



Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes Petition Process for the Election of the First Bishop Diocesan

Date of Adoption by the Standing Committee: 03/12/2026

The Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes – Canon 6.4.a.ii:

By petition, the form of which shall be determined by the Standing Committee, signed by no less than seven (7) clergy members and by no less than seven (7) lay members in good standing. The person nominated must indicate such person's willingness to be nominated and consent in writing to the standard background checks no later than the date specified by the Standing Committee.

The Form:

The form shall be substantially similar to the form used by the Search Committee for all candidates put forth during the creation of the draft slate; the additions shall be: A line for each of the signatures of those petitioning, a space to indicate the Order (laity or clergy) of each petitioner, a space to provide the mission region of each petitioner, a space for the printed name of each petitioner along with the name of the parish/ministry served/attended of each petitioner, and the signature date for each petitioner.

Any question that was responded to by all of the finalists in the Search Committee's process must also be asked of all petition candidates as a part of the form.

All attachments and inclusions from the Search Committee's form must also be submitted by all petition candidates.

The form shall authorize the conduct of all required background checks of the candidate.

Qualifications of the "at least 7 laity and 7 clergy" petitioners:

- No two laity can be from the same Mission Region.
- No two clergy can be from the same Mission Region.
- All laity petitioners must be a Communicant in a worshipping community in the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes.
- All clergy petitioners must be Canonically resident in the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes.

Qualifications of the candidate being petitioned:

- A petition candidate must meet all of the same qualifications specified by the Search Committee's application for consideration during the creation of the draft slate (e.g. years of Ordained service).
- All petition candidates must submit to all of the same background checks and evaluations that all finalists from the Search Committee process underwent. The mandatory Spirit Works evaluation must be completed.

Time-frame between announcement of the draft slate and the close of the petition window:

All candidates shall have 14 days from the announcement of the draft slate and this petition process to submit a completed petition; rather than listing this term as "14 days," the exact end date shall be specified in the draft slate announcement detailing this process and petitions shall close after 11:59 p.m. on the final day of the petition window.