



July 29, 2025
Mary and Martha of Bethany

Dear Beloved in Christ,

The application window to serve on the Search and Transition Committees is now closed. We are deeply grateful for your very enthusiastic response.

The Standing Committee will now take a couple weeks to put together both committees from among so many qualified applicants.

Our hope is to assemble committees full of people who love Jesus and his Church; who are faithful, thoughtful, mature and collaborative; grounded in prayer and scripture; and representing the fullness of our diocese.

We also would direct your attention to the Bishop Election Hub for an overview of the timeline for the whole process.

We will write again on Tuesday, August 12 with an update.

Warmly, in Christ,
The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Tennessee

The Rev. Dr. David Barr (St. George's, Nashville)
The Rev. Michael Blaess, president (Redeemer, Shelbyville)
Mr. John Harvey (Grace, Spring Hill)
Mr. L. Jarod Pearson, secretary (St. Agnes', Cowan)
The Rev. Justin Taliaferro (Messiah, Pulaski)
The Rev. Canon Natalie Van Kirk (Good Shepherd, Brentwood)
Mr. John Whitaker (Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville)