



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VERMONT
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PETITION NOMINATION FORM

For Consideration as the 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Vermont invites petition nominations for the office of Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, from March 25 to March 29, 2019. This petition nomination form must be supported by valid original signatures of eight (8) clergy eligible to vote at the May 18, 2019 Special Electing Convention and eight (8) lay communicants in good standing in the Diocese - for a total of sixteen (16) required signatures. The sixteen (16) required signatories must be from at least four (4) different congregations (parishes or active missions) situated in at least three (3) different Mission Districts within the Diocese. No signatory may be a member of the Standing Committee, the Bishop Discernment and Nominating Committee or the Transition Committee.

In order for a Petition candidate to be accepted by the Standing Committee, it is essential that the candidate submit the same information required of candidates discerned through the conventional nominating process, and consent to the nomination in writing. These materials then will be used to complete background checks and to develop published information about candidates on the ballot. The application materials that must be completed, signed and filed for receipt by 4:30p.m. EST on March 29, 2019 are:

- Petition Nomination Form
- Consent to Nomination Form
- Background Check Authorization Form
- Three or more letters of reference (at least one from an ordained person, at least one from a bishop under whom you have served in a priestly role, and at least one from a lay person)
- Current resume or curriculum vitae
- A current photograph
- Updated Office for Transition Ministry Clergy Portfolio
- Autobiographical statement (maximum of 500 words)
- Essays outlining why you believe yourself to be called through the Petition Process into discernment and four (4) other essays required by the original nomination process (maximum, 300 words for each essay).
- Names and contact information for all previous bishops under whom you have served.
- Any other information the Standing Committee may require

The fully executed originals of the foregoing forms and requirements must be delivered for reception to The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, 5 Rock Point Road, Burlington, VT 05408, Attention: President of the Standing Committee. If any of these documents is received after 4:30 p.m. EST on March 29, 2019, it will be void and rejected by the Standing Committee.

PETITION NOMINEE'S information:

Name:

_____ (last) _____ (first) _____ (middle)

Preferred Name:

Address:

Phone: _____ (daytime) _____ (evening)

OK to leave message? _____ Yes _____ No

Email:

Preferred method of contact: _____ Phone _____ Email _____ Other

Current Position:

Canonical Residence:

Ordination Dates:

Deaconate: _____ (date)
_____ (Diocese)

Priesthood: _____ (date)
_____ (Diocese)

Marriage is a sacrament of the church. We include the following questions because how a priest lives into that sacrament and models a Christian marriage is important. We are less concerned about a divorce (or divorces), per se, than about the reasons for a divorce and behavior during and following a divorce, and will regard your answers with compassion and respect.

Marital Status: _____ Single _____ Married _____ Widowed _____ Divorced

Have you been married previously? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, how many times? _____

Social Media Accounts (*please provide Login Name*)

Facebook _____ Instagram _____

FB Messenger _____ Twitter _____

LinkedIn _____ Other _____

This petition process nomination is signed and supported by:

Eight (8) lay communicants in good standing in the Diocese:

1. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

2. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

3. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

4. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

5. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

6. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

7. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

8. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

Eight (8) clergy eligible to vote at the Special Convention:

1. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

2. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

3. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

4. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

5. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

6. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

7. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

8. Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission District: _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions and limit each answer to 300 words.

1. Why do you feel called through this petition process to be a bishop? How does this petition process call relate to your own personal and spiritual journey, and to your life of prayer and study?
2. After reading the profile, why have you discerned that your gifts, talents, skills, and experiences have led you to sense a call to become the bishop for The Episcopal Church in Vermont?
3. Please tell us about your experience working with small congregations, part-time clergy, and within a mutual ministry framework.
4. Describe your experience with raising up, training, and working with deacons. How do you envision encouraging, educating, and deploying deacons in Vermont?
5. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

PETITION NOMINEE'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

AND AUTHORIZATION

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Vermont is grateful for your willingness to offer yourself as a nominee for the election for the office of Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Vermont. Clearly, trust is essential to this discernment process. The Standing Committee will undertake all aspects of the petition process with care and will treat all information you provide as part of the nomination and election process with appropriate confidentiality and respect, subject to the reasonable needs of the nomination and electing process. Members of the Standing Committee may speak with those whose names you list as references, and to others as appropriate, in order to evaluate your qualifications and fitness to serve as our bishop.

By submitting this Petition Nomination form and its related information and documents, you authorize the Standing Committee to undertake a thorough background review, and are confirming your availability (should you be selected) to attend the Walkabouts the week of April 28- May 1, 2019.

PETITION NOMINEE: I acknowledge the above and wish to be considered for Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont.

Signature: _____

Date: _____