



the search for the IX BISHOP of **UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA**

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina (EDUSC) seeks applications from individuals who feel called to serve on the Nominating Committee for the ninth bishop of EDUSC. The work of the Nominating Committee is critical both in working with the Standing Committee to shape the initial process for choosing the ninth bishop of EDUSC, and in faithfully discerning those individuals whom God may be calling to be our ninth bishop.

The responsibilities of the Nominating Committee are:

1. Attend an initial orientation and joint meeting with Canon staff and Standing Committee leadership on Saturday, September 26, 2020 (either in person or virtually);
2. Prepare a survey to be disseminated to all the congregations in the diocese regarding the qualities and character of our future bishop and analyze the results;
3. Schedule and engage in a listening tour in each convocation of the diocese (either in person or virtually);
4. Prepare a diocesan profile and prospective candidate application for Standing Committee's approval;
5. Receive and review prospective candidate applications, conduct preliminary background checks and phone interviews with prospective candidates;
6. Compile a preliminary finalist list from all applications received;
7. Conduct site visits of chosen preliminary finalists preferably in person, or virtually if necessary;
8. Attend a weekend retreat with preliminary finalists for further discernment on June 19th and 20th, 2021; and
9. Recommend a final slate of candidates to the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee seeks to form a Nominating Committee that represents the rich diversity of our diocese. Two of the great strengths of our diocese are our unity and our diversity: not our unity in spite of our diversity, but our unity and our diversity, each enriching our common life. We understand that our unity as a diocese flows not from uniformity, but from a profound love for one another, a healthy respect for difference, and a deep common desire to work together, sharing the same table as one family, one body of Christ.

To this end, we seek applicants from all walks of life and circumstances, reflecting the geographical, theological, and liturgical diversity of our diocese. We seek applicants widely representative of our diocesan family in age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status. We seek applicants with varied gifts, talents, strengths, and experiences. We seek applicants who have experience in the diocese serving on parish vestries, mission boards, commissions and committees, as representatives to Diocesan Convention, or who have experience serving in other dioceses or with the Episcopal Church at large. Most of all, we seek applicants who appreciate the momentous task before the Nominating Committee, and who will prayerfully approach the work with seriousness, diligence, collegiality, and grace.

If you feel called to offer your service, please complete the online application by clicking below. Applications will be accepted through August 21, 2020. After that date, the Standing Committee will form a Nominating Committee that is reflective of who we are and who we wish to become.

[Click here to view the Nominating Committee Application.](#)