



**The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina
Convention Report of the Bishop's Search Committee
October 3, 2020**

The Process

The Bishop's Search Committee will prayerfully lead and guide the process to elect a Bishop Co-adjutor. The Search Committee will assemble planning documents (such as a Diocesan Profile and a Bishop Co-adjutor Candidate Profile), receive nominations for potential candidates, present a list of qualified candidates to the Standing Committee, and facilitate a "Walkabout" and Special Election Convention to select a Bishop Co-adjutor.

Our Guiding Documents

The work of the Bishop's Search Committee will be guided by the following documents:

- The Bible
- The Constitution & Canons of the ACNA
- The Constitution & Canons of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina
- The Archbishop's Customary for Diocesan Election of a Bishop

Who Are We Looking For?

The New Testament speaks about qualifications for leadership in the church: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4. The ACNA Provincial Canons outline further criteria in Title III, Canon 8, section 3, excerpted below:

Section 3 - Concerning Criteria for the Episcopate

To be a suitable candidate for the episcopate, a person must:

1. Be a person of prayer and strong faith;
2. Be pious, have good morals and exhibit Godly character;
3. Have a zeal for souls;
4. Have demonstrated evidence of the fruit of the Holy Spirit;
5. Possess the knowledge and gifts which equip him to fulfill the office;
6. Be held in good esteem by the faithful;
7. Be a male Presbyter at least 35 years old;
8. Have demonstrated the ability to lead and grow the Church.

The Timeline: Proposed Episcopal Election Timeline for 2020-21

June 2020	- Request to College of Bishops to begin election process
July 2020	- Formal announcement of Bishop to Standing Committee of Call for an Election of a Bishop Co-adjutor - Statement from Bishop to the Diocese - Standing Committee formally establishes proposed process with calendar and composition of Search Committee

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| Sept. 2020 | - Deaneries and Standing Committee select delegates to Search Committee |
| Oct. 3, 2020 | - Report to the Diocesan Convention |
| Oct. 25-27, 2020 | - Search Committee Retreat with Standing Committee to begin work on Diocesan Study and Profile and appoint subcommittees |
| Winter 2020 | - Search Committee will begin to receive nominations for Bishop Co-adjutor |
| Spring 2021 | - Deadline to receive nominations for potential candidates. Background checks, as required by the ACNA, will begin |
| Mar. 12-13, 2021 | - Annual Diocesan Convention |
| May 2021 | - “Walkabout” for extended time of delegates with Nominees |
| May 2021 | - Special Convention to Elect a Bishop Co-adjutor |
| June 2021 | - Approval of election by ACNA College of Bishops |
| Sept. 2021 | - Consecration |

This is an ambitious timeline, but one that can be accomplished through God’s grace, the prayers of the diocese, and the commitment of the Search Committee and the Standing Committee.

The Search Committee

The Bishop’s Search Committee consists of 17 members as established by the Standing Committee:

- 12 members from the Deaneries with two members from each Deanery (1 – clergy, 1-lay) selected by the Deaneries
- 4 members chosen by Standing Committee (2 – clergy, 2 – lay)
- 1 member from Youth Commission
- The chairman (chosen by the Standing Committee)
- A Chaplain from outside the Diocese, chosen by the Search Committee with concurrence of the Standing Committee

(See the attached photo collage of the members of the Bishop’s Search Committee)

While not a voting member of the Bishop’s Search Committee, The Rt. Rev. Bill Murdoch, Advisor to the Archbishop for Episcopal Transitions in the ACNA, has been appointed by Archbishop Foley Beach to serve as a resource, a consultant, and a coach during the search process.

The Role of the Diocese and the Convention

What can you do? Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)! This process should be about prayer, not politics. This process should be discernment, not a search. Pray for wisdom, discernment, guidance, and protection for all who participate in the process. Specifically, pray for:

- The Search Committee
- The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina
- The potential candidates for Bishop Co-adjutor
- Bishop Mark Lawrence, Allison Lawrence, & the Lawrence family

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support. May the LORD bless our endeavor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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