



September 15, 2026

To the members of the Diocese of Tennessee:

Questions for Our Bishop Nominees

From October 15 through October 17, our nominees for Bishop of Tennessee will be in various locations throughout the Diocese for Meet & Greet sessions with the people of the Diocese.

- October 15 7:00pm St. James the Less, Madison--Open
- October 16 7:00pm St. Bartholomew's, Nashville--Open
- October 17 2:00pm School of Theology, Sewanee—Open

The three open sessions will be recorded and made available on the Bishop Search hub on the Diocesan website. The questions for these sessions will be compiled and asked by the members of the Standing Committee. There will be no open questions from the floor.

We are writing to the Diocese to request that you submit the questions that you feel are most important for our episcopal nominees. We want to be sure that the questions asked of the nominees in the Meet & Greet sessions reflect the concerns of the members of the Diocese. We will be receiving questions from September 28 through October 5. We will take your questions seriously even though we cannot promise that all questions will be asked in the limited time available.

To submit a question: Write out your question—in 25 words or less—and send it to: standingcommittee@edtn.org. Please include your name and your parish. Unsigned questions will not be considered.

We appreciate your thoughtful participation in this process.

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 Philips, Nashville

Mr. L. Jarod Pearson, St. Agnes', Cowan

The Rev'd Justin Taliaferro, Messiah, Pulaski

The Rev'd Natalie B. Van Kirk, president, Good Shepherd, Brentwood

Mr. John Whitaker, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville