

**Summary of Elections at the  
194<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
January 23-24, 2026**

***The Bishop and Council***

Each Missionary Convocation will meet in caucus during the convention and elect one clergy member of the Bishop and Council for two-year terms. The diocesan convention in plenary session will elect two at-large clergy 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 2026**

The Rev'd Dn. Bonnie Lloyd-Downs, SWMC, St. Peter's, Columbia  
The Rev'd Madeleine Rebouché, NEMC, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
The Rev'd David Goodpaster, SEMC, St. James, Sewanee & Christ Church, Tracy City  
The Rev'd Chad McCabe, NWMC, Trinity, Clarksville  
The Rev'd Dr. TJ Azar, At-Large, St. Michael's, Cookeville  
The Rev'd Robert Rhea, At-Large, All Saints', Smyrna

*The Rev'd Dn. Bonnie Lloyd-Downs, the Rev'd Dr. TJ Azar, and the Rev'd Robert Rhea are not eligible for re-election.*

**Terms Expire January 2027**

Kevin Norwood, SWMC, Good Shepherd, Brentwood  
Shelley Sircy, NEMC, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville  
Jim Cortner, SEMC, Trinity, Winchester  
Laura Green, NWMC, St. Anselm's, Nashville  
Christy Beesley, At-Large, St. Augustine's, Nashville  
Lucy Hovious, At-Large, St. David's, Nashville

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***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 2026**

The Rev'd David Barr, St. George's, Nashville  
John Harvey, Grace Church, Spring Hill

*The Rev'd Canon Chad Jones, The Rev'd Dn. Burns Rogers, and Dr. Beverly Mahan are not eligible for re-election.*

**Terms Expire January 2027**

The Rev'd Michael Blaess, Redeemer, Shelbyville  
John Whitaker, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville

**Terms Expire January 2028**

The Rev'd Justin Taliaferro, Messiah, Pulaski  
The Rev'd Natalie Van Kirk, Good Shepherd, Brentwood  
Jarod Pearson, St. Agnes', Cowan

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***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 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, revised in the 155<sup>th</sup> and the 166<sup>th</sup> Annual Conventions.*)

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

**Terms Expire January 2026**

The Rev'd Charlie McClain, St. Matthew's, McMinnville  
Heather Wills, St. Bartholomew's, Nashville

**Terms Expire January 2027**

The Rev'd Michael Whitnah, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro  
Tamra Smith, Redeemer, Shelbyville

**Terms Expire January 2028**

The Rev'd Brain McVey, Advent, Nashville  
Dr. Agatha Nolen, St. George's, Nashville

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***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 2026**

The Rev'd Justin Taliaferro, Messiah, Pulaski  
Bob Jordan, St. Anselm's, Nashville

**Terms Expire January 2027**

The Rev'd Robert Osborne, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville  
Eddie Latimer, St. Bartholomew's, Nashville

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## ***Deputies to the 82nd General Convention in 2027***

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.<sup>1</sup> They shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed, most likely at the January 2026 diocesan convention.<sup>2</sup> 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).<sup>3</sup>

Provincial Synods meet in April 2027, and require a couple-of-weekday commitments (if you are appointed to attend by the Bishop). The General Convention will meet in July 2027 in Phoenix, Arizona 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 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention in 2024:**

The Rev'd Canon Jody Howard, Canon to the Ordinary

The Rev'd Timothy Kimbrough, Director, Anglican House of Studies, Duke University

The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess, Rector, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro

The Rev'd Vicki Burgess, Retired, Nashville

The Rev'd Robert Osborne, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville (1st clergy Alternate)

Mrs. Susan Huggins, St. David's, Nashville

Mr. Pete Stringer, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville

Mr. Jim Weatherly, Good Shepherd, Brentwood

Ms. Christy Beesley, St. Augustine's, Nashville

Mr. Scott Kammerer, St. Philip's, Donelson (1st lay Alternate)

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<sup>1</sup> Constitution & Canons, 5.1

<sup>2</sup> 5.3

<sup>3</sup> 5.4; BCP p. 423.