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The Nominating Committee
For the XI Diocesan Bishop
Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

## **Dear Nominating Committee:**

I hope and pray that this finds each of you well. It is after much prayer, discussion with family, encouragement from clergy and laity of the Diocese of Southern Virginia and the wider church that I offer myself through the Petition Process as a candidate for Bishop of Southern Virginia. I love the Diocese of Southern Virginia. When I was called to be the Eighth Rector of Grace Church in 1995 little did I know that I would experience such a wonderful ministry. I know the people of both these communities and of this Diocese. If it is God's will and if I am fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to serve as your Bishop, I will lovingly and faithfully give it everything I have. I see myself as a servant leader, called to encourage, inspire, help, heal, educate, edify and serve God's people. I look forward to this process and journey.

with all best wishes,

Harold James Cobb, Jr.

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