

Special Convention

To Elect a Bishop

Call to the Special Convention to Elect a Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Michigan

Following the call of the Ecclesiastical Authority for the election of a bishop diocesan and pursuant to Canon 1.3.2.1, this notice is hereby given of the time and place of the Special Convention to Elect a Bishop

Saturday, June 1, 2019

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul
4800 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201

Schedule: The Special Convention will convene at 9:30 a.m. A draft schedule for the day is attached. Additional information on logistics, the Dispatch of Business and Rules of Order will be conveyed to clergy and lay delegates and alternates at a date closer to the Special Convention.

Lay Delegates: Unless specific permission has been requested and granted by the Standing Committee, lay delegates and lay alternates that were elected for the October 26/27 **2018** convention will also serve for the Special Convention on June 1, 2019. Each congregation will be provided a list of the delegates and alternates that are on file in the diocesan office. Congregations that have sought and been granted permission to elect new delegates and alternates for the Special Convention will be contacted for specific information regarding their lay delegation.

Clergy Eligible to Vote: Clergy both canonically and actually resident in the Diocese of Michigan will be eligible to vote in the Special Convention.

The WalkABOUTs: These open meetings are an opportunity for clergy, lay delegates and alternates and all others interested, to meet and hear from the candidates for bishop. These moderated sessions will last approximately two (2) hours each. Persons eligible to vote in the Special Convention are encouraged to attend at least one of the following WalkABOUTs:

- Friday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.: The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit
- Saturday, May 18, 4:00 p.m.: All Saints', East Lansing
- Sunday, May 19, 3:30 p.m.: St. Clare's of Assisi, Ann Arbor

*Questions regarding the Special Convention to Elect a Bishop may be directed to: Canon Jo Ann Hardy,
Diocesan Administrator at jhardy@edomi.org or 313.833.4422.*

January 29, 2019

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Tentative Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Registration opens & Continental Breakfast available
- 9:30 a.m. Convention convenes with Holy Eucharist
- Electing of Secretary and Assistant Secretaries of Convention*
- Report of Registrar*
- Report of Committee on Lay Qualifications*
- Report of the Committee on Dispatch of Business*
- Report of the Search and Nomination Committee*
- Balloting Process Begins*
- 12:15 Noon Day Prayers
- Lunch Break
- 1:30 p.m. Convention reconvenes
- Balloting Process Continues (as needed)*
- Delegates execute Testimonial of Election*
- Benediction and Adjournment*

Timeline for the Process of Episcopal Transition in The Diocese of Michigan

January 9, 2018

The Rt. Rev. Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr. announces his plans to retire and calls for the election of a bishop diocesan

Prior to Sept. 30, 2018

Diocesan profile is released and names are received

Oct. 1, 2018 - Nov.30, 2018

Applications accepted

Dec 3, 2018 - Jan.31, 2019

Search and Nomination Committee conducts interviews

February 2019

Search and Nomination Committee attends Discernment Retreat with Candidates

February 27, 2019

Names provided by Search and Nomination Committee to Standing Committee

March 4, 2019

Slate is announced and petition process is opened

March 18, 2019

Petition process closes

May 17-19, 2019

Bishop Candidates "Walk Abouts"

June 1, 2019

The Special Convention to Elect a Bishop convenes at 9:30 a.m. in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit

November 1, 2019

Bishop-elect joins staff

November 9, 2019*

Diocesan Celebration Eucharist and Thanksgiving Service for Bishop Wendell & Karlah Gibbs
St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brighton, MI – 11:00 a.m.

December 31, 2019

Bishop Gibbs retires

February 8, 2020

Consecration of the 11th Bishop of Michigan – Location to be announced

February 9, 2020

Seating of New Bishop Diocesan in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit – 11:00 a.m.

**Additional events celebrating our lives and ministries with Bishop Gibbs and Karlah Gibbs are being planned, with details to be announced as soon as available.*