

**POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED**  
at the 150th Convention of the Diocese of Bethlehem

**THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

Two to be elected

One (1) clergy person and one (1) lay person to be elected for a three-year term.

**THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

Four to be elected

Two (2) clergy persons and two (2) lay persons to be elected for a three-year term.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

Two to be elected

One (1) clergy person and one (1) lay person to be elected for a four-year term.

**THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

**Function:** The Commission on Ministry assists and advises the Bishop in the design and oversight of the process for those discerning ordained and lay ministry; in implementing Title III of the canons of the Episcopal Church; and in the development and support of the ministry of all baptized persons.

**Meetings:** Two retreats a year and three or four meetings a year on a Saturday in person or by conference call. Working groups convene as needed between regular meetings of the commission.

**THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**Function:** The Diocesan Council is the executive agency of the Convention of the Diocese in between meetings of the Convention. Its responsibilities include developing a Diocesan mission strategy, developing and maintaining programs to implement the mission, reviewing the strategy and reporting to Diocesan Convention, preparing the Diocesan budget, and setting policy for the diocese.

**Meetings:** Five or six meetings a year on a weekday evening. Committees of Council convene as needed between regular meetings of Council.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Function:** The Standing Committee is the body of lay and clergy members of the Diocese elected by the annual Diocesan Convention and authorized by the Canons of the Episcopal Church as the Bishop's Council of Advice. The Standing Committee advises the Bishop or gives consent in matters of the disposition of property, ecclesiastical discipline, the election and consecration of Bishops, and in matters involving candidates for ordained ministry. In the absence of a Diocesan Bishop, the Standing Committee is canonically authorized to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

**Meetings:** Six or more meetings a year on a weekday evening.

**THE DIOCESE OF BETHLEHEM 2021  
NOMINATING PETITION**

I submit my name to the Nominating Committee for consideration for the following position to be filled by the next Diocesan Convention.

**I seek nomination to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOMEADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARISH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check one:** CLERGY  LAY

**I am seeking to be nominated for a first term**

**I currently hold this office and wish to be nominated for a second**

term

for a first term as I am currently filling an unexpired term

**The gifts and skills I bring to the Diocese of Bethlehem and this ministry include (100 words /625 characters or less):**

- Nominations must be received by **July 15, 2021. This is a firm date.**
- Include a digital photo.
- Email completed form and photo to Paula Lapinski at paula@diobeth.org
- Forms can also be mailed: 333 Wyandotte St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 or Faxed: 610-691-1682