

159th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island
Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15, 2025
Call for Nominations as of 9/16/25

The Secretary of Convention (One Person, Full Term: 1 year, ending 2026)

The Treasurer of the Diocese (One Person, Full Term: 1 year, ending 2026)

Diocesan Council - Clergy Order (Two Persons, Full Term: 3 years, ending 2028)

Diocesan Council – Lay Order (Two Persons, Full Term: 3 years, ending 2028)

The Standing Committee – Clergy Order (One Person, Full Term: 4 years, ending 2029)

The Standing Committee – Lay Order (One Person, Full Term: 4 years, ending 2029)

Board of Managers of Camp DeWolfe - (Two Persons, Full Term: 3 years, ending 2028)

Board of Directors of Episcopal Ministries - (Two Persons, Full Term: 3 years, ending 2028)

Board of Mercer School of Theology – (Two Persons, Full Term: 3 years, ending 2028)

Trustees of the Estate – (Two Persons, Full Term: 4 years, ending 2029)

The Disciplinary Board – Clergy Order (One Persons, Full Term: 3 years, ending 2028)

The Disciplinary Board – Lay Order (Two Person, Full Term: 3 Years, ending 2028)

Cathedral Chapter – Lay Order (One Person, Full Term: 3 years, ending 2028)

Deputy to General Convention – Clergy Order (Four Persons, 3 years, ending 2028)

Deputy to General Convention – Lay Order (Four Persons, 3 years, ending 2028)

TITLE V. ORGANIZATION AND FUNDING PROGRAM OF THE DIOCESE

CANON 1

THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL

SECTION I. Purpose.

(a) Programs and Policies of the Convention. There shall be a Diocesan Council whose duty it is and shall be to carry out the program and policies adopted by the Diocesan Convention. The Diocesan Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, shall have charge of the unification, development, and prosecution of the work of the Church in this Diocese of which work shall be the Executive Head. It is and shall be the program planning and policy-making body between sessions of the Convention.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

TITLE VI, CANON 1, SECTION I

Duties. The Standing Committee (the "Standing Committee") of the Diocese (or only the clerical members thereof as set forth in the National Canons, the Diocesan Canons, or by law) shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed by the Diocesan and National Canons, and law, including but not limited to acting as the Council of Advice to the Bishop with respect to matters involving the National Canons, Diocesan Canons, and ecclesiology, consenting to the election of Bishops, recommending to the Bishop ordinations to the Priesthood and to the Diaconate, recommending to the Bishop acceptances of candidates for Holy Orders, consenting to the encumbrance or alienation of property, and acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority in the absence of the Bishop.

TITLE VIII. INSTITUTIONS AFFILIATED WITH THE DIOCESE

CANON 1

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF CAMP DeWOLFE

SECTION I. Duties. The Board of Managers of Camp DeWolfe, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York, and which is recognized as a Corporation, shall have supervision over the program and policies of the Camp DeWolfe operations, and shall employ a Director for the Camp.

CANON 2

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION

SECTION I. A Diocesan Corporation. The Cathedral of the Incarnation in the Diocese of Long Island (the "Cathedral of the Incarnation"), a corporation (the "Cathedral Corporation") organized and existing pursuant to an Act of the Legislature (the "Cathedral Act of Incorporation") of the State of New York, passed May 10, 1877, is recognized as a Diocesan Corporation.

SECTION II. Duties. The members of the governing board of the Cathedral Corporation (the "Cathedral Chapter") shall manage the estate, properties and affairs of the Cathedral Corporation, including (a) the Cathedral of the Incarnation and its appurtenances in the Diocese in accordance with the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Church, and (b) such other Cathedral foundations, schools, facilities, and other religious or charitable works as may be properly connected therewith in and for the Diocese.

CANON 3

EPISCOPAL CHARITIES OF LONG ISLAND

SECTION I. A Diocesan Corporation. Episcopal Charities of Long Island ("Episcopal Charities"), a corporation organized and existing under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York, is recognized as a Diocesan Corporation.

SECTION II. Duties. The Board of Directors of Episcopal Charities shall have the responsibility of raising endowment and operating funds and disposing such funds to meet the health and social service needs identified by the Diocese. The Board of Directors shall oversee the management of the annual appeal and its relationships with other fund-raising bodies of the Church in the Diocese.

TITLE VIII. INSTITUTIONS AFFILIATED WITH THE DIOCESE

CANON 5

THE MERCER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

SECTION I. A Diocesan Corporation. George Mercer, Jr. Memorial School of Theology (the "Mercer School of Theology"), a corporation organized and existing under the Education Law of the State of New York, is recognized as a Diocesan Corporation.

