

50th Diocesan Convention
October 2 - 4, 2025
St. Matthew's, Fairbanks

Positions open for election/nominations:
Deanery Nominations

Southeast Deanery

Meeting: May 8-10, 2025

Commission on Ministry:

Lay

Standing Committee:

none

Disciplinary Board:**

Seat D: Lay

Seat G: Clergy

FIT:

Seat B: Clergy

Seat #2: Appointed

General Convention Deputies

Lay: (2) Nominees

Clergy: (2) Nominees

Action Required	NO Action Required	Action Optional*
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X		
	X	
		X*
		X*
		X*
	X	
X		
X		

* Not Deanery Specific; Deanery MAY nominate but not Required

** Disciplinary Board, no more than three (3) seats may be filled by people who live in the same Deanery

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Positions open for election/nominations:

Commission on Ministry:

Interior Clergy position, APPOINTED

Term: 3 year

South Central Lay position, APPOINTED

Term: 3 year

Southeast Lay, Elected

Term: 3 year

Standing Committee:

Seat # 7: Arctic Coast Clergy

Term: Liturgical Year C, 2028

Seat # 8: South Central Clergy

Term: Liturgical Year C, 2028

Seat # 9: Interior Lay position

Term: Liturgical Year C, 2028

Disciplinary Board:

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Seat D: Lay position, not deanery specific

Term: 5 year

Seat G: Clergy position, not deanery specific

Term: 5 year

FIT (Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment) Committee:

Seat B: Clergy position, not deanery specific

Term: 4 year

Seat #2: APPOINTED (NO Action Req)

Term: 4 year

General Convention Deputies:

Each Deanery shall Nominate (2) Clergy & (2) Lay

Full Delegation - 4 Clergy & 4 Lay (plus 1st Alternate of each order)-elected at Convention

Phoenix, Arizona; July 2027

Episcopal Diocese of Alaska
 Diocesan Positions Currently Held, as of April 11, 2025

		<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Commission on Ministry:</u>			
Arctic Coast	Clergy	The Rev. Mary Norton	51th, 2026
	Lay	vacant	52nd, 2027
Interior	Clergy	vacant	50th, 2025
	Lay	Mary Jane Derendoff	51th, 2026
South Central	Clergy	The Rev. Matt DuFour	52nd, 2027
	Lay	Nell Gustafson	50th, 2025
Southeast	Clergy	The Rev. Jan Hotze	52nd, 2027
	Lay	Michael Rowcroft	50th, 2025
Vocational Deacon	Clergy	The Rev. Barbara Zimmerman	51th, 2026

Standing Committee:

Seat #1: Arctic Coast	Lay	Barbara Collison	51st, Year A, 2026
Seat #2: Interior	Clergy	The Rev. John Holz	51st, Year A, 2026
Seat #3: Southeast	Clergy	The Rev. Julie Platson	51st, Year A, 2026
Seat #4: South Central	Lay	Maggie McKay	52nd, Year B, 2027
Seat #5: At Large	Appointee	Nancy Burke	52nd, Year B, 2027
Seat #6: Southeast	Lay	Michael Lukshin	52nd, Year B, 2027
Seat #7: Arctic Coast	Clergy	The Rev. Enoch Adams, Jr.	50th, Year C, 2025
Seat #8: South Central	Clergy	The Rev. Lauran Pifke	50th, Year C, 2025
Seat #9: Interior	Lay	Judy Gau	50th, Year C, 2025

Disciplinary Board:

Seat A:	Clergy	The Rev. Bessie Titus	52nd, 2027
Seat B:	Lay	Mary Alice McKeen	53rd, 2028
Seat C:	Clergy	The Rev. Jan Hotze	54th, 2029
Seat D:	Lay	Chele Bifelt	50th, 2025
Seat E:	Clergy	The Rev. David Terwilliger	51st, 2026
Seat F:	Lay	Peggy Fisher	52nd, 2027
Seat G:	Clergy	The Rev. Marilyn Duggar	50th, 2025

FIT (Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment) Committee:

