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Dear ones:

I am writing to update you on the work of the Standing Committee. As you hopefully have read by now our document entitled “ [What We've Heard](#)” and have given some thought to placing your name, or encouraging other members of your congregations to submit their names for our Search Committee. **The deadline for submissions is February 20th.** The Standing Committee will meet on the 28th of February to select among the applicants those best suited for this very important work. As you know, applications have been sent to all parishes and are available online through this link.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZcaNNTS3WQ_jjMBqDj7rTofpozswDt1WdCqh1p6aBZ7UA1Q/viewform

We are very interested in representing our diocese in total and will select using the criteria presented in our application form. You can support this effort in two ways. First you can make sure this message reaches far and wide in your neck of the woods. From Angelica to Sodus, from Penn Yan to Brockport, we want to reach you all.

Secondly, you can pray for all who are a part of this very important process. As this weekend's scripture reminds us, nothing miraculous can happen without God's Spirit. We entrust this process with all its weaving and challenges to the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Your prayers leave room for the Spirit to work among us with healing and reconciliation.

Once the Search Committee is selected, they will begin their work with a retreat to be held in Geneva on Mar 24th and 25th. We are excited to have applicants registering. Among other things we are working on a timeline and a budget as well as charge for the Search Committee. Thank you for your prayerful support,

For all of us on the Standing Committee,

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