

Standing Committee

The standing committee consists of four priests and four lay people in good standing serving four year terms. The committee serves as a council of advice for the Bishop, gives consent for election of bishops, plays a role in the ordination process, and acts as ecclesiastical authority in the diocese in the absence of the bishop. The standing committee meets monthly, participates in two aspirant retreats annually and is available for other diocesan needs including serving as a review committee for charges made against clergy. Committee members must maintain confidentiality, be present at meetings, possess a leadership orientation, and maintain an active prayer life for the diocese.

Diocesan Council

The diocesan council consists of four priests and four lay people and one deacon in good standing serving four year terms, in addition to ex officio members. The diocesan council oversees the program and priorities of the diocese, serves as the board of directors of the diocese, and develops the budget. The Council meets six times a year in addition to individual committee responsibilities. Committee members must maintain an active prayer life for the diocese and be present at meetings. Knowledge of finance and diocesan programs is helpful.

Constitution & Canons

The constitution & canons committee consists of three priests and three lay people in good standing serving three year terms. The committee conducts a comprehensive review of the constitution and canons, reviews and proposes new amendments, reviews and updates annotated constitution and canons. The committee meets at least annually. Committee members must be detail-oriented.

Ecclesiastical Court

The Court consists of five clergy and four lay people in good standing serving three year terms. The court meets when needed for trials of priests and deacons. Should the court need to meet, an extensive time commitment will be involved. Court members must be able to be present for trials, possess good listening skills, practice impartiality and maintain confidentiality.

General Convention

Every three years, the Diocese elects four clergy deputies and four lay deputies, as well as four clergy alternates and four lay alternates, to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The next General Convention will be July 5-13, 2012 in Indianapolis. Deputies and alternates are expected to be available to attend all of the Convention, as well as deputation meetings in preparation for Convention and meetings throughout the Diocese following Convention. Deputies and Alternates would continue their duties until the next election. Deputies and Alternates should possess an ability to understand parliamentary procedure, to process information quickly, to sit and stay focused for day-long meetings, to listen to views different from your own, and to have good interpersonal skills.