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Thank you, people of the Diocese of Tennessee, for your ongoing participation in the Bishop Search process!

We write today with an update on the process so far, an additional listening session opportunity, and next steps.

We have had several goals in this process so far: (1) electing the Twelfth Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee, (2) connecting you, the people of the diocese, to this process, and (3) connecting you to each other. The listening sessions have helped accomplish and move us closer to these goals.

We had an overwhelming participation in the survey and the listening sessions. We are grateful for your time and thoughtfulness. Both the survey and listening sessions were designed to give voice to the people of the diocese. So, if you were unable to attend one of the in-person listening sessions, a final session, via Zoom, has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00pm (CT). If you wish to attend, request the Zoom link by registering at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4FAAA622A3FC1-61349996-zoom>.

We also had great participation in the “Role and Identity of a Bishop” Zoom classes. A recording of one of these is available on the [Bishop Search page on the Diocesan webpage](#).

The Bishop Search Committee recently met with our survey consultant who was impressed by the volume of “free form” responses, attributing the volume to the deep commitment of the members of our diocese to our local churches, to the diocese itself, and to The Episcopal Church.

Your feedback has been incredibly important, and part of the Search Committee’s discernment moving forward will be to properly situate and understand the voice of the diocese together with Holy Scripture and the Book of Common Prayer tradition. Collectively, these elements will guide the development of the Diocesan Profile and the application process. Once the profile has been created, it will be reviewed by the Standing Committee before being released publicly in mid-March. Between now and then, the Bishop Search Committee will be quietly hard at work.

Faithfully,
The Bishop Search Committee