

51st Diocesan Convention

October 3 & 10, 2026

Zoom

Names submitted for Nomination: as of October 3, 2026

Commission on Ministry

Arctic Coast Lay – Bishop Appointment
Vocational Deacon – Bishop Appointment

Arctic Coast Clergy - elected

- [Mary Norton, St. George's, Kotzebue](#)

Interior Lay - elected

- [Mary Jane Derendoff, St. Matthew's, Fairbanks](#)

Standing Committee

Seat #1 Arctic Coast Lay:

- *No Nominee at time of printing*

Seat #2 Interior Clergy:

- [Bessie Titus, St. Barnabas, Minto](#)

Seat #3 Southeast Clergy:

- *No Nominee at time of printing*

Seat #9 Interior Lay: (2-year term, filling vacancy)

- [Debbie Tritt-Kendi, Bishop Rowe Chapel, Arctic Village](#)
- [Alberta Walker, Christ Church, Anvik](#)

Disciplinary Board

Seat E - Clergy: (5yr term)

- *No Nominee at time of printing*

FIT Committee (Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment):

Seat C – Lay position:

- [Belle Schjenken, Christ Church, Anchorage](#)

Seat #2 – Bishop Appointment

Thank you to all the nominees for accepting the nomination.

Episcopal Diocese of Alaska Nominee Profile Form



Committee/Commission of Nomination:

Commission on Ministry

Arctic Coast Clergy

Nominee's Information:

Name: Mary Norton

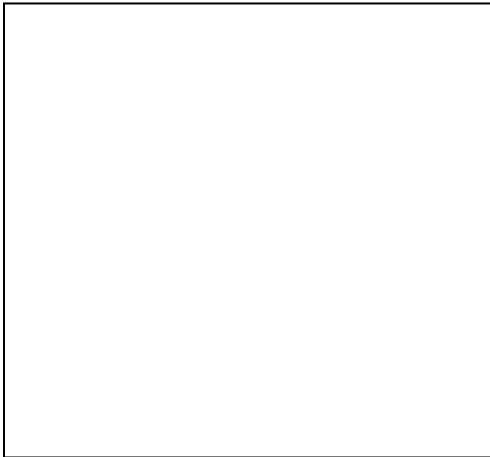
Clergy

Church/Parish: St. George's-in-the-Arctic, Kotzebue

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

Mary, a teacher by profession, has served in both lay and ordained ministries at St. George's-in-the-Arctic, Kotzebue for over 40 years. She has represented the Arctic Coast and the Diocese on a number of committees and as a deputy to General Convention. She looks forward to supporting others in their ministry journeys with another term on the Committee on Ministry.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

Commission on Ministry

Interior Lay

Nominee's Information:

Name: Mary Jane Derendoff

Lay

Church/Parish: St. Matthew's, Fairbanks

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

Nominee Profile not created at time of mailing

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

Standing Committee

Seat #2: Interior Clergy, Year A, 2029

Nominee's Information:

Name: Bessie Titus

Clergy

Church/Parish: St. Barnabas, Minto

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

Bessie has served on numerous Episcopal Committees local, state and nationwide. It was an honor for her to serve Alaska as a Deputy to General Convention over 8 times, and she is a deputy to the upcoming 2027 General Convention. She is a woman of vision with passion to see the church grow strong. She is currently serving as chair of the Truth and Healing Commission formed last fall. She gives thanks for your consideration.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

Standing Committee

Seat #9: Interior Lay, Year C, 2028 (fill vacant seat)

Nominee's Information:

Name: Debbie Tritt-Kendi

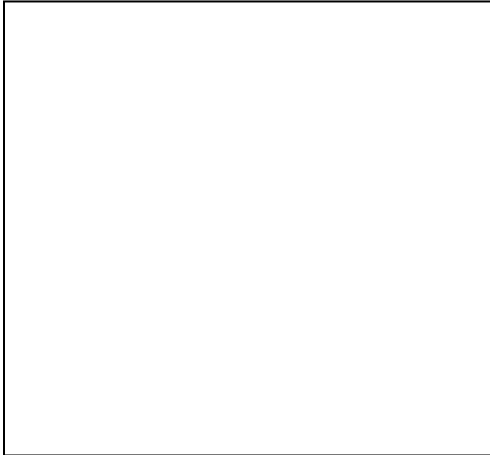
Lay

Church/Parish: Bishop Rowe Chapel, Arctic Village

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

Been going to Episcopal meetings since I was 16 years old. I am a strong, faithful believer. My grandpa, the Rev. Albert E Tritt, and my dad, the Rev. Isaac A Tritt Sr. were Episcopal clergy. My mother was a strong believer. Love to all people.

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

Standing Committee

Seat #9: Interior Lay, Year C, 2028 (fill vacant seat)

Nominee's Information:

Name: Alberta Walker

Lay

Church/Parish: Christ Church, Anvik

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

Nominee Profile not created at time of mailing

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Committee/Commission of Nomination:

FIT Committee

Nominee's Information:

Name: Bella Schjenken

Lay

Church/Parish: Christ Church, Anchorage

Briefly tell us about the Nominee:

I serve on the FIT committee before, took a break for two years