

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN UTAH

RESOLUTION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2015

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TOPIC: Amend Canon 25, [Nominating Committee for Election of Bishops](#)

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1 RESOLVED: That Canon 25 be amended as follows:

2 **CANON 25 PROCESS FOR ELECTION OF BISHOPS**

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3 **Section 25.1 Standing Committee.** If there be not a duly elected, ordained and
4 consecrated Bishop Coadjutor, then upon the announced resignation, death of the Bishop, or
5 upon receiving written notice of the intent of the Bishop to resign, the Standing Committee
6 shall within sixty (60) days convene to initiate the process for the election of a new Bishop. The
7 Standing Committee shall have oversight and responsibility for the process of electing a
8 Bishop as described in this Canon [and in applicable provisions](#) of the Constitutions and
9 Canons of the General Convention and [the Constitution of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah](#).

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11 **Section 25.2 Convention.** If the Convention adopts a resolution authorizing the
12 election of a Bishop Coadjutor or, with the concurrence of the Bishop, a Bishop Suffragan, the
13 process of selecting the nominating committee and the election of the bishop shall commence
14 immediately after the adoption of the resolution.

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16 **Section 25.3 Electors for Nominating Committee.** A committee of electors shall be
17 formed composed of all Clergy canonically and geographically resident in the Diocese and
18 one (1) lay person from each Congregation chosen by the Vestry or Bishop's Committee of
19 such Congregation. It shall be the responsibility of the Clergy to select Four (4) Clergy
20 canonically and geographically resident in the Diocese to represent the Clergy of the Diocese
21 on the Nominating Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the lay electors to select six (6)
22 lay persons who are Communicants in Good Standing of a Congregation. The four (4) Clergy,
23 and six (6) lay persons so elected shall constitute the nominating committee for the election of
24 a bishop. Not more than one (1) lay and one (1) clergy member may be elected to the
25 Nominating Committee from any single congregation. [No person directly employed by the
26 Diocese and working under the direct supervision of the Bishop or a member of the Bishop's
27 staff, lay or Clergy, shall be eligible for election to the Nominating Committee; the foregoing
28 notwithstanding, this restriction shall not apply to Clergy actively serving in any Parish,
29 Mission, Congregation or chaplaincy.](#) It shall be the responsibility of the committee to elect its
30 chairperson and arrange its internal organization.
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- 39 **Section 25.4 Responsibilities of the Standing Committee.** In overseeing the
40 process, the Standing Committee shall:
41 1. Give notice in all appropriate publications that the Diocese of Utah is entering into an
42 Episcopate election process;
43 2. Complete a survey of the state of the Diocese and provide the results thereof to the
44 Nominating Committee;
45 3. Establish the date for the election;
46 4. Oversee the elections of the Nominating Committee;
47 5. Appoint the Transition Committee, and such other committees, consultants and
48 chaplains for the process as it deems appropriate;
49 6. Determine the means and procedures for nominations with amendments thereto as
50 may be proposed by the Nominating Committee;
51 7. Review and approve the draft Diocesan Profile prepared by the Nominating
52 Committee.
53 8. Receive slate of proposed final nominees from the Nominating Committee, and
54 provide for background checks on all such persons through the Office of the
55 Chancellor of the Diocese.
56 9. Collaborate with the Nominating Committee, the Transition Committee and Diocesan
57 staff leadership to provide appropriate financial means, staff support and facilities
58 support for the process, electing convention, episcopal transition, consecration and
59 of the committees;
60 10. Propose Rules of Order for the Electing Convention and oversee the election.
61 11. Seek the necessary Episcopal and Standing Committee or General consents
62 required following the election; and
63 12. Provide for the Consecration in collaboration with the Office of the Presiding Bishop;
64 13. Provide for the seating of the elected Bishop.

