Summary of Elections at the 
188th Annual Convention 
January 24-25, 2020

The Bishop and Council
Each Missionary Convocation will meet in caucus during the convention and elect one lay member of the Bishop and Council for two-year terms. The diocesan convention in plenary session will elect two at-large lay members for two-year terms. Members of the Bishop and Council may be elected to a second two-year term, unless they are presently completing their second term. A year must elapse between a second and third term. A person may not serve concurrently on the Bishop and Council and the Standing Committee. Two persons, either clergy or lay, from the same parish or mission congregation may not serve concurrently on the Bishop and Council.

- To be elected by convocation caucuses: four clergy members for two-year terms (one from each convocation)
- To be elected by the convention: two at-large clergy members for two-year terms

Terms Expire January 2020
The Rev’d Chris Bowhay, SWMC, St. Peter’s Church, Columbia
The Rev’d Jacob Bottom, NEMC, Church of Our Saviour, Gallatin
The Rev’d Richard Kew, At-Large, St. George’s Church, Nashville
The Rev. Dr. Amy Bentley Lamborn, Southeastern Tennessee Episcopal Ministries, Winchester
The Rev’d Cynthia Seifert, NWMC, St. Anselm’s Church, Nashville
The Rev’d James Teets, SEMC, Church of the Holy Cross, Murfreesboro

The Rev. Cynthia Seifert and The Rev. Richard Kew are not eligible for re-election. All other clergy members are eligible for re-election.

Terms Expire January 2021
Cathy Link, NEMC, Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville
Julie Best Erwin, NWMC, St. David’s Church, Nashville
Catherine Clark, At-Large, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
Judy Reed, At-Large, Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Fayetteville
Bob Larson, SWMC, St. Paul’s Church, Franklin
Chuck Phillips, SEMC, St. Paul’s Church, Murfreesboro

The Standing Committee
The Standing Committee is composed of seven persons: four clergy and three lay persons (Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing). Members are elected for three-year, rotating terms. Members having served a full term on the Standing Committee are ineligible to serve again for a period of two years. Not more than one person from the same parish or mission, either clergy or lay, shall be eligible to serve on the Standing Committee at the same time except in instances in which such person transfers from one congregation to another during their term of office (cf. Art. 9). A person may not serve concurrently on the Bishop and Council and Standing Committee (cf. Canon 6 Sec.7©). No person may serve concurrently on the Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee (cf. Canon 8 Sec. 3).

To be elected: One lay member and one clergy member for three-year terms

Terms Expire January 2020
The Rev’d Jason Terhune, President, Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Fayetteville
Ken Vickers, Church of the Messiah, Pulaski

The Rev. Jason Terhune and Ken Vickers are not eligible for re-election.
Terms Expire January 2021
Jay Fahey, St. Paul’s Church, Franklin
The Rev’d Travis Hines, St. Bartholomew’s Church, Nashville

Terms Expire January 2021
The Rev’d Wesley Arning, St. James the Less, Madison
The Rev’d Joe Davis, Grace Church, Spring Hill
Susan Huggins, St. David’s Church, Nashville

The Dandridge Trust Board

Each member of the Dandridge Trust Board shall be elected by a majority vote of those present and voting at the Annual Convention, upon nominations made by a delegate to the Convention. Board members must be Adult Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing of a parish or mission of this diocese, or a member of the clergy canonically resident in this diocese, provided that no two persons from the same parish or mission shall serve at the same time – except that should a board member transfer from one parish or mission to another parish or mission which already has a member on the Dandridge Trust Board the person so transferring will be allowed to fill out his/her term, and that all members must be actually domiciled in this diocese. Board members may be re-elected for a second term of three years, but thereafter may not be elected again for a period of two years. (The Dandridge Trust Resolution of the 154th Annual Convention, revised in the 155th and the 166th Annual Conventions.)

To be elected: One lay member and one clergy member for three-year terms

Terms Expire January 2020
The Rev’d Meghan Ryan, Secretary, Trinity Parish, Clarksville
Larrence Perry, Treasurer, Holy Trinity Church, Nashville

The Rev’d Meghan Ryan and Larrence Perry are not eligible for re-election

Terms Expire January 2021
Sam Bessey, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
The Rev’d Burns Rogers, Chair, St. Paul’s Church, Franklin

Terms Expire January 2022
Mike Becker, Vice-Chair (2022), St. Paul’s Church, Murfreesboro

The Cathedral Chapter

Two non-Cathedral members of the Diocese at large, one clergy and one lay, are to be elected to the Cathedral Chapter by the annual diocesan convention. “Lay members of the Chapter shall be adult confirmed communicants in good standing. The non-Cathedral members of the Diocese at large shall be...elected for a two year term. They may be re-elected for an additional term, but then are not eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed after the completion of the second term.” (Article II, 5 of the Cathedral Church Agreement)

To be elected: One (1) clergy and one (1) lay non-Cathedral member of the Diocese for two year terms

Terms Expire January 2020
The Rev. Sammy Wood, St. Bartholomew’s, Nashville
Paul Babb, Appointed, Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood

The Rev. Sammy Wood and Paul Babb are eligible for re-election.
At the Annual Convention in the calendar year next preceding the calendar year in which the General Convention meets, the Convention shall elect four Clerical and four Lay Deputies to represent this Diocese in the next General Convention, and also a like number of Alternate Deputies in each order. They shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed, most likely at the January 2023 diocesan convention. Deputies elected must inform the Bishop at least 30 days prior to either the Provincial Synod (if appointed to attend) or the General Convention of their intent to attend; therefore, election to this office is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, etc. due to the considerable time commitment (see below).

Provincial Synods meet at Kanuga in the summer of 2020 as well as the summer of 2021, and require a couple-of-weekday commitments (if you are appointed to attend by the Bishop). The General Convention will meet June 30 – July 9, 2020 in Baltimore, Maryland, requiring as much as a week and a half out of town. In addition, the deputation may meet several times before the Convention to prepare, and, following Convention, is usually required to dispatch resolutions from the Convention for their application in the diocese.

To be elected: Four Lay Deputies who are Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing in this Diocese, and four Clerical Deputies who are canonically resident in this Diocese.

Deputies to the 79th General Convention in 2018:
The Rev’d Vicki Burgess, St. Philip’s Church, Nashville
The Very Rev’d Timothy Kimbrough, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
The Rev’d Jody Howard, Church of St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville
The Rev’d Kristine Blaess, St. George’s Church, Nashville
W.A. (Pete) Stringer, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
Gareth Aden, St. David’s Church, Nashville
Susan Huggins, St. David’s Church, Nashville
Jim Weatherly, Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood

Alternate Deputies to the 79th General Convention in 2018:
1st Alternate: Joyce Adkins, St. Paul’s Church, Murfreesboro
2nd Alternate: Henry Walker, St. Ann’s Church, Nashville
2nd Alternate: The Rev’d Chris Bowhay, St. Peter’s Church, Columbia

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1 Constitution & Canons, 5.1
2 5.3
3 5.4; BCP p. 423.