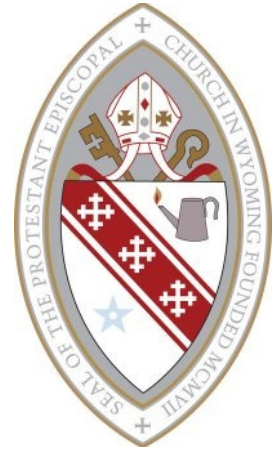


INFORMATION YOUR PARISH NEEDS FOR YOUR UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING

Selecting Your Delegates to the Electing Convention for Wyoming's Bishop



As Episcopal churches across the Diocese prepare for their Annual Parish Meetings, here's some information you'll need for the election of your Diocesan Convention delegates and the delegates to the Electing Convention.

This year in the Diocese of Wyoming, there will be two Conventions: The first specifically for the Election of our next Bishop on March 20 at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Laramie and then the annual Diocesan Convention in early October — also in Laramie.

The National Church and Wyoming Canons allow Congregations to elect delegates to each Convention separately or they may choose to have a single delegation attend both Conventions. ***National and Wyoming canons permit each church to make this decision for itself.***

Your parish will receive forms soon for you to record the names of the delegates your congregation selects to attend the Electing Convention in March. As with the annual convention, the names of Electing Convention delegates must be submitted to a Credentials Committee before they can vote.

Here are the pertinent sections of the Wyoming Canons for the Election Convention (*See also Special Rules for the Electing Convention*)

Canon 3 Section 2. (a) Delegates to the Convention shall be adult Communicants in good standing in a Congregation in union with the Diocese. (Note communicant = a baptized member, regular attendee and a giver of record, either money or in-kind)

As your parish begins its discernment for who should be elected as a delegate to the Electing Convention, here are a few issues to consider:

- ◆ *Is the candidate for delegate reasonably well-versed on church and diocesan affairs?*
- ◆ *Is the candidate for delegate reading the information on the Bishop's Search website and planning to attend the Walk About of the Bishop Nominees taking place February 24-March 3?*
- ◆ *Does the candidate for delegate demonstrate the gift of discernment, able to listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit?*
- ◆ *Is attending the Convention a priority for the candidate for delegate?*

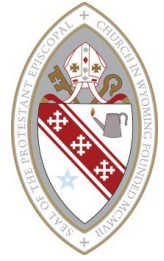
(b) Every Congregation in union with the Diocese and not in violation of Constitution and Canons, shall be entitled to send to the Convention as many Delegates as permitted by the following:

The number of Delegates shall be based on the average Sunday attendance (ASA) recorded on the Parochial Report for the year prior to the Convention:

1 to 100 = 2 delegates
101 to 200 = 3 delegates
over 200 = 4 delegates

(c) Delegates from any Congregation shall be entitled to vote at the same Convention at which the Congregation has been admitted.

Canon 3 Section 3. Additional Delegates



(a) The members of the Episcopal Youth Community of every Congregation may elect one voting delegate who is an adult baptized member in good standing in accord with General Canons. Such a person must not be over nineteen (19) years of age. Their appointment shall be submitted to the Secretary of Convention in accord with Canon 3, Section 2(a) and Section 8.

(b) Episcopal organizations at any of the colleges and universities within the Diocese who have a sponsor approved by the Bishop shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate to be certified to the Secretary of Convention in accord with Section 2 (a) and (c).

(c) Religious orders and other Christian communities as defined by the General Canons under direction of the Diocesan Bishop and resident within the Diocese shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate to be certified to the Secretary of Convention in accord with Section 2 (a) and (c).

Canon 3.4-10 (See also Special Rules for the Electing Convention)

Canon 3 Section 4. There is no limit on the number of Alternates selected. Which Alternate should replace which Delegate shall be determined by the procedure of the Congregation they represent. Alternates may replace Delegates for a part or the whole of a Convention upon written notice to the Secretary by the head of the Delegation from the same Congregation. If the status of the original Delegate is resumed, written notice thereof shall be presented to the Secretary.

Canon 3 Section 5. The selection of Delegates and Alternates to the Convention shall be according to the custom of that Congregation. Vacancies in the delegation shall be filled from the Alternates.

Canon 3 Section 6. The term of office for Delegates shall include all adjournments of the Convention to a designated time, but, in the event a Special Convention is called, each Congregation may select other Delegates. Alternates shall serve as Delegates only for that time during the Convention in which a vacancy occurs and shall yield to the Delegate, if that Delegate is able and desires to be a voting Delegate.

Canon 3 Section 7. No Delegate shall have more than one vote or represent more than one Congregation.

Once the delegates are elected, please have them select a chairman. Then, contact the Transitions Committee at WyomingBishopSearch@gmail.com with the name, phone number & email of the individual authorized to complete the Credentials form for your parish. The Credentials form will be sent out shortly.

Be sure to check the Special Rules for the Electing Convention – a copy can be found at www.wyomingbishopsearch.com — it will remain in DRAFT format until approved by delegates at the Electing Convention.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Transitions Committee at WyomingBishopSearch@gmail.com or call Communications chair Pamela RW Kandt at (307-377-7763)