



The Standing Committee
Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
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Dear Siblings in Christ,


Summer greetings to you from the Standing Committee. Though we were quiet these past two months, we have been busy working in consultation with the Rev. Gary Butterworth, who serves on the National Episcopal Church Transition Board and as consultant for dioceses seeking to elect a new bishop. As you may know, the Episcopal Church is in significant transition as it reemerges in a world changed by pandemic. More than ever, we need visionary leaders to help us live the Gospel in new ways.

We invite your participation as we begin the process of calling our next bishop. We are hearing from some in the diocese that they are ready to create a search committee and launch the process as soon as possible, and we are hearing from some who feel the need for a period of discernment to see where God may be calling us. As your Standing Committee, we are dedicated to listening to each of you, and we are committed to the work that will ensure our next bishop is the one called to lead us in this time and place.

In the coming months, members of the Standing Committee will host “listening sessions”, traveling throughout the diocese to meet with parishes and simply listen. We want to hear from you: where and how have we been as a diocese? Where are we now? Where might we be called to go next? What do we hope for in our new bishop? The next task will be to appoint a search committee, but the first most important work is hearing from you.


We are eager and honored to begin this work with you.

Yours in Christ,


Mr. Michael Davis, President

 
The Rev. Nita C. Johnson Byrd Mr. Joseph DaBoll-Lavoie


Mr. Floyd Bayley


The Honorable Jeremy Cooney


The Very Rev. Kenneth Pepin


The Very Rev. Leslie Burkardt


The Very Rev. Ruth Ferguson

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop
(Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide our hearts and minds as we seek to elect the next bishop for the diocese of Rochester, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for the ministries to which you are calling us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen