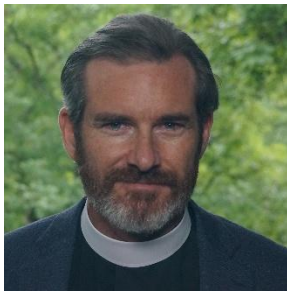




September 8, 2026

To the People of the Diocese of Tennessee:

The Standing Committee takes great pleasure in announcing the slate of nominees to be the twelfth Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee. They are:



The Rev'd Colin Ambrose
Vice Rector
St. George's
Nashville, Tennessee



The Rev'd Cn. Brian Cannaday
Canon to the Ordinary
Diocese of Dallas
Dallas, Texas



The Rev'd Andy Olivo
Rector
St. Elizabeth's
Ridgewood, New Jersey

Background information, videos, and written material from each nominee can be found on this website.

We also want to say a heartfelt thank you to the members of the Search Committee as they have worked through the extended search and especially want to thank the Rev'd Chris Bowhay and Mr. Bryan Essary, co-chairs of the Committee. At every step of the way, the Search Committee has taken great care to represent the fullness of the Diocese and to discern those candidates who were most capable and most committed to being the twelfth bishop of the Diocese. They have done this work with diligence and integrity and we, the Standing Committee, are delighted to present the slate of nominees they submitted to us.

Beginning in September 2025, under the leadership of the then co-chairs, Ms. Monica Fawknorton and the Rev'd Jacob Bottom, the Search Committee diligently organized and conducted a survey of the Diocese and listening sessions to learn the concerns of the Diocese. The input from these

sources was incorporated into the diocesan profile in February. Starting in March, the Search Committee received names, read answers to their questions, listened to sermons, conducted video interviews, and attended a discernment retreat with the nominees. In June, the Standing Committee asked the members of the Search Committee to stay on for an extended search and the process of taking names and conducting interviews started over. Finally, just last week, the Search Committee met with a select group of candidates to determine the final nominees. The Standing Committee has every confidence that the Search Committee has completed their task faithfully and well and we are greatly appreciative of their hard work and dedication.

The Electing Convention for the twelfth bishop will take place on October 24, 2026. Should there be someone who recommends that another person be considered, you will find the rules for the petition process, which closes September 15, under separate cover on this website.

Again, thank you to the Search Committee for their hard work and careful attention. Please pray for the Diocese of Tennessee and our nominees as we gather to discern the next Bishop of Tennessee.

In Christ,
The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Tennessee

Ms. Catherine Beemer, St. George's, Nashville
The Rev'd Bradley Johnson, St. James the Less, Madison
The Rev'd Caroline Osborne, Saint Philip's, Nashville
Mr. L. Jarod Pearson, St. Agnes', Cowan
The Rev'd Justin Taliaferro, Messiah, Pulaski
The Rev'd Cn. Natalie B. Van Kirk, president, Good Shepherd, Brentwood
Mr. John Whitaker, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville