

OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION – 2006

1. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)

Present Incumbents

1 Lay Member – 4 year term

*Neva Rae Fox

1 Clergy Member – 4 year term

*The Rev. Canon Leroy A. Lyons

The Standing Committee acts as a council of advice for the Bishop and also functions as a check and balance. Their advice and consent is needed for various appointments made by the Bishop and for the expenditure of certain trust funds. They must approve all candidates for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood, and they vote on behalf of our Diocese in the process for approving the election of all bishops of the Episcopal Church. Their consent is needed before any church can sell or mortgage property. If any priest or deacon is charged with an offense, the Committee acts like a grand jury in deciding whether the case should be brought to trial. Lay members must be communicants of a parish in union with the Convention. Clergy must be canonically resident in the diocese. Meets monthly, usually on a Thursday beginning at 5:00 p.m.

**Not eligible for reelection*

2. Deputies to Provincial Synod

Present Incumbents

3 Lay Deputies

John W. Burgess
The Hon. Robert W. Scott
Janice Parrish

3 Lay Alternate Deputies

Elizabeth Wagner
Robert Broughton
Vacancy

3 Clergy Deputies

The Rev. Mark H. Chattin
The Rev. W. Keith McCoy, Dcn.
The Rev. Arthur P. Powell

3 Alternate Clergy Deputies

The Rev. Joanna D. Graham
The Rev. Joseph R. Parrish, Jr.
The Rev. Dr. Raewynne J. Whiteley

Deputies attend annual Synod meetings held every three years to elect officers, approve budgets and conduct other Synod business. The next Synod will meet in the Spring of 2006.

3. Diocesan Council

Present Incumbents

3 Lay Members – 3 year terms

*Jay R. Ham, Sr.
Kathleen O'Hagan
Reginald Whitman

3 Clergy Members – 3 year terms

*The Rev. Canon Servio R. Moscoso
*The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell
*The Rev. Edmund W. Zellely

The Council develops, administers, oversees, coordinates, and evaluates the program of the Diocese and maintains general supervision over the Diocese's budget and financial affairs. Members must be canonically resident in the Diocese. They should be knowledgeable about and active in Diocesan Programs. Meets about ten (10) times a year, usually the fourth Tuesday September - June at 1:00 p.m.

**Not eligible for reelection*

4. Cathedral Chapter

Present Incumbents

2 Lay Members – 3 year terms

*Daryl Albury
*Nancy H. Miller

1 Clergy Members – 3 year term

*The Rev. Dr. Alan K. Salmon

The members of the Chapter elected by Convention together with other members elected by the Cathedral congregation constitute the Major Chapter of the Cathedral. Their function is to provide a liaison between the people of the Diocese and the Cathedral parish congregation. Clergy members must be presbyters. Meets in the evening.

**Not eligible for reelection*

5. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation

Present Incumbents

2 Lay Members – 3 year terms

Martin F. Nelson
Reginald L. Warren

2 Clergy Members – 3 year terms

The Rev. Terence Blackburn
The Rev. Canon Servio R. Moscoso

The Commission makes recommendations to Convention about minimum standards of compensation for clergy and reports on compliance with the standards set by the Convention. Members must be canonically resident in the Diocese. They should be knowledgeable about personnel, insurance, statistics or clergy lifestyles. Meets during the day about six (6) times a year.

6. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons

Present Incumbent

1 Lay Member – 3 year term

John Wood Goldsack, Esq.

The Committee reviews all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and makes recommendations concerning them to the Convention. Lay members should be attorneys with special competence in ecclesiastical law. Meets in the late afternoon/evening.

7. Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds

Present Incumbent

1 Lay Trustee – 5 year term

*Edward H. Higgins, Jr.

Trustees exercise fiduciary responsibility for all property owned by the diocese and exercise discretion over trust fund disbursements. They must be communicants in good standing of a church in the Diocese. They should be highly qualified in investment, real estate management, or the care of trust funds. Meets on a Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. four times a year.

**Not eligible for reelection*

8. Finance and Budget Committee

Present Incumbents

3 Members, Clergy or Lay – 3 year terms

The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant
John W. Burgess
Charles Perfater

Committee is responsible for general oversight of the Diocesan finances and preparation of the draft budget to be submitted to Council. Members should have experience in the investment field, trust law, and/or budgeting. The committee meets approximately six times per year in the morning, with meetings concentrated in fall and early winter.

9. Diocesan Investment Trust

Present Incumbent

1 Member, Clergy or Lay – 4 year term

Hilton M. Jervey

Committee is responsible for overseeing the investment management of the Diocesan Investment Trust. Members must be communicants of the Church and resident in the Diocese. Members should be highly qualified in investment management or the care of trust funds. Meetings are quarterly.

10. Audit Committee

Present Incumbents

2 Members, Clergy or Lay – 3 year terms

The Rev. John W. Hain, Sr., Dcn.
Burton Hollenbeck

Committee has responsibility for overseeing Diocesan auditing procedures and evaluating annual audit. Members may be laity or clergy. Some members should have particular skill as an attorney, accountant or auditor. Members should have some knowledge of accounting statements. This committee meets in the morning four to five times a year.

11. Trial Court

Present Incumbents

3 Lay Members – 3 year terms
1 year as member, 2 years as alternate

Virgil Johnson
Bradford S. Smith
Susan Tarpine-Smith (Aikens), Esq.

4 Clergy Members – 3 year terms
1 year as member, 2 years as alternate

The Rev. John C. Belmont
The Rev. Harry N. Collins
The Rev. Ann C. Holt
The Rev. Dr. Wayne L. Smith

If a priest or deacon is charged with an offense and brought to trial, the Court, with assistance from professional advisors, hears the case, playing the role of both judge and jury. Lay members must be adult confirmed communicants in good standing of a church in the Diocese. Clergy members must have been canonically resident in the Diocese for at least three years. Special knowledge of the law is not needed. The Court meets once a year to organize. Otherwise, it meets only if there is a trial.

12. Church Attorney

Present Incumbent

1 year term

The Hon. Robert W. Scott

The Church Attorney's job is similar to that of a District Attorney who, at the behest of the Standing Committee, investigates charges brought against a priest or deacon, prepares the case, and acts as the prosecutor at the trial. He/she must be an adult confirmed communicant in good standing of a church in the Diocese, must be a member of the Bar of the State of New Jersey, and should have experience as a trial lawyer.
