



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF THE GREAT LAKES  
STANDING COMMITTEE

## announcing our bishop search: transcript

### **the rev. molly bosscher, standing committee president:**

Greetings, Great Lakes Episcopalians! It is so good to come to you today. I am standing by Reeds Lake in beautiful Grand Rapids, Michigan and Spring is all around us - and maybe Summer if we kind of squint a little bit.

I know and you know that we have had some times over these last couple of years. It hasn't always been easy. And the question on the tip of everybody's tongue is, "When are we going to get a bishop?!" Because, you know, that's the way our system works. Our system works best with bishops.

And it is my delight and my joy and honestly, I am thrilled to announce that we are starting this process. Yay!

So I'm really excited about starting this process. Your Standing Committee has been meeting with the representative from the Presiding Bishop's office who is helping us along this journey. And we have a couple of things to announce.

We have a timeline, so we can tell you when we will consecrate our bishop. That's going to be in 2027. And I can also say that as of today, anyone and everyone who is interested in this work of discernment about a new bishop: First of all, please pray. We need your prayers. We need your concern, and we need your love.

But we are also opening up applications for people who want to serve on the the team to discern who our next bishop might be, and also the transition team who's going to help do the work of, of hospitality and organizing the - they call them walkabouts when we have bishops who, who - or potential bishop candidates who come and and we kind of interview them en masse in this diocese and, anyone and everyone is welcome to apply for these two teams.

And maybe you think about people who, you know, who would be good at this because we need strong and capable whose gifts are of discernment and who know and hear the Spirit.

Because I know without a doubt that this process moving forward is always and already colored with the gifts of the Spirit and the Spirit's presence among us, which every single time I talk to almost any of you all I see and I hear and I know with my very being.