



March 3, 2023

Dear friends and colleagues:

In the spirit of transparency and goodwill, the Standing Committee is writing to catch you up on where we are in our Episcopal Transition process.

As you know, we have been working hard to develop a pool of candidates to serve on the Discernment and Nominating Committee. It has been our intention to ensure that the applications for this committee reached far and wide throughout the diocese. In addition to placing the application on the diocesan website and offering a printable version as well, we contacted the deans, rectors, and wardens urging all to recruit suitable persons for this important process. We want to thank those of you who shared this information as we continue to strive to represent the entire diocese. In particular, we will continue to seek ways throughout this process to engage more successfully with our sisters and brothers in the Southern Tier.

We have received sixteen applications and have chosen twelve persons, six from the clergy order and six from the lay order.

The Standing Committee met in a special session to review all the applications. For those not selected, we deeply appreciate your placing your names in the pool. We encourage you to apply in a few months for the Transition team, and we are sure there will be opportunities to support this process going forward.

Therefore, we offer the following slate to Bishop Stephen Lane, who in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1.a of our Constitution and by the action of this letter, appoints the following applicants to the Discernment and Nominating Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester.

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Mr. Richard Smith

Ms. Rochelle Coley

Ms. Margaret (Margy) Ashley

Ms. Val Jutsum

Ms. Carolyn Mok, MD

Ms. Julie Gedro

We delight in the willingness of these servant leaders to step up and embrace this most important work, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will be their guide.



The Very Rev. Kenneth Pepin  
President of the Standing Committee



The Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane  
Bishop Provisional of Rochester