



Our convention theme this year is “One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism”. We are going to be focused on the many things that we have accomplished as Faithful Witnesses to the Baptism through which we have been made Children of God.

As part of the Convention business, we will hold an election.

- One Clerical and one Lay Member of The Standing Committee
The Standing Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Also as part of the election we will be updating our Canons:

As a part of the process of implementing the recently rewritten Title IV of the ACNA Canons, we need to update our own Canons to reflect that change. Therefore, we will be discussing and voting upon the changes to Title IV that reflect the creation of a Diocesan Disciplinary Tribunal for a Presbyter or Deacon during our Convention. The main function of this Tribunal will be to replace our current Ecclesiastical Trial Court and bring it in line with the ACNA Canons. This will also bring legal expertise into the process. The makeup of this Tribunal is 4 Clerical Members (1 being an alternate) and 5 lay members (2 having a legal background* and 1 being an alternate.) This Tribunal will only meet with necessary.

Please give careful consideration to the members of this tribunal as their function, if needed, will be essential and important.

For the Election process, we will need 4 Clerical Nominations and 5 Lay Nominations (2 would need to have a legal background.) The Election will be determined by the persons with the highest number of total votes in each House.

This is a 3-year rotating term and therefore for this election

In the Clerical Order, the nominee elected with the highest total, in both Houses, will serve a three-year term, the second highest will serve a two year term and the third will serve a one-year term and the fourth will be designated the Alternate for the three years.

In the Lay Order, the highest two vote recipients (one with Legal training) will serve three-year terms. The next two highest vote recipients (both without Legal training) will serve two year terms. And the third highest vote recipient (or next legal person) will serve a one year term. The person receiving lowest total votes will be the Alternate for three years.

*- Legal Background would be anyone with any legal training, including but not limited to Judge, Lawyer, Paralegal, Legal Administrator.

In preparation for these elections, we will need to have nominations from our Diocesan Family. The Nomination Form is required. (A brief introduction and photo should also be included).

Each nominee should be verified as an adult communicant in good standing.

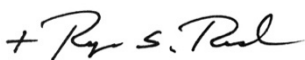
(18 years old. Taken communion 3 times a year. Confirmed and made a pledge and paid it.)

Each nominee should present his personal assurance of a willingness to serve and availability.

Each nomination should be accompanied by suitable brief biographical data and small picture, including a listing of Parish, Mission and Diocesan offices then or previously held.

These nominations need to be received by our Diocesan Office no later than Friday, September 11. kwade@adfw.org

Thank you for your attention to this and we look forward to receiving nominations for these important positions within our Diocese.



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