

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh



May 14, 2021

Dear friends in Christ,

The Nominating Committee has recommended that three priests stand for election to be the ninth Bishop of Pittsburgh, and we are pleased to accept and announce that slate:

- ❖ **The Very Rev. Kim L. Coleman**, Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Arlington, Virginia
- ❖ **The Rev. Dr. Ketlen A. Solak**, Rector, Brandywine Collaborative Ministries, Wilmington, Delaware
- ❖ **The Rev. Diana L. Wilcox**, Rector, Christ Church in Bloomfield & Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Biographical profiles that include full resumes and responses to a set of essay questions can be found on the "Meet the Nominees" pages of the Pittsburgh Episcopal Bishop Search website, www.episcopalpgh.org/pebs. In the coming days and weeks, the Transition Committee will provide additional material and opportunities for you to become more familiar with our nominees, culminating with their in-person visit to the diocese June 14-19.

A one-week period for nominating by petition now begins. The requirements, procedures and forms for this process are also available on the bishop search website.

As you come to know the nominees, please pray for them and those close to them, in thanksgiving that they have offered themselves up for our service, and that they may be strengthened in the critical days of inquiry and decision that lie ahead. Pray for their home congregations and dioceses as they face the possibility of separation. And pray for blessings on our own diocese as we receive these nominees and move into the future that God intends for us.

Finally, we want to thank the Nominating Committee, beginning with its chair, Michael Braxton, and members Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, the Rev. Nano Chalfant-Walker, the Rev. Laura Di Panfilo, Elizabeth Gassler, the Rev. William Geiger, Kevin Hipolit, Joseph M. Macklin II, Richard Peden, the Rev. Canon James Shoucair, the Very Rev. Aidan Smith, Gloria Trevino-Frye, Daryl Walker, and the Rev. Linda Tardy Wilson. For all they have given in the last 15 months to bring us to this moment, we are extremely grateful.

Joining you in prayer,

The Rev. Noah H. Evans, Standing Committee President
Lisa Brown, Secretary
Kathy Baird
Robert Johnston
The Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre
The Rev. Neil K. Raman
The Rev. Annis Rogers
Steve Stagnitta