SECTION II. Duties. The Board of Trustees of the Mercer School of Theology shall be responsible for implementing programs of theological education for clergy and laity under the direction of the Bishop. The Board of Trustees shall oversee the management of the Mercer School of Theology and its relationships with other religious educational bodies of the Church and in the Diocese.

CANON 6

THE TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE BELONGING TO THE DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND

SECTION I. A Diocesan Corporation. The Trustees of the Estate Belonging to the Diocese of Long Island (the "Trustees of the Estate"), a corporation organized and existing pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed April 26, 1871, as amended (the "Special Act of the Trustees of the Estate"), is recognized as a Diocesan Corporation.

SECTION II. Duties. The Board of Trustees shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed by the Special Act of the Trustees of the Estate, the Diocesan and National Canons, and state law, including but not limited to the acquisition, holding, management, and disposition of the assets (both real and personal) of the Diocese for the uses and purposes of the Diocese, the establishment and management of the trust funds and reserves of the Diocese in order to preserve capital and to provide income to the Trustees of the Estate and to the various Diocesan Corporations, Diocesan Units, and other institutions of the Diocese, the acquisition, finance, investment, and trust management needs of the Diocese, and the investment and disposition of all such assets, properties, and funds as may be necessary or desirable to meet the financial needs identified by the Diocese.

TITLE X. DISCIPLINE

CANON 2

THE DIOCESAN DISCIPLINARY BOARD

SECTION I. Membership. The Disciplinary Board shall consist of nine (9) members, five (5) of whom shall be clergy persons canonically resident in the Diocese and geographically resident within fifty (50) miles of the borders of the Diocese. The remaining four (4) Board members shall be confirmed adult communicants in good standing of this Church who reside within fifty (50) miles of the borders of the Diocese and who are members in a parish or mission of the Diocese. No person, either clergy or lay, may serve simultaneously on the Standing Committee and the Disciplinary Board.

When the terms of the members of each class expire, replacements will be elected at each subsequent annual Convention for full three-year terms, as set forth above, provided however, that no person shall be elected to serve as a member of the Disciplinary Board for more than two full terms in succession.

TITLE IV. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS IN THE CONVENTION

CANON 1

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION & PROVINCIAL SYNOD

SECTION I. Nominations

In the second year preceding that in which a stated meeting of the General Convention will be held, the Convention of the Diocese shall elect Clergy and Lay Deputies to the General Convention. Nominations for Clergy and Lay Deputies shall be received according to Title II, Canon 4, Section VII of these Canons.

SECTION II. Qualifications, Manner of Election, and Terms of Office

At the annual meeting of the Diocesan Convention in the second year preceding that in which a stated meeting of the General Convention will be held, the Convention shall, in a vote by orders, elect:

- (a) Four priests or deacons canonically resident in the diocese to serve as Clergy Deputies to General Convention.
- (b) Four adult confirmed communicants in good standing, and residing within the boundaries of the Diocese, to serve as Lay Deputies to General Convention
- (c) Four priests or deacons canonically resident in the diocese, from among those nominated but not receiving election as Clergy Deputies, to serve as Clergy Alternates to General Convention
- (d) Four adult confirmed communicants in good standing, and residing within the boundaries of the Diocese, from among those nominated but not receiving election as Lay Deputies, to serve as Lay Alternates to General Convention.

Such Deputies and Alternates, in their respective orders, shall rank in order of election first by priority of the ballot at which the Deputies or Alternates were elected, or, if more than one such Deputy or Alternate be elected by that ballot, by the cumulative votes cast in both orders for the Deputies or Alternates so elected. Such Deputies and Alternates shall hold their respective places until successors are appointed, and shall be Deputies or Alternates to any General Convention which may be held during their continuance in office.

SECTION III. Deputies to the Provincial Synod

- (a) Those two Deputies to the General Convention in each order ranking highest in order of election shall be deemed to have been elected, as Clergy and Lay Deputies to the Provincial Synod.
- (b) Those two Deputies to the General Convention in each order ranking lowest in order of election shall be deemed to have been elected as Alternate Clergy and Lay Deputies to Provincial Synod.

SECTION IV. Deputation Chair

Within six months of their election, the Deputies and First Alternates to General Convention shall elect, by a simple majority, a Deputation Chair. Such election may be held by electronic or paper ballot, and such ballots shall be returned to the Secretary of Convention within five business days of receipt. The person elected as Chair of the Deputation shall then notify the Secretary of the House of Deputies of their election.

SECTION V. Allowance

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to pay the reasonable and necessary travelling expenses of Deputies and First Alternates to the General Convention, and of Deputies and First Alternates to the Provincial Synod.