



Important Electing Convention Information

May 20, 2021

To: Clergy Entitled to Vote & Lay and Alternate Lay Deputies

As Secretary to Diocesan Convention, I want to thank you for the investment of your time, your prayerful discernment about the future of our diocese and your willingness to participate in the governance of our church.



Our governing documents outline a clear process for the election of a Bishop. These documents include the relevant sections of both the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church as well as the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Our diocesan Rules of Order require that you be provided with these relevant provisions at least a month before the election. Please click on the links below.

1. [Article II](#) of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church
2. [Canons 11 \(Of the Ordination of Bishops\)](#) and [12 \(Of the Life and Work of a Bishop\)](#) of Title III of the Canons of the Episcopal Church
3. [Article XIV of the Constitution](#) of the Diocese of Pittsburgh
4. [Section D of the Rules of Order](#) of the Diocese.

I encourage you to familiarize yourself with these documents. They have formed the basis for the work of our Standing Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Transition Committee.

As set forth in a prior notice, the Special Convention for the election of our next bishop is on Saturday, June 26, 2021, held online via Zoom Webinar with balloting via VPOLL, and broadcast from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Pittsburgh. The login period will begin at 8 a.m. and the convention will start at 9:30 a.m.

Additional details including a full agenda and registration information will be published soon.

With kind regards.

In Christ,

The Rev. Canon James Shoucair,
Diocese of Pittsburgh Convention Secretary,
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