

*The 50th Annual Convention of
the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota*

Diocesan Virtual Convention

October 23-24, 2020

Starting at 6:30 pm on Friday - ending by 9:00 pm
Reconvening at 8:30 am on Saturday - ending by 6:00 pm

Chair of the Convention

Bishop Keith Whitmore, Assisting Bishop

Secretary of the Convention

TBD

Dispatch of Business

Fr. John Floberg, Standing Committee President

Chancellor

Mr. Leo Wilking

**Telephone Number to Call if experiencing difficulties with technology
701 235-6688**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Each delegate (clergy and lay) with an email address will receive a Link to use to join the Convention Virtually in the days prior to the Convention. If email addresses were not submitted with the registration the Priest In Charge/Rector or someone identified by the Standing Committee as the Congregation's Lead Delegate will be contacted to make sure the delegates from their congregation are included in the Virtual Convention.

Nominations

Nominations are still open for all positions. Please include answers to the following questions:

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and way gifts would you bring to it?

Pre-Convention Meetings

This year's pre-convention meetings will take place virtually. A Zoom Link will be sent out to those delegates and diocesan members wishing to take part in the meeting. It will be offered three times and cover the same information: DDTF Report, Diocesan Budget and the two Resolutions having been submitted for consideration by the Convention. Please send a request for the login details for the date you select (October 3 @ 10:00 am / October 8 @ 5:30 pm / October 11 @ 3 pm).

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RESOLUTIONS

VIRTUAL CONVENTION

RESOLVED, that the 50th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota utilize these Virtual means to gather, deliberate, hear reports, vote on motions and elections according as approved in Robert’s Rules of Order.

EXPLANATION: When Diocesan Convention last met there was no pandemic threatening our welfare and the welfare of our neighbors and our members. Robert’s Rules of Order, which we subscribe to, has provision for Virtual Meetings. The Standing Committee and Council have made it possible for the Diocesan Convention to meet Virtually that accounts for registrations of Delegates and Clergy, voting on resolutions et al and in voting by orders as proscribed in the Canons. This, being the very first act of Convention makes it clear that it is the determination of the Convention to operate in this way for the good of Diocese and the safety of our neighbors and our members. Leo Wilking, the Diocesan Chancellor and Chair of the Constitution and Canons Committee concurs with these arrangements.

Author: The Rev. Dr. John Floberg, Standing Committee President

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DDTF REPORT

The Enabling Resolution
by the DDTF for Diocesan Convention

RESOLVED, that the 50th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota accept the report created by the Diocesan Discernment Task Force (DDTF) as adopted by the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council and adhere to the plan laid out by the DDTF for the diocese.

EXPLANATION: On October 20th, 2018, at the 48th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota, Bishop Michael Smith announced his plans to resign on May 1st, 2019. This announcement sent the diocese into an interim period of discernment. During this period, the Diocesan Discernment Task Force (DDTF) was created and tasked with discerning *What God is up to in North Dakota* and to report their findings to the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and the Convention by the 50th Annual Convention in 2020.

After diligent data gathering and discernment, through pandemic and fierce North Dakota winter, the DDTF presented their final report to a joint meeting of the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council on Saturday, August 22nd, 2020. The Standing Committee and Diocesan Council fully support this resolution.

Author: Joshua Floberg, member of DDTF - Resolution Passed at Diocesan Council

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ELECTIONS

Standing Committee: CLERGY

Vote for One Candidate

Robert Hoekstra, Priest

Rector of Grace Church, Jamestown

Experience and Qualifications

- 3. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.

Served on Standing Committees in the diocese of Eau Claire during the time of a Bishop’s resignation and working with a Provisional Bishop.

- 4. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and way gifts would you bring to it?

One gift would be perhaps a newer perspective as one relatively new to diocese yet with years of experience. I may be a helpful addition to the Standing Committee.

Terry Overbo, Deacon

Gethsemane Cathedral, Fargo

- 1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.

I have served on Standing Committee, Diocesan Counsel and Commission on Ministry. I understand the workings of each committee and continue to look forward to the collaborative approach these teams create.

- 2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?

I want to serve in this ministry because I have gained historical knowledge through my years of service that will help us to continue to move our Diocese forward. I bring a collaborative approach to problem solving that I believe results in hearing all voices who serve alongside me.

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Standing Committee: LAY

Vote for One Candidate

No Nominations as of 9/29/2020

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Diocesan Council

2 Council Seats in the East

The Rev. Larry Thiele – St. Thomas’, Ft. Totten

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?

Quinn Palmer

Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.

1. I am a vergger and the head of the acolytes at Gethsemane cathedral, positions that I love. (I’m really really good at logistics and details. If there’s something going on, you can bet that I’ve thought of at least one thing people probably haven’t thought of.) At work, I am a team leader, and a problem solver, which has given me an ability to work through difficult situations and help others understand.
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?

I want to be able to serve God and my church with my gifts as much as possible. I have always felt called to help people, with compassion and understanding. I have gifts of listening and understanding, and I truly want everyone to be heard, and want to work with differing opinions and beliefs, and bring them together for a more loving church. I care deeply about people, and God has given me a love and understanding of all of his children which I want to share with people. Also, if there are any other places where my gifts and talents and abilities would be useful, I would be more than happy to serve.

2 Council Seats in the West

Tammy Enockson (reelection) - St. George’s, Bismarck

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?

I have served one year on the Council. While attending the Church of the Atonement in Chicago. I served on the Vestry and as Junior Warden.

After serving one year on the Council I am more convinced than ever that the work of the diocese is incredibly important to the health and support of our parish churches. I grew up in North Dakota so my love for the community here is in my bones. I bring experience

from a large parish in a large diocese and a determination to understand how every aspect of the diocese sustains the whole.

The Rev. Dn. Angela Goodhouse Maui (reelection) - Standing Rock, Ft. Yates

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.
2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?

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Treasurer

Charlotte Peterson - St. Paul's, Grand Forks

Alternate Deputies to the General Convention

4 - Lay Order

No Nominations as of 9/29/2020

4 - Clergy Order

No Nominations as of 9/29/2020

There will also be elections for the following boards:

North Dakota Episcopal Foundation (NDEF)

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North Dakota Episcopal Foundation for Ministry in Higher Education (EFMHE)

The Rev. Elsie Magnus

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.

I have served on EFMHE since the 90's. We have supported the youth of the Diocese with scholarships and other support. I am a parent of 3 college graduates and understand the financial burden.

2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?

I have served on EFMHE's board and understand the need for committed members. Jim, Leah and I work well together. We have been THE EFMHE TEAM

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Committees and Commissions

The Standing Committee is looking to name diocesan members to the following Commissions and Committees. Please indicate your interest in serving by contact Fr. John Floberg (jffloberg@gmail.com) to be considered:

Commission on Ministry The Rev. Harvey Henderson, Chair	Peter Mading
Commission on Youth Ministry	Community of Deacons (all diocesan deacons belong to this group, the Standing Committee names its Chair(s))
Stewardship	
Care of Creation	Haiti Project Andrea Stomberg, Chair
The United Thank Offering	North Dakota Council on Indian Ministries - Officers determined by its by-laws
Ecumenical Officer The Rev. Mary Johnson	Communications - (Sheaf / Web Site / Facebook)
Episcopal Relief and Development	
Grant Writing and Support Opportunities	Safe Church Training
Finance Committee (to be named by Diocesan Council)	Title IV Intake Officer
Racial Reconciliation	Title IV Court

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