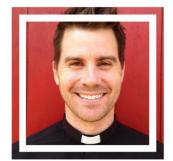


August 12, 2025 Florence Nightingale

Dear Beloved in Christ,

Today, it is our privilege to announce the co-chairs for both the Search and Transition Committees. These leaders each understand the holy responsibility that comes with this role and are ready to serve the diocese in the bishop search and transition processes. We give great thanks for their willingness to do so.





The Rev. Jacob Bottom
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Monica Fawknotson



The Rev. Chad Jones





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We also, once again, express our gratitude for the generous response from so many gifted people offering their time, energy, and love for the Church. The Standing Committee continues to assemble the Search and Transition Committees. We will announce the full committees once all the applicants have been contacted.

Please continue to keep the search process in your prayers (including in the Prayers of the People, as you're able).

We will write again soon.

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)