The nominations process, the requirements for nomination, the duties of each position, and the nomination form are available on the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth website at <u>http://wp.me/p2Hi35-15L</u>. The online nomination form is active beginning July 29, 2013 and closing at the end of the day, September 9, 2013.

## Nominations for Elections at the 2013 Convention:

- Standing Committee (1 lay & 1 clergy)
- University of the South Trustee (1 lay)
- Disciplinary Board (1 lay & 3 clergy)
- Deputies & Alternates to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 2015 (4 lay & 4 clergy, plus 4 & 4 clergy alternates)

A candidate standing for election is required to:

- \* Be at least 18 years of age
- \* Meet qualifications to hold office nominated
- \* Be willing to stand for election and willing to serve if elected
- \* Acknowledge fiduciary duty under The Episcopal Church Canon I.17.8
- \* Pledge to read the Constitution & Canons of The Episcopal Church and to give faithful performance to duties in accordance with the same
- \* Be willing to perform the duties of elected office (i.e., attend all meetings, share responsibility of work, etc.)
- \* Provide brief bio (150 word limit), and head shot photo
- \* Verify membership in the Diocese by the following: Laity - Adult communicant in good standing of a parish within the Diocese of Fort Worth for approximately one year

Clergy - Canonically resident in the Diocese of Fort Worth No online nominations will be taken after September 9, 2013. Any nominations after the closing date may be made from the floor at diocesan convention, and will follow all the requirements for candidates, including sufficient copies of picture and bio for all clergy and convention delegates, plus verification of qualifications. The requirements for nominations from the floor of convention will be posted on the diocesan nomination website no later than October 1, 2013.

In addition, the following are positions which are nominated by the bishop and confirmed by the convention. If you would like to volunteer in these areas and potentially be available for a future nomination, please email the nominations committee at nominations.committee@edfw.org.

- Diocesan Secretary
- Diocesan Registrar
- Diocesan Historiographer
- Diocesan Treasurer
- Diocesan Chancellor

Other groups which welcome new membership each year may include:

- Commission on Ministry
- Finance Committee
- Christian Formation Committee

For questions or more information, contact <u>nominations.committee@edfw.org</u>.

## ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

Persons serving in other Diocesan offices that may present a conflict of interest should determine ahead of time which position they wish to retain (e.g., a Disciplinary Board member should not serve on Standing Committee).

Also, all candidates should be familiar with the following, which are available at <u>episcopaldiocesefortworth.org</u>

- 1. Constitution & Canons of The Episcopal Church
- 2. Constitution of The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth
- 3. Canons of The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth
- 4. The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth Conflict of Interest Policy
- 5. The Episcopal Church Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs

(and of course The Book of Common Prayer, and the Bible)



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Information about Nominations and Elections at the 2013 Diocesan Convention

Information for nominations of potential candidates to stand for election or to be considered for appointment.