

Offices Open for Nomination

The 192nd Convention of the Diocese of Michigan

Cathedral Chapter (**1 clergy, 1 lay**) - 3 year term begins December 2026

Commission on Ministry (**1 clergy, 1 lay**) - 5 year term begins November 2026

Delegate to the Provincial Synod Meeting (**1 clergy, 2 lay**) 3-year term, beginning after 192nd Annual Convention

Disciplinary Board (**1 clergy, 1 lay**) - 2 year term begins January 2027

Standing Committee (**1 clergy, 1 lay**) - 4 year term begins November 2026

and from a list provided by the Bishop of the Diocese:

Trustees of the Diocese (**1 clergy, 3 lay**) - 4 year term begins December 2026

A brief description of the purpose and function of the offices for which persons are to be elected, and the specific qualifications for nominees, follows. For full information regarding the committees, please refer to the appropriate canon which can be found at [Constitution & Diocesan Canons – Episcopal Diocese of Michigan](#).

The Cathedral Chapter (1 clergy, 1 lay) – Canon 2.5.3

The Cathedral Chapter consists of eighteen people representing the Bishop, the Diocesan Convention, and the Vestry of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit. The Chapter has the responsibility to oversee those activities at the Diocesan-Cathedral Center which are not those of a parish church. This includes management property affairs, tenant relationships, activities not intended for parochial purposes, and support of the activities of the Diocese. It is the body which operates the common space of the Diocesan-Cathedral Center at 4800 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. **The term of office is 3 years.** The Chapter meets quarterly via zoom. For more information on the work of the Cathedral Chapter, please contact The Very Rev. Joseph Alsay, Dean of the Cathedral at jalsay@detroitcathedral.org

The Commission on Ministry (1 clergy, 1 lay) - Canon 2.3.4

The Commission on Ministry assists the Bishop in development and affirmation of the ministry of all baptized persons. Among the duties of the Commission is the design and oversight of the ongoing process for recruitment, discernment, formation for ministry and assessment of readiness for it. It is to support and nurture persons accepted as postulants through ordination. This body has broad responsibilities for lifting up the opportunities for ministry of the word in this Diocese and the world. The Commission consists of the Bishop and 20 other members – 10 clergy who are *entitled to vote at convention* and 10 laypersons each of whom must be *confirmed adult communicants in good standing* of a congregation entitled to

vote at convention. One-half are elected by members of convention, and the other half are appointed by the Bishop. One member of clergy and one layperson will be elected. **The term of office is 5 years.** The Commission meets monthly except in July and August via Zoom, except for the November meeting which is in person. For more information on the work of the Commission on Ministry, please contact the one of the co-chairs, The Rev. Andy Guffey, andy@stmarysinthehills.org and Hunter Torres, htorres@highgainsolutions.com

Delegates to Provincial Synod (1 clergy, 2 lay), Canon 2.4.5

At the Annual Convention next preceding the next schedule triennial General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in the year prior to the General Convention of The Episcopal Church, one member of the clergy eligible to vote at Convention and two lay persons, to serve as delegates from the Diocese to the Synod Council of the Fifth Province of The Episcopal Church (the "Provincial Synod") for a term continuing until the third Annual Convention following election. The Ecclesiastical Authority may designate a person to fill any vacancy that may occur in the representation of the Diocese to Provincial Synod. Each person so designated by the Ecclesiastical Authority shall have all the rights of a delegate duly elected to represent the diocese in the Provincial Synod, as provided for in the Constitution of the Province.

The Disciplinary Board (1 clergy, 1 lay) - Canon 6.0

The Disciplinary Board has replaced the Ecclesiastical Court and the Diocesan Review Committee under the provisions of the new Title IV Canons of The Episcopal Church which became effective July 1, 2011. **The term of office is 2 years.** The Disciplinary Board exists to help in cases where clergy have been presented with charges under the [Ecclesiastical Canons - Title IV](#) of the Episcopal Church. In the event of a charge of clergy misconduct, members of Disciplinary Board must meet to review the matter. The board meets at least once a year soon after Diocesan Convention to elect a President of the Board and to be trained about their role. If the Disciplinary Board is called upon to consider a disciplinary matter, extended meetings are a possibility. In most years the board will not meet more often than the one time to elect the president. Obviously, if the board gets called into action, the work will be intense. The dioceses of Michigan and Great Lakes have a joint Disciplinary Board. For more information on the work of the Disciplinary Board, please contact The Rev. Dr. Sue Carter at sucarter@msu.edu or The Rev. MaryJane Peck at mjpeck@gmail.com

The Standing Committee (1 clergy, 1 lay) – Canon 2.3.3

The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice to the Bishop; it examines persons in progress for ordination and must consent to ordination; and it approves all property transfers and encumbrances of Diocesan property, including parish property. The Standing Committee consists of 8 members, 4 members of the clergy *entitled to vote at convention* and 4 laypersons who are *confirmed adult communicants in good standing* of a congregation entitled to vote at convention. Its responsibilities are determined principally by the Canons of General Convention. Two members, one member of the clergy and one layperson, are elected at each Annual Convention. **The term of office is 4 years.** The Committee meets monthly except July and August, via zoom, and an in person meeting in November. For more information on the work of the Standing Committee, please contact the president of the Standing Committee, The Rev. Andrea Martin at andrea@holy-faith-church.org

The Trustees of the Diocese (1 clergy, 3 lay) – Canon 2.3.5

The Trustees receive transfers of property to the Diocese for express purposes, and may receive funds from recognized congregations and other funds of the Diocese for investment purposes, invest such funds as directed or in their discretion as trustees they may determine; and to collect and receive all income from the funds, and pay out the net income for the purposes of the Diocese as established by Diocesan Council in the case of diocesan funds or pursuant and subject to the terms of the trust or trusts or other direction under which property or money has been received by it. The Trustees shall be composed of the Bishop and 16 other members, 4 clergy *entitled to vote at convention* and 12 laypersons who are *communicants in good standing* of a congregation admitted as a Voting Congregation. 4 members, one member of the clergy and 3 laypersons, are elected at each Annual Convention, so that their terms are staggered. **The term of office is 4 years.** The Trustees meet quarterly at the Diocesan/Cathedral Center. For more information about the work of the Trustees, contact Chris Ventura, Chief Financial Officer at cventura@edomi.org.

