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Nominations Information for the Diocese of San Joaquin 60th Annual Convention

Standing Committee:

8 members – 4 Clergy and 4 Lay. Elected by, and reports to, Diocesan Convention. In 2019, one clergy and one lay person are to be elected to 4 years terms each at Convention.

Duties of the Standing Committee:

1. Council of Advice to the Bishop.
2. Serves as Ecclesiastical Authority in absence of Bishop.
3. Gives consents for ordinations and Episcopal elections.
4. Canonical duties regarding property and disciplinary matters.

Standing Committee typically meets monthly, in person or by teleconference, with the exact schedule to be determined by the new Standing Committee.

Diocesan Council:

9 members – 3 Clergy and 6 Lay. Elected by Deaneries and Diocesan Convention, and reports to Diocesan Convention.

Duties of Diocesan Council:

1. Acts on behalf of the Diocesan Convention between its annual meetings.
2. Diocesan Council oversees and approves financial matters – Finance, Insurance, Pensions, Real Estate – for the diocese.
3. Responsible for Diocesan budget between Conventions.

Diocesan Council typically meets monthly, in person or by teleconference, with the exact schedule to be determined by the new Diocesan Council. The Bishop is the convener of Diocesan Council.

In 2019, the 2 positions to be elected at pre-convention deanery meetings are:

- Northern Deanery: No positions to be filled
- Central Deanery: 1 Clergy member (3 year term)
- Southern Deanery: 1 Lay member (3 year term)

One at-large lay person is to be elected to a 3 year term at Diocesan Convention.

Deputy to General Convention:

Elected by, and reports to, Diocesan Convention. In 2019, four clergy deputies and four lay deputies, and additionally, four clergy and four lay alternates will be elected to a three-year term.

Duties of a Deputy:

1. Attends coordinating meetings and studies issues prior to General Convention – at least three Saturday meetings with the 16 member San Joaquin deputation team; a two-day meeting (in May, 2020) of the six deputations in California state at CDSP/Berkeley - the dioceses of California, El Camino Real, Los Angeles, Northern California, San Diego, and San Joaquin with the *Rev. Gay Clark Jennings*, President of the House of Deputies and *Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe*, Executive Officer of General Convention; and an additional Saturday meeting with the Diocese of California deputation (tentatively March, 2021); attends additional collaborative work with the San Joaquin deputation which may occur via phone or video conferences; reads and reports on hundreds of pages of commission reports and legislation to the San Joaquin deputation team as they prepare.
2. Attends General Convention in Baltimore, Maryland on June 30 - July 9, 2021 (with additional travel time). General Convention is the bicameral governing body of the Episcopal Church (TEC), which includes more than 800 members in the House of Deputies, and over 200 active and retired bishops in the House of Bishops. Responsibilities for deputies at the 80th General Convention will include: Adopting legislation of concern to the Church; amending the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution, and the Canons of the Church; approving a triennial budget for the Episcopal Church; and electing candidates to offices and committees for the coming triennium.
3. Reports back to diocese through deanery meetings and Diocesan Convention, may present referred resolutions to Diocesan Convention.

*Nominations are due to the Chair of Nominations by **September 10, 2019**. A nomination form is included with this mailing. Interested clergy or lay persons may be nominated from the floor of convention but their names and statement will not be included in the Voter's Guide or printed on a ballot. You are encouraged to submit your nomination prior to convention so others may see your information in the Voter's Guide and cast an informed vote. Please contact the Chair of Nominations, Cindy Smith, for any questions: csmith@diosanjoaquin.org*