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65 **Section 25.5 Responsibilities of the Nominating Committee** The Nominating
66 Committee shall:

- 67 1. Be subject to the supervision of the Standing Committee, determine its own
68 processes and procedures;
69 2. Complete and publish a Diocesan Profile;
70 3. Coordinate the receipt of nominations within a published timeframe for the receipt of
71 nominations;
72 4. Develop a slate of proposed nominees and arrange with the Standing Committee for
73 background checks on all persons proposed to be final nominees;
74 5. Provide periodic progress reports to the Diocese without violating rules of
75 confidentiality;
76 6. Consult with the Office of the Presiding Bishop regarding processes required by the
77 Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops;
78 7. Present the final report of the Nominations to the Standing Committee at least 120
79 days in advance to the Electing Convention, which report shall contain the
80 biographical information on each nominee and such other information as appropriate
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83 **Section 25.6 Nominees.** Not less than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the
84 designated date for the electing convention, the Standing Committee shall receive the
85 recommended nominations from the Nominating Committee, verify the eligibility and

89 background check completions on each nominee and proceed to announce publically the
90 names of those nominated in all appropriate publications.

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92 **Section 25.7** Supplemental nominations may be made by petition received by the
93 Standing Committee for a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of the announcement [of](#)
94 [the nominees by the Standing Committee](#). In order to be considered, each petition must be
95 signed by at least three (3) Clergy and (3) lay persons from at least three (3) different
96 congregations within the Diocese and must be accompanied by all information required by the
97 Standing Committee. Upon receipt of one or more properly prepared petitions, the Standing
98 Committee shall secure the required background checks for those persons nominated by
99 petition. Once the deadline has passed and the background checks have been approved, the
100 Standing Committee shall announce the names of the approved [Nominees in all appropriate](#)
101 [publications and send separate written information concerning the supplemental nominees to](#)
102 [all Clergy and Lay Delegates as soon as practicable and thereupon the nominations shall be](#)
103 [deemed closed. The final slate, introduced to the Diocese, shall consist of Nominees by](#)
104 [petition along with nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee.](#)

105 **Section 25.8** No nominations from the floor shall be permitted.

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107 **Section 25.9 Special Convention for the Election of a Bishop.** Arrangements for,
108 notice of a Rules of Order for the electing Convention shall conform to the Rules of Order for
109 Diocesan Convention in these Canons except as modified by the Special Rules of Order
110 proposed by the Standing Committee and adopted by the Convention. The electing
111 convention may otherwise adopt such rules as it may deem necessary and appropriate to
112 govern such matters as the length of nominating speeches, the length of number of seconding
113 speeches, and other ancillary matters.
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Date: _____ Moved by The Rev. Lyn Briggs and
The Rev. Canon Pablo Ramos

Congregation/Organization: Standing Committee

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EXPLANATION: [The 2013 Diocesan Convention tabled a resolution regarding the election of a Bishop and directed the Standing Committee to present a resolution regarding the election of a Bishop at a later Convention. This resolution reflects two years' work by a subcommittee of the Standing Committee. That work included discussions with members of the last Nominating Committee and Transition Committee, as well as persons who were members of the Standing Committee and staff during that nomination process. These discussions identified the need for clarification in a revision to Canon 25 in the areas of authority and role clarity for the Nominating Committee and the Standing Committee, and structure of the Nominating Committee. The proposed re-stated Canon recognizes and incorporates all applicable provisions of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Utah.](#)

The main changes to Canon 25 are:

1. The Canon makes clear that the Standing Committee oversees the election of the Bishop and it lays out the responsibilities of the Standing Committee and of the Nominating Committee.
2. The current Canon Section 25.3 mandates that a Deacon must be elected to the Nominating Committee. The proposed Canon deletes that mandate. And changes the language, replacing the word presbyter with word clergy, which includes Bishops, Priests and Deacons.
3. This amendment will limit to one (1) lay and one (1) clergy the number of members of the Nominating Committee from any one congregation.
4. This proposed Canon also adds to Section 25.3 that a member of the Bishop's staff cannot be elected to the Nominating Committee.
5. The proposed Canon adds a new Section 25.6 regarding Nominees.
6. In Section 25.7 the proposed Canon establishes the rules for supplemental nominations made by petition and states that no nominations will be allowed from the floor.
7. Section 25.9 of the Canon establishes arrangements for the Electing Convention.

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