

56th Annual Convention
Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota
October 23-24, 2026
Unconditional: Romans 8.38

If you are interested in being nominated for any of the following positions, check those that apply:
Please see the reverse side for more information about nomination positions.

☐ Secretary of Convention

☐ East Region Representative to Council
(multiple positions)

☐ Treasurer of the Diocese

☐ West Region Representative to Council
(multiple positions)

☐ Standing Committee
(Clergy – 1 3-year term)
(Lay – 1 3-year term)

☐ General Convention Alternate Deputies
(multiple positions)

Nominee's Affirmation (check boxes):

☐ I understand the obligations of the position.

☐ If elected to this office, I agree to serve.

Nominee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominations received for Diocesan Convention by the deadline of **October 15, 2026**, will appear in the publications of pre-convention materials. **Any individuals nominated “from the floor” will need to prepare this same information and provide printed copies to the Convention Delegates.**

Experience and Qualifications

NOTE: this information will be published in 2026 pre-convention materials.

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?

Offices to be filled at Diocesan Convention

Please note, that all positions require access to e-mail and internet (for Zoom meetings)

Secretary of Convention

Elect: 1 person, 1 year term, repeatable

This person is responsible for the recording of the proceedings of the Convention and their publication, and for certain official correspondences and certifications throughout the year. The diocesan Ministry Support Team provides assistance.

Treasurer of the Diocese

Elect: 1 person, 1 year term, repeatable

This person is responsible for oversight of receipt and disbursement of all diocesan funds, and for reporting the same in accordance with church and state laws. The Treasurer should have general knowledge of accounting procedures, and a close and supportive relationship to the Diocese and the local church. The position carries seat, voice, and vote in Convention and on the Diocesan Council. The Treasurer is usually, though not necessarily, the Chair of the Finance Committee. The Diocesan Administrator handles the day-to-day bookkeeping, payment of accounts, etc.

Standing Committee/Diocesan Council

Clergy/Standing Committee: Elect 1 clergy, 3-year term

Lay/Standing Committee: Elect 1 lay person, 3-year term

East Region to Diocesan Council: Elect multiple positions

West Region to Diocesan Council: Elect multiple positions

The Standing Committee meets concurrently with Diocesan Council (4 times per year) or on call by the President, or the Bishop. Its concerns are final approval, with the Bishop, of persons in process toward ordination, with legal matters, especially the sale or encumbrance of diocesan properties, and various canonical responsibilities at the wider church level (e.g., consents to the election and consecration of bishops). The Standing Committee also serves as a Council of Advice to the Bishop, and when the diocese is without a bishop and under certain other situations of the Bishop's absence or incapacity, the Standing Committee becomes the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. The President and Secretary of the Standing Committee are elected annually from among its membership. Members of this Committee are also members of the Diocesan Council.

The Diocesan Council is similar to the Vestry or Bishop's Committee of a local congregation. It serves to carry out the program, policy, and budget of the Diocese between meetings of the Convention. Currently, 4 meetings are held in person (Friday evening to Saturday afternoon) and additional meetings may be held on Zoom if needed. Members need to have good internet access and the capacity to attend all in-person meetings, including required travel (at diocesan expense) and Zoom meetings. This is an important leadership, policy setting, planning, and administrative group, which, with the Bishop, make many decisions about the on-going life of the Diocese. Persons serving on Council should have a good understanding of the Church at the local level and a strong personal commitment to Christ.

General Convention Alternates

Elect four clergy and four lay alternates

Elected Deputies will represent the Diocese of North Dakota at the 82nd General Convention of The Episcopal Church, currently scheduled to be held in July 2027 in Phoenix, Arizona. General Convention Deputies must be able to travel and participate in a rigorous, 6-day business agenda there, as well as commit considerable time before the convention reading and preparing individually and in deputation Zoom meetings.