

Is God inviting you to serve on the Executive Council?

The Executive Council helps set the vision and mission of the Diocese and supports the implementation of the work of the Diocese between Conventions. Ideal candidates will have served on a Vestry and have a basic understanding of the work of the Diocese.

We need one Adult Layperson from each of the following Deaneries: Asheville, Foothills, Mountain, and Piedmont; one Clergy person from each of the following Deaneries: Asheville and Piedmont; and two Adult Laypersons at large (from anywhere in the Diocese.)

For more information contact Jann Mellman at jrmellman@gmail.com

Is God inviting you to serve on the Standing Committee?

The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice for the Bishop and must give its advice and consent for a number of important actions within the life of the Diocese and The Episcopal Church, such as election of Bishops, approval of candidates for ordination, and sale or encumbrance of property of the Diocese. Ideal candidates will have served on a Vestry and have a basic understanding of the work of the Diocese. We need one Adult Layperson and one Clergy person at large (from anywhere in the Diocese.)

For more information contact The Rev. Andrew Hege at rector@stmaryofthehills.org

Is God inviting you to serve on the board of the Episcopal Foundation of WNC?

The Foundation makes grants and loans to groups affiliated with the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western North Carolina for capital and program projects. Each board member makes a modest financial gift to the Foundation (minimum \$10). Ideal candidates will have served on a vestry and have familiarity with parish financial documents, or a willingness to learn. We need three Adult Laypersons, one from each of the following Deaneries: Foothills, Piedmont, and Western.

For further information contact Ms. Dillon Manly at mardill0913@gmail.com.

Is God inviting you to serve on the Nominating Committee?

The Nominating Committee puts forward nominees for all offices and other leadership positions to be appointed or elected by the Diocesan Convention, Executive Council, or Bishop and works to encourage systemic equity in the process of identifying nominees. Ideal candidates will have some familiarity with the ministries of the Diocese and know people in the Diocese outside of their own parish. We need one Adult Layperson and one Clergy person at large (from anywhere in the Diocese.)

For more information contact The Rev. Jonathan Stepp at frjonathan@stalbansparish.org

Is God inviting you to serve on the Board of Trustees of the University of the South?

The University of the South, familiarly known as Sewanee, is a private Episcopal liberal arts college in Sewanee, Tennessee. The Board elects and appoints a Board of Regents, a Chancellor, a Vice-Chancellor, and a Chaplain to serve the University and governs matters related to the University. Expenses incurred are the responsibility of the Board members. Ideal candidates would care deeply about collegiate level spiritual and academic formation in the Episcopal Church and have experience with serving on a vestry or other non-profit board. We need one Clergy person at large (from anywhere in the Diocese.)

For more information contact The Rev. Rob Wood at rwood.gs@gmail.com

Is God inviting you to serve on the Finance Committee?

The Finance Committee reviews and approves the financial policies of the Diocese; monitors diocesan accounting; oversees investment policy and management; and also advises the Bishop and diocesan leadership on issues having financial implications for the Diocese. It meets six times per year, both in-person and by Zoom. Ideal candidates will have an understanding of financial statements and, preferably, experience in finance, accounting, investment management, and/or auditing, or a willingness to learn these skills. We need one Adult Layperson and one Clergy person at large (from anywhere in the Diocese.)

For further information contact The Rev. Sam Tallman at svtktv@aol.com

Is God inviting you to serve on the Disciplinary Board?

The Disciplinary Board assists the Bishop in the oversight of the disciplinary process regarding allegations of serious clergy misconduct as outlined by Title IV of the Canons of the ECUSA. Ideal candidates will have the ability to think clearly about human behavior and engage the Title IV process with the values of healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, and amendment of life. We need one Adult Layperson and two Clergy persons at large (from anywhere in the Diocese.)

For further information contact Mr. Ed Bleynt at ed@ashevillelitigators.com.

Is God inviting you to be a delegate to General Convention?

General Convention Deputies participate in the governance and discernment of The Episcopal Church through activities before, during and after the 82nd General Convention gathering in Phoenix, Arizona, in July 2027. Deputies also represent the Diocese at the Provincial Synod to be held in early June of 2027. Ideal candidates will have a passion for the life of the wider Episcopal Church and be committed to the work that this leadership role entails. We need four Adult, Confirmed Laypersons; four Clergy persons; one Alternate Adult, Confirmed Layperson; and one Alternate Clergy person.

For more information contact The Rev. Dn. Kristi Neal at kristi@stjameswnc.org.