



Bishop Co-Adjutor Transition Committee Application Form

You are invited to apply to be a member of the Transition Committee for the 9th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida. The Transition Committee is tasked with moving the slate of qualified nominees through the election process and to assist the elected candidate through to consecration. It is a deeply held conviction of the Standing Committee that the members of the Transition Committee represent the depth of diversity of gifts in the Diocese. The Transition Committee will be comprised of 12-14 persons.

E-mail the completed form to standingcommittee@diocesefl.org

Applications must be received by midnight on Sunday, October 10, 2021. Send an email to standingcommittee@diocesefl.org if you need accommodation for completing this online application.

The Transition Committee will be responsible for:

- Introducing the candidates to the Diocese and the Diocese to the candidates.
- Offering, arranging, and implementing various ways for the diocese to get to know the candidates' personality, spirituality, and giftedness (videos, online chats, town hall meetings, Q&As, coordinating the Meet-and-Greet week in the Diocese).
- Providing pastoral care to the candidates and their families during this high-stress process. This includes offering attention and thanks after the election to the candidates who are not elected.
- Educating the diocese about what a bishop is and does so that voting delegates may wisely discern for whom they will vote.
- Working with the Standing Committee and other appropriate entities to plan and produce the electing convention.
- Working with the Cathedral, with the Presiding Bishop's office, with members across the Diocese, and with the Standing Committee to oversee the planning and production of the Consecration.
- Being sensitive to the needs of the diocese in a time of upheaval -- the sitting bishop, the staff, the parishioners
- Assisting the bishop-elect, as appropriate, as s/he moves into the diocese, gets settled personally, and begins the work of his or her episcopate.
- Being available and present from the time the Committee is selected (October 2021) until after the consecration (October 2022) to accomplish these tasks, especially around key dates

Therefore, Candidates for the Transition Committee must be communicants in good standing* and must *collectively* possess the following gifts, characteristics and skills in order to carry out the above responsibilities:

- Knowledgeable about The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Florida, both in terms of worship, liturgy, and history, and in terms of polity, i.e., how the church is organized, how it works.
- Capability to devote sufficient time (likely to involve multiple hours per week) and energy over a period of many months, including an organizing retreat on November 13, 2021, from 10am – 3pm at Camp Weed and the Cerveny Conference Center (Retreat expenses will be covered).
- Proficiency to communicate in oral and written forms, via e-mail, manage documents online (download documents, work with DropBox or Google Docs) and set up and/or participate effectively in video conferences.
- Proficiency and successful experience in major event planning.
- Proficiency in hospitality, shepherding, and pastoral care.
- Knowledgeable of resources outside of the Committee and across the Diocese that can assist in the achievement of the Committee's many tasks.
- Courage of conviction, but also generosity of spirit and respect for the convictions of others.
- Second-nature ability to interact with all involved with dignity, respect and love through practiced pastoral skills, both for sibling Committee members and for the candidates for Bishop Diocesan.

A calling of this magnitude will necessitate a commitment of time and energy. If you feel called to serve on the Transition Committee and feel that any of the above requirements would present a hardship, please reach out to the Standing Committee at standingcommittee@diocesefl.org to share your concerns.

* *All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in regular corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing.*

APPLICATION FOR TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Applicant Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

The Standing Committee is committed to appointing a Transition Committee that is representative of the breadth and richness of the Diocese of Florida. Our goal is to create a team with a diversity of experience and perspectives, including diversity with respect to age, race, gender, geography, and areas of expertise. To help us achieve this good end, please provide the following information.

Church Name:

Region: _____ Years in Attendance: _____

Current Position(s) Held:

Profession: _____

Working? _____ Retired? _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____ Race: _____ Laity: _____ Clergy: _____

Please provide the following contextual information:

- A brief biography, including history and ministry in your local parish. (*limit 250 words*)
- Information on why you feel called to serve on this Committee (*limit 250 words*)

- Examples of the values and skills that you are most excited about contributing to the Committee (*limit 250 words*)

I understand and agree with the responsibilities as outlined in this application, and here commit to faithfully give my best to the tasks of the Transition Committee, should I be selected.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

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