

Outline of Elective Offices

173rd CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Diocesan Officers

NOTE: Traditionally, Article 12 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Chicago has been “unanimously dispensed with” in filling the offices of: Secretary of Convention, Parliamentarian of Convention, Treasurer of the Diocese, Registrar and Historiographer.

The Standing Committee

- ◆ Consists of three canonically resident priests or deacons AND three communicant and resident lay persons.
- ◆ One clergy person and one lay person are elected each year to serve a 3 year term.

Duties – As listed in the *Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church*

The Standing Committee:

1. Is to be the Bishop’s Council of Advice
2. In the absence of the Bishop, the Standing Committee shall take charge of the Diocese as prescribed by General Convention.
3. Same if the Bishop is disabled.
4. Concurs in the election of all other Bishops.
5. Gives consent when a Bishop resigns or is elected to another jurisdiction.
6. Certifies the ordination of priests and deacons in the Diocese.
7. Approves modification or revision of judicial sentences.
8. Approves encumbrance of real property.
9. Recommends ordination of candidates and deacons.
10. Has responsibilities in the area of clerical misconduct.

From the *Constitution of the Diocese of Chicago, Article 10:*

The Standing Committee:

1. Shall elect officers from among its members
2. Shall have power to fill any vacancy in its membership
3. Has power between Conventions to authorize the payment of such claims and accounts as may have not been acted upon by the Convention- with approval of the Board of Financial Review.

For more information on the Standing Committee, read Article 10 of “The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago”

The 167th Annual Convention in 2004 amended the Constitution to permit Standing Committee members to be elected to a second consecutive full term before being barred from standing for election for consecutive term.

The terms for the following Standing Committee members expire November 2010. They are not eligible for reelection:

Clergy

The Rev. William R. Nesbit Jr.

Lay

Mr. Michael Perillo

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The Bishop and Trustees

- ◆ Corporation consisting of 13 members comprising the Bishop, 3 canonically resident priests or deacons and 9 communicant and resident lay persons. Other Bishops shall be members.
- ◆ 1 priest or deacon and 3 lay persons elected each year for a 3-year term.

Duties and Powers

1. Fill any vacancy in its membership until the next convention.
2. Make laws of the Corporation
3. Receive gifts, monies, bequests, etc. and manage and administer these as financial agents of the Diocese
4. Assure the use of proper business methods in the management of money and property
5. Borrow money and provide for payment.
6. Submit a budget for all expenses of the Diocese for the ensuing year

For more information on Bishop and Trustees, read Canon 35 in "The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago"

The terms for the following members of Bishop and Trustees expire in 2010. Upon expiration of their terms, members of Bishop and Trustees ARE eligible for reelection.

Clergy

The Rev. Andrea Mysen

Lay

Mr. Philip Matejczyk

Mr. Michael Ruehle

Mr. Howard Ward

The Cathedral Chapter

- ◆ Corporation consisting of the Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Cathedral Dean, 3 priests or deacons canonically resident in the Diocese, 3 lay persons, communicant and resident in the Diocese and 9 lay members of the Cathedral Church.
- ◆ 1 priest or deacon and 1 lay person are elected each year for a 3-year term.

Duties: Legislative administrative body of the Cathedral Corporation.

For more information on The Cathedral Chapter, read Canon 34 in "The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago"

Upon expiration of their terms, Cathedral Chapter members are NOT eligible for reelection until one year has elapsed. Members who filled an unexpired term, ARE eligible for reelection.

Deputies and Alternates to General Convention

The work at General Convention is carried out by Deputies and Bishops representing their respective dioceses. During this triennial meeting deputies and bishops meet each day and consider a wide range of matters important to the ongoing life of the church. General Convention will be held July 8-17, 2009 in Anaheim, California.

Four clerical and four lay deputies shall be elected to represent this diocese at the 2012 General Convention. Four clerical and four lay alternate deputies shall also be elected from whom the bishop shall designate one or more, as the case may require, to supply any vacancy which in any way may occur in the representation of the diocese.

For more information on the General Convention visit the Office of General Convention web pages at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/gc.htm>