



OFFICES TO BE ELECTED FOR 2025

Please review the following leadership opportunities in the Diocese and prayerfully discern individuals who may be called to offer their gifts and talents in service to the Church. To nominate a person for an open position, [please follow this link to use the approved form.](#)

It is essential for delegates to review all nominations prior to convention. Therefore, all nominations must be submitted no later than October 21, 2024 so that they can be published online by October 25, 2023. Any late nominations will need to submit a PDF copy of the nomination form at this end of this memo as well as a Motion to Suspend the Rule. At the appointed time, the Nominator needs to make a motion from the virtual floor of convention that the rules be suspended so that the nomination be considered and accepted.

THE EPISCOPAL FOUNDATION OF WNC: (3-year term): elect 3 "At Large" from any Deanery for 1st three-year term without parish duplication.

The Foundation was founded in 1962 to hold funds "to foster, develop and contribute to the support of the religious, educational and charitable work of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western North Carolina, or elsewhere, by making gifts, grants, loans and advances solely and exclusively for religious, educational and charitable purposes to any individual, organization, institution, agency or other body within the Church or associated or affiliated in any way with the Church." The Board consists of 9 members and the Bishop. Members' responsibilities include: making a modest (minimum \$10) contribution to the Foundation; attending all meetings, except in unavoidable conflict, speaking in parish/vestry about Foundation & activities; reading individual grant requests before the meeting; and occasionally visiting applicant site before awarding grant, if site is near Board member. Members must be communicants in good standing in the Episcopal Church.

For further information contact current President Jo Ann Hasskamp at athensgirl49@gmail.com prior to the nomination deadline.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE: (3-year term): 2 laypersons At Large (may be from any deanery in the diocese); 1 layperson from each of the following Deaneries: Mountain, Hendersonville; 1 clergy from each of the following Deaneries: Mountain and Western.

The Executive Council helps set the vision and mission of the Diocese and supports the implementation of the work of the Diocese between Conventions. Up to six meetings are held annually, plus an overnight retreat at the beginning of the new calendar year. Elected members having served a full term shall be ineligible for reelection for a period of one year. Deans of Deaneries are ineligible.

Lay Rotating Off: Ineligible for re-election until 2025 Convention:

Ms. Eve Walker, Mr. Gordon Hamilton, Mr. Justin Lovelace, Ms. Betsy Biega

Clergy Rotating Off: Ineligible for re-election until 2025 Convention:

The Rev. Alan McCaslin, The Rev. Gaelyn Evangreene

STANDING COMMITTEE:

1 clergy, 1 layperson for 4-year terms.

The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice for the Bishop and is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in the absence of a Bishop. It must give its advice and consent for a number of important actions within the life of the Diocese and The Episcopal Church, such as election of Bishops, approval of candidates for ordination, and sale or encumbrance of property of the Diocese. There are four clergy and four lay members, each serving a four-year term. The Standing Committee usually meets monthly with called meetings as necessary. Any member having served a full term shall be ineligible for reelection for a period of one year.

Rotating off: Ineligible for re-election until 2025 Convention

The Rev. Johnathan Stepp, Mr. Bill Hasskamp

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1 clergy, 1 layperson for 3-year terms

The Finance Committee (Canon 7 WNC) is to provide the Diocesan Convention with assurance that both the financial policy and financial affairs of the Diocese are appropriately developed, implemented, and managed and to make specific policy and operational recommendations. Any member having served a full term shall be ineligible for reelection for a period of one year.

DISCIPLINARY BOARD:

2 clergy, 1 layperson for 3-year terms

Pursuant to Title IV. Canon 5.1 of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and Canon 22.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Western North Carolina there shall be a disciplinary court known as the Disciplinary Board and shall consist of nine (9) members elected by the Diocesan Convention. Of the members, five (5) are to be Clerics who are Canonically Resident in the Diocese and not under ecclesiastical discipline, and four (4) are to be lay individuals who meet the requirements for being a Layperson as set forth in the definition of such term. The elected members shall be grouped into three (3) classes of three (3) members each, each such class including at least one (1) Cleric and at least one (1) Layperson. The terms of office of elected members shall commence on January 1 next following their election.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

1 clergy, 1 layperson for 3-year terms

Pursuant to Canon 2.8 of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina there shall be a Nominating Committee and shall consist of three (3) classes of two (2) members each, each such class including one (1) Cleric and one (1) Layperson. The Nominating Committee shall present nominations for all offices and other positions to be appointed or elected by the Diocesan Convention, Executive Council or Bishop. The Nominating Committee shall identify qualified and interested clerics and laypersons to serve in such offices and positions, shall establish and maintain a roster of interested candidates, cross-referenced with their particular gifts and skill, and shall provide recommendations or nominations as needed or requested by Diocesan Convention, Executive Council or Bishop. The Nominating Committee's recommendations shall demonstrate the ongoing work of making systemic equity a reality in our diocese.

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH:

1 Lay to fill a 3-year term (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028)

The Board of Trustees has one principle meeting in Sewanee in the fall. Board members are often asked to participate in sub-committees of the board. Expenses incurred are the responsibility of the Board members.

**The 102nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina
November 8-9, 2024**

**NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTED POSITIONS
From the Floor of Convention**

The delegates to the Annual Convention will be responsible for electing the following officers and delegates:

- The Episcopal Foundation of WNC (3-year term): 1 Adult Lay Communicant from Mountain Deanery
- The Executive Council of the Diocese (3-year term): 2 Adult Lay Communicants At Large (from anywhere in the diocese) 1 Adult Lay Communicant from each of the following Deaneries: Mountain, Hendersonville; 1 Clergy from each of the following Deaneries: Mountain, Western
- Standing Committee (4-year term): 1 Adult Lay Communicant; 1 Clergy
- Nominating Committee (3-year term): 1 Adult Lay Communicant; 1 Clergy
- Trustees of the University of the South: 1 Clergy to fill a 3-year term (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027)

Submission Deadline: November 9, 2024 – 8:45 am

Nominee:

Nominated for the Office Of:	
First & Last Name	
Email Address	
Congregation & City	

Nominated By:

First & Last Name	
Email Address	
Congregation & City	
Has the nominee indicated a willingness to serve?	
Is the nominee an incumbent to the office?	

Biographical Sketch:

In 500 words or less, on a separate sheet of paper, please provide biographical information about the nominee's qualifications, willingness to serve, and other statements that may be helpful for discernment by convention delegates. Please include a headshot of the nominee. Provide 250 copies to the Dispatch of Business. Statements will be published prior to Convention.

Head Shot:

Please email a high-resolution headshot image of the nominee to be used in Diocesan Convention Materials to Sinclair Sparkman, Missioner for Communications: sinclair@diocesewnc.org.

Motion to Suspend the Rule:

At the appointed time, the Nominator needs to make a motion from the virtual floor of convention that the rules be suspended so that the nomination be considered and accepted.