Seat A: Elected	Lay	Alice Rooney	53rd, 2028
Seat #1: Appointed		Ossie Knowlton	53rd, 2028
Seat B: Elected	Clergy	The Rev. Wilson Valentine	50th, 2025
Seat #2: Appointed		Charlotte White	50th, 2025
Seat C: Elected	Lay	Maggie McKay	51st, 2026
Seat #3: Appointed		Loren Hill	51st, 2026
Seat D: Elected	Clergy	The Rev. Mary Norton	52nd, 2027

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Brief Committees Overview of those open for Election/Appointment

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Commission on Ministry:

Summary of Responsibilities: Assist the bishop in matters pertaining to the needs for the Ordained Ministry including enlistment and selection of persons for the Ministry, and in the guidance and pastoral care of all Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders, Deacons and Priests, administering examinations required by Canon for Ordination and continuing education. Assist the bishop in challenging, training, and providing continuing education of the Laity for its ministry.

Commitment needed: attend regular Zoom meetings (10-12 annually), receive and disburse documents via electronic methods, may meet in-person once a year. No member may at the same time be a member of the Standing Committee.

Standing Committee:

Summary of Responsibilities: Serve as a Council of Advice to the Bishop. Exercise Ecclesiastical Authority in the absence or disability of the Bishop. Act as the reviewing body in the selection, examination, and ordination of persons for Holy Orders. Advise and consent to the purchase, construction, encumbrance, and disposition of real property of the Diocese. Implement actions assigned by the Convention of the Diocese, including the regular review and oversight of the budget.

Commitment needed: attend regular Zoom meetings (6-8 annually), receive and disburse documents via electronic methods (dropbox/email), meet in-person for a 2–3-day meeting two/three times a year. No member may at the same time be a member of the Commission on Ministry or Disciplinary Board.

Disciplinary Board:

Summary of Responsibilities: The Disciplinary Board handles complaints and cases of clergy misconduct and other matters set forth in Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church including the Trial of any Priest or Deacon of the Diocese.

Commitment needed: Be available to meet via Zoom/teleconference and/or in person should a case/need present itself. Unless there is an active case this committee typically does not meet. No member may at the same time be a member of the Standing Committee. No one serving the diocese as chancellor, vice-chancellor, advisor, conciliator, church attorney, intake officer or investigator may serve on the Disciplinary Board. No more than three (3) seats may be filled by people who live in the same Deanery.

FIT (Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment) Committee:

Summary of Responsibilities: Oversee the on-going grants and operating budget funding provided by the FIT Endowment. Manage the granting process including distributing, advertising, and evaluating annual grant applications for the multiple grant cases. Review the spending allocation annually and make recommendations for approval to the Standing Committee.

Commitment needed: attend regular one hour Zoom meetings (3-6 annually) , receive and disburse documents via electronic methods (dropbox/email), meet via Zoom for an all-day meeting or an in-person meeting once a year.

General Convention Deputies:

Summary of Responsibilities: Provide representation for the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska to the General Convention of The Episcopal Church. General Convention is held once every 3 years, with a gathering of deputies and bishops throughout the Episcopal Church. Each diocese is entitled to a deputation of 4 Clergy and 4 Lay. Deputies are voting members of the House of Deputies. They discuss, debate, pray and vote on matters, including resolutions, motions, canonical changes and other such issues brought before the House of Deputies.

Commitment needed: attend regular teleconferences prior to General Convention, review all pre-convention material, join the Deputy email list serve (optional), travel to and attend General Convention which is held at a site in the lower 48 in the summer for **10-12 days** once every 3 years. In 2025, we will elect for 82nd General Convention to be held in Phoenix, Arizona in July 2027.

Episcopal Diocese of Alaska

Nominee Profile Form

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****online is the preferred method****

Committee/Commission of Nomination:

Seat Nominated for: _____

Term Nominated for: ____years

Nominee's Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: cell: _____ home: _____ Other: _____

Email: _____

____ Clergy or ____Lay

Congregation/Church Nominee is a member at:

Briefly tell us about the Nominee: (for example: reasons for wanting to serve, gifts they bring, ministry passions, anything like to share to help us get to know the nominee)

Is this a self-nomination: ____yes ____ no, I'm nominating someone else ____ No, nominated by deanery: ____ Arctic Coast ____ Interior ____ South Central ____Southeast

Person making nomination (if other than self)_____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Your Church/Congregation: _____