

Nominations Process Is Underway and

Open Until September 9, 2025

The Church is nourished and vibrant when all members contribute time, energy, ideas, and love. We are **"together in Christ!"** Please consider nominating someone (lay or clergy) that you believe would make a valuable contribution if elected at Diocesan Convention to one of the key Committees and Boards of our Diocese. If nominated, please consider agreeing to serve.

Many have found that participating in the groups that work together and with our Bishop in supporting the life of our Diocese is a **very rewarding opportunity!** For example, in their own words:

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve this diocese in several capacities as a youth ministry leader, member of the Board of Directors, and as a current member of the Commission on Ministry. They have all been wonderful opportunities to serve my fellow Episcopalians in the state, helping our youth find their faith and community, encouraging congregations in their various ministries, and walking alongside those on their journeys toward ordination. Each role has helped me to discover ways that we can work together toward common goals of sharing the gospel, strengthening lay leadership, and connecting with many whom I otherwise would not have had the opportunity to get to know. Each role has shaped me and my own ministry. I highly recommend stepping out in faith and offering oneself to servant leadership in the diocese of Iowa. -- **the Rev. John Greve (Grace, Cedar Rapids)**

Being elected and serving on the Standing Committee for two terms was both a privilege and joyful. The opportunity to work side by side with incredibly accomplished clergy and lay people from all corners of the diocese, supporting the Bishop, staff and diocesan initiatives, as well as navigating challenges, afforded me a broader view of the Episcopal church today, and what it truly means to be the Body of Christ. My faith is stronger; I've brought fresh perspectives to my home parish, and have gained wonderful friends. I am so grateful to have heeded the call from the nominating committee and said yes. -- **Ms. Karen Brooke (Trinity Cathedral, Davenport)**

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Commission on Ministry for several reasons. It is one way to return the gifts of discernment they offered me during my process. Even more, it is a chance to help shape the future of the church. Finally it is a lovely way to meet some of dedicated and warm members of the diocese. – **the Rev. Alice Haugen (St. Paul, Durant)**

Every time I served on any Diocesan committee, I began with trepidation as well as excitement. On the Standing Committee, I worked closely with a group of really highly dedicated people striving to help our Diocese navigate some challenges (pandemic, change in leadership) in a healthy way that would be good for everyone. Working as a team and supporting the Bishop, the Board, and other church leadership, I believe we helped our Diocesan community move forward well. I am very grateful for all I learned and for that opportunity to serve with a wonderful group of people. I had very similar experiences on the YMDT, COM, and Beloved Community Advisory Board. The specific focus and tasks varied, but It's great to work with people who care so much and give so much. -- **Aileen Chang-Matus (Christ, Cedar Rapids)**

Whom will you nominate? Specific positions require a nomination (with application, endorsements, and photo) **by September 9** and election on November 8. These include: member of the Board of Directors, Standing Committee, Disciplinary Board, and Delegation to General Convention (Delegate or Alternate). **Please review the positions and application process [here](#)** carefully so that you are able to complete it before that deadline.

Questions? Contact nominations@iowaepiscopal.org.