

Open Diocesan Leadership Positions in the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York (2021)

Open Leadership Positions

Nominations are accepted until October 13th for the following diocesan leadership positions:

Diocesan Board

The Board shepherds the resources of the Diocese to fulfill its mission and to ensure a sustainable future by adopting ethical, transparent, and sound policies and programs.

The Board, together with the Bishop, sets the diocesan priorities and develops a budget to fund them. The Board also acts as the trustees for all diocesan corporations and funds.

Board members are lay and ordained members of the Episcopal Church, led by the Bishop and Vice-Chair. The Board meets up to six times each year, with part of each meeting being a joint meeting with the Standing Committee.

Board membership includes the Bishop, four members elected at Convention, three members appointed by the Bishop, a Standing Committee representative, and the treasurer.

Convention 2021 will elect:

- One clergy person for a three-year term.

Disciplinary Board

The Disciplinary Board is the body that deals with all matters regarding the ecclesiastical discipline of members of the clergy (other than the bishop diocesan). The Disciplinary Board is governed by the relevant provisions of Title IV of the Canons of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church and detailed in Diocesan Canon XXVII.

The Board consists of five clergy members and four lay members. Clergy members must be canonically and geographically resident in the Diocese, and can be either active or retired. Lay members must be adult communicants in good standing and geographically resident in the Diocese.

The term for Disciplinary Board members is three years. The Disciplinary Board meets as needed.

Convention 2021 will elect:

- One clergy person for a three-year term.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee consists of eight members: four clergypersons and four laypersons. Meetings are held five times per year, with part of most meetings being a joint meeting with the Diocesan Board.

Responsibilities include:

- Review and consent to all transactions involving the sale, mortgage or lease of church-owned real estate.
- Approval of the election of bishops anywhere in The Episcopal Church, which leads to a concern for the structure and distribution of authority in the Church.
- Approval of persons for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood, which leads to a concern for ministry throughout the Church.
- Acting as a council of advice for the bishop in such matters as she may choose to bring before the Committee; and on matters which the Diocese, through the Standing Committee, wishes to bring before the bishop.
- Acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in the case of prolonged absence, disability, or resignation of the diocesan bishop, if there be no other bishop to whom authority has been temporarily given.
- Acting as the investigative body in the process of ecclesiastical discipline as specified in the Canons of The Episcopal Church.

What kind of person are we looking for?

In addition to the person who is dedicated to Christ and the Church, we are seeking an individual who is a strong leader, able to provide careful counsel to the bishop, aware of the tenor regarding issues in the greater church, and capable of assisting in the leadership of the diocese should the need arise.

Convention 2021 will elect:

- One clergy person for a four-year term;
- One clergy person for a one-year term;
- One lay person for a four-year term;
- One lay person for a one-year term.

Nomination FAQs

How do I nominate an individual for a diocesan leadership position?

Complete the nomination form at cnyepiscopal.org/nomination-form. Nominations are due Oct. 13th.

Who may submit a nomination?

The following individuals are eligible to submit a nomination:

- Any clergyperson entitled to vote in Convention.
- Any lay delegate certified by the Convention Secretary at least six weeks prior to the Convention who is from a parish in good standing both in their payments to the Church Pension Fund and diocesan mission apportionment for the period prior to January 1st of the Convention year.

Who may be nominated?

Nominees must be at least 20 years of age and confirmed communicants of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Central New York. Other requirements may apply; please see descriptions of open positions above.