

The Episcopal Diocese of Alaska
50th Diocesan Convention
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.