



*The Episcopal Church  
in Wyoming*

## 2022 Committee Openings

The following vacancies exist and will need to be filled at the Annual Diocesan Convention to be held October 7-9, 2022, in Cody, Wyoming.

### **DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

- One (1) lay person (3-year term)
- One (1) lay person (1-year term)
- One (1) clergyperson (3-year term)
- One (1) Youth Person (1-year term)
- **Regions III and IV** each need to affirm the Regional Diocesan Council Representative elected at their Pre-Convention meetings on September 10.

### **DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

- One (1) lay person (3-year term)
- One (1) clergyperson (2-year term)
- One (1) clergyperson (3-year term)

### **GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTIES/ PROVINCIAL SYNOD FOR 2024**

- Four (4) lay person deputies
- Four (4) clergyperson deputies
- Four (4) lay person alternates
- Four (4) clergyperson alternates

### **STANDING COMMITTEE**

- One (1) lay person (1-year term)
- One (1) lay person (3-year term)
- One (1) clergyperson (3-year term)

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### **FOUNDATION FOR THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WYOMING - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- One (1) person (3-year term)
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If you would like to be in the running for any position except Regional Diocesan Council Representative, please send a recent photograph along with the following to the Episcopal Church in Wyoming, 123 S. Durbin, Casper, WY 82601, <[Jessica@episcopalwy.org](mailto:Jessica@episcopalwy.org)> by October 1, 2022.

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| • Name                | • Position sought                              |
| • Congregation & town | • Skills and traits you bring to this position |

Those interested in running for Regional Diocesan Council Representative should bring ten copies of that information to your regional Pre-Convention meeting to the September 10 meeting.

The following descriptions should help you to decide what committee is for you:

**Diocesan Council's** mandate is to

- (1) carry out the program and policies adopted by the annual convention;
- (2) administer and (if necessary) modify the budget;
- (3) review diocesan programming;
- (4) initiate, develop, consolidate or terminate work in the diocese; and
- (5) prepare programs and budgets for presentation to the next convention. Regional representatives to Council are also charged with communicating with and reporting on their region and hosting the pre-convention meeting in that region. Council is accountable to convention.

The **Disciplinary Board** consists of nine (9) members. Its work is to sit in judgment at the church trial of a priest or deacon. The Disciplinary Board exists to help in cases where clergy have been presented with charges under the Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Canons (Title IV) of the National Canons.

**Provincial Synod** meets one time in the same year as general convention. All Deputies to General Convention will attend the meeting, usually held in the Spring. Province VI includes the dioceses of Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. This group elects a representative to the National Executive Council, administers a budget, and a program that includes Life University, an annual meeting of diocesan Commissions on Ministry, and a provincial youth program. The meetings also serve to build community within the province.

**General Convention Deputies** - The Episcopal Church meets as a national convention every three years. All dioceses can elect four lay deputies and four clerical deputies. All bishops are eligible to attend and vote. The convention is a bi-cameral legislature with a House of Bishops and House of Deputies. Resolutions on various subjects and changes to the Constitution and Canons are proposed by Deputies, Diocesan Conventions, National Church Interim Bodies and Bishops. Legislation must pass both houses to become a resolution for the whole church, and some types must be passed at two consecutive conventions. Controversial issues are voted on by Deputation, not individually. The convention functions much like the US Congress, with testimony and formation of legislation by committees before presentation on the floor of convention. Deputies are not delegates - they vote their conscience after hearing the debate at the time of Convention. Deputies are expected to serve the entire time, although alternates are elected to fill in if necessary. Deputies must be elected at least one year before the National Convention. For more information on General Convention, go to the website of the Episcopal Church: <https://www.generalconvention.org/gc>.

The **Standing Committee**, meeting at least twice a year, serves as a confidential council of advice to the bishop. When there is no bishop, the Standing Committee is the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese. It must approve the sale or encumbrance of property, gives consent for elections of bishops, and approve candidates for Holy Orders.



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