

## application for search & transition committees

application period: june 3 - july 7, 2025

### section 1: nominee information

Name of person being nominated:

Nominee's Email address:

Nominee's Phone number:

Nominee's Diocesan Faith Community:

Nominee's Ministry ☐ Lay ☐ In discernment ☐ Deacon ☐ Priest

Is this a self nomination? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, please move to section 2. If so, please list the name and contact information for a person who can serve as a reference for your giftedness for this work and then move to section 3.

### section 2: nominator's information skip this section if you are nominating yourself

Do you have the nominee's permission to nominate them? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of Nominator:

Nominator's Email address:

Nominator's Phone number:

Nominator's Diocesan Faith Community:



### section 3: committee descriptions & committee specific questions

The Episcopal Diocese of The Great Lakes seeks names for both the Search/Nominating and Transition Committees. These groups are crucial in shared leadership in identifying and calling our next bishop diocesan. The Search and Transition Committees take on very different roles - please pay attention to where you might be called and how your gifts fit into the constellation of needs!

#### search committee description

The role of the Search Committee is to create and present a slate of candidates to the Standing Committee within the parameters (size, deadline) outlined in the official “Charge to the Search Committee” given by the Standing Committee.

The Search Committee’s work is grounded in discernment, prayerfulness, and confidentiality. The committee seeks consensus. The particular gifts and skills most helpful for members of this committee include:

- Ability to respect the confidentiality of the process
- Knowledge of Episcopal polity
- Experience with diocesan and/or churchwide structures
- Good technical and organizational skills: email, Zoom, sharing docs, etc.
- Good working relationship with diocesan staff
- Good at networking around the diocese and in The Episcopal Church
- Tactful and diplomatic
- Pastoral, collegial, and hospitable
- Prayerful and discerning
- Time and availability for this work

**The nominee would be a good fit on the Search Committee.** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, please answer the following two questions (attach additional sheets if necessary). If no, please proceed to the Transition Committee description on the following page.:**

- 1. What experience does the nominee have with discernment and review?**
- 2. What experience does the nominee have with listening and analyzing?**



## transition committee description

The Transition Committee will work together to welcome and host the candidates in the diocese, providing opportunities for shared common discernment and learning, celebrating the resigning bishop diocesan (in future searches), and electing convention and ordination weekend events. This committee will conduct a majority of the planning before the candidate slate is announced. Once the slate is announced, this committee takes over from the Search Committee.

The particular gifts and skills most helpful for members of this committee include:

- Hospitality
- Experience with event planning and management
- Communication and social media skills
- Connections and good relationships across the diocese
- Good working relationship with the diocesan staff
- Liturgy planning
- Good technical and organizational skills: email, zoom, sharing docs, etc
- Pastoral and collegial
- Tactful and diplomatic
- Enthusiastic and creative
- Time and availability for this work

**The nominee would be a good fit on the Transition Committee.** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, please answer the following three questions (attach additional sheets if necessary). If no, please proceed to the next page of questions.**

- 1. What experience does the nominee have with hospitality and event planning?**
- 2. What experience does the nominee have with pastoral support?**
- 3. What experience does the nominee have with planning liturgy?**



## section 4: overall questions

If you require more space to answer these questions, please attach additional sheets.

### *Congregation Level*

Please list the ministry and leadership roles which the nominee has filled at the congregational level.

### *Diocesan & Wider Church Levels*

Please list the ministry & leadership roles which the nominee has filled at the Deaner or Convocation, Diocesan, Provincial, or General Church Levels.

Does the nominee have skills with online documents and platforms (e.g. email, Zoom, word processing documents, spreadsheets)?

☐ Yes    ☐ Some    ☐ No

Does the nominee have skills with online design programs (e.g. Adobe Creative Suite, website design)?

☐ Yes    ☐ Some    ☐ No

Is this person able to keep confidence and discern the appropriateness of sharing information?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

Is there anything else you would like the Standing Committee to know about the nominee as they discern who is called to the work of these committees?

*Thank you for this nomination! The Standing Committee will review responses and follow up with any questions. We covet your prayers during this time of transition.*  
**Please submit your form to the Diocesan Office at [office@greatlakesepiscopal.org](mailto:office@greatlakesepiscopal.org) or via mail:**  
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*If you have any questions, please email [standingcommittee@greatlakesepiscopal.org](mailto:standingcommittee@greatlakesepiscopal.org).*

