



In your packet you will find the Diocesan Positions open for Election. We currently have the following Nominations from the Arctic Coast, Southeast and South Central deanery meetings.

Commission on Ministry

Arctic Coast Clergy: The Rev. Carrie Oktollik, St. Thomas, Pt. Hope

Standing Committee

Seat #1 Arctic Coast Lay: Austin Swan, Sr., Epiphany Kivalina

Seat #3 Southeast Clergy: The Rev. Julie Platson, St. Peter's, Sitka

Disciplinary Board

Seat D Lay: Adam Lees, St. Mary's, Anchorage

Seat G Clergy: The Rev. "Chip" Wallace Mills, St. James, Kodiak

FIT (Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment) Committee:

Seat A Lay:

Austin Swan, Sr., Epiphany, Kivalina

Albert Alvarez, Holy Spirit, Eagle River

The following seats currently do not have any nominations:

Commission on Ministry: Interior Lay

Standing Committee: Interior Clergy

Nominations from the floor of Convention must be made on the first day, October 3, 2020 and are made by delegates. Steps to Nominate from the floor:

1. Ask permission, prior to submitting name, from the person you want to nominate to make sure they are willing to serve.
2. Get the following information:
  - a. Position being nominated for
  - b. Name of nominee
  - c. Clergy or Lay
  - d. Church
  - e. Contact Information: email, contact phone number, mailing address
3. Submit the Nomination in the Zoom "chat" or at time allotted in the schedule

Nominations may also be made prior to convention by emailing the above information to the "Contact Form" on the diocesan website; <https://episcopalak.org/contact/>. Those nominations will be forwarded to the Nominations Committee.

We are aware and are anticipating some "hiccups" during Convention this year. Truth is, we have "hiccups" every year, they are often "behind the scenes" and only noticed by a few. Given we are using a platform unfamiliar to many and reliant on forces outside

our control – internet & phone connections, zoom “freezes”, unstable and/or low bandwidth, no email, rarely checked email.....we have schedules an **optional Pre-Convention Informational Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 6:00p – 7:00p.**

This will be an informal “practice”, allowing those less familiar with the Zoom platform to log-on and experience a virtual gathering. We will share information, such as, the budget, positions open for nomination, the schedule and more. Please join us for “Convention Rehearsal” on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 6:00p – 7:00p.

Delegate unique and individual Zoom meeting invites will be emailed no later than close of business Friday September 25, 2020. This login will be the same as the one for Convention. It is unique and individual to each delegate, please do not share with anyone else. **Please check your email.**

Visitors and others may follow along with the livestream. Like the link for Convention, the link for the September 29<sup>th</sup> “practice”, will be available on the Convention & Conference Page of the Diocesan Website, <https://episcopalak.org/event/2020-conference-convention/>.

Finally, we ask for your patience and understanding. We know the usual patterns and expectations of Diocesan Convention as a “family reunion” will likely be missed this year and the agenda is limited to only the canonically required business of Convention. It feels strange to have our visitors and delegates separated, it is unsettling to not be able to share hugs and songs, who ever heard of a “dress rehearsal” for Convention, and the list goes on.

We welcome your prayers, your positive and creative spirit of adventure that is so much a strength of Alaskans, and your spirit of joy and hope as we look forward to Diocesan Convention this year, in this brave new way.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the Bishop’s Office, 800-478-3043 or 452-3040 (locally). Or feel free to email me, [skrull@gci.net](mailto:skrull@gci.net) or any member of the Bishop’s Staff (using the email buttons on the “Contact” page on our website)

Blessings,