable

This person is responsible for oversight of receipt and disbursement of all diocesan funds, and for reporting the same in accordance with church and state laws. The Treasurer should have general knowledge of accounting procedures, and a close and supportive relationship to the Diocese and the local church. The position carries seat, voice, and vote in Convention and on the Diocesan Council. The Treasurer is usually, though not necessarily, the Chair of the Finance Committee. The Diocesan Administrator handles the day-to-day bookkeeping, payment of accounts, etc.

Standing Committee/Diocesan Council

Clergy/Standing Committee: Elect 1 clergy, 3 year term

Clergy/Standing Committee: Elect 1 clergy, 2 year term

Lay/Standing Committee: Elect 1 lay person, 3 year term

East Region to Diocesan Council: Elect multiple positions

West Region to Diocesan Council: Elect multiple positions

The Standing Committee meets concurrently with Diocesan Council (7 times per year) or on call by the President, or the Bishop. Its concerns are final approval, with the Bishop, of persons in process toward ordination, with legal matters, especially the sale or encumbrance of diocesan properties, and various canonical responsibilities at the wider church level (e.g., consents to the election and consecration of bishops). The Standing Committee also serves as a Council of Advice to the Bishop, and when the diocese is without a bishop and under certain other situations of the Bishop's absence or incapacity, the Standing Committee becomes the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. The President and Secretary of the Standing Committee are elected annually from among its membership. Members of this Committee are also members of the Diocesan Council.

The Diocesan Council is similar to the Vestry or Bishop's Committee of a local congregation. It serves to carry out the program, policy, and budget of the Diocese between meetings of the Convention. Currently, meetings are held in person [up to 4 of them (Friday evening to Saturday afternoon)] and on Zoom [3 of them (Tuesdays or Saturdays)]. Members need to have good internet access and the capacity to attend all in-person meetings, including required travel (at diocesan expense) and Zoom meetings. This is an important leadership, policy setting, planning, and administrative group, which, with the Bishop, make many decisions about the on-going life of the Diocese. Persons serving on Council should have a good understanding of the Church at the local level and a strong personal commitment to Christ.

General Convention Deputies

Elect four clergy and four lay deputy alternates

Four Lay and four Clergy Alternate Deputies will be elected at the 2023 Diocesan Convention. Our current plan is to have the 1st Alternate in each order (the ones receiving the highest number of votes) attend the 82nd General Convention of The Episcopal Church, currently scheduled to be held June 22-29, 2024, in Louisville, Kentucky. Elected Alternate Deputies will move up to the status of Deputy should one, or more, of our elected Deputies be unable to attend General Convention. Again, this will be based on the number of votes each Alternate Deputy receives. General Convention Deputies must be able to travel and participate in a rigorous, 8-day business agenda there, as well as commit considerable time before the convention reading and preparing individually and in deputation Zoom meetings.