EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

Petition Process

Instructions:

- There must be one lead nominator, lay or ordained, who should complete and sign the nomination petition cover page including the list of who will be submitting supporting signatures.
- The nomination should include at least two letters of recommendation from signatories, including one from a member of the clergy, and one from a layperson, describing the Christian faith, character, leadership, skills, and pastoral heart of the nominee.
- All petition signers must fill out a petition signature page; these must be collected by the lead nominator and submitted electronically as one complete packet.
- It is the responsibility of the lead nominator to verify that all signature requirements are met and all pieces of the nomination petition are complete and accurate prior to submission. Once the Petition has been submitted, no more signatures will be accepted.

Additionally:

- Candidates must be duly ordained presbyters of the Anglican Communion in good standing
- Any nominee having a history of substance abuse must have demonstrated at least 10 years of continuous sobriety.
- The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Florida will take the recommendations of the Nominating Committee under advisement, and has final authority regarding the slate of candidates that will be brought before the Special Convention on November 19, 2022.

Petitions for nomination ***from outside the Diocese of Florida*** must be signed by a minimum of:

- At least 5 Clergy in good standing (of any order) from 5 different congregations, missions, or ministries within the Diocese where the applicant currently serves.
- At least 2 Clergy (of any order) resident in the Diocese of Florida who are eligible to vote in the Special Electing Convention on November 19, 2022.
- At least 7 active lay communicants in good standing from the Diocese where the applicant currently serves, representing at least 5 congregations.

Petitions for nomination ***from within the Diocese of Florida*** must be signed by a minimum of:

- At least 1 Canonically Resident Clergy (of any order) from each of the 5 regions of the Diocese of Florida. All signing Clergy must be eligible to vote in the Special Electing Convention on November 19, 2022.
- 2 Additional Clergy (of any order) resident in the Diocese of Florida who are eligible to vote in the Special Electing Convention on November 19, 2022.
- 7 Active Lay communicants from within the Diocese of Florida, with at least 1 active lay communicant from each of the 5 regions of the Diocese. All lay signatories mush be active members in good standing in parishes within the Diocese of Florida.

Petition Signatories must represent:

- A minimum of 7 different congregations, missions, or ministries within the applicant's current diocese
- No person may sign more than one petition
- Only one household member may sign any one petition
- No member of the Nominating, Transition, or Standing Committees may sign a petition

A complete Nomination Petition will include:

- ☐ One Nomination Petition Cover Page signed by the lead nominator.
- ☐ At least two letters of recommendation, from one Clergy and one Layperson,
- ☐ All signature pages from signatories – minimum 10.

The complete nomination petition must be scanned and submitted electronically to standingcommittee@diocesefl.org. No nominations may be submitted prior to **8 a.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2022** or after **5:00pm, Monday, October 3, 2022**.

Separately, and **also by the deadline**, Petition Candidates must complete the original application and submit it to Mr. Jeff Hoffman, Chair of the Nominating Committee: jhoffman@thehoffmanagency.com.

The complete petition package is being assembled and will be released by Friday, September 16, 2022.