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The Standing Committee has the sacred and canonical responsibility of guiding the process of discernment and transition culminating in the election of our next bishop.

The Standing Committee will select no more than 15 people to serve on the Transition Committee and will appoint two co-chairs, one lay and one ordained. The Transition Committee will operate under the guidance of the Standing Committee to ensure a seamless and inclusive leadership transition within the diocese.

The Standing Committee is committed to a transparent and prayerful process that upholds the dignity of everyone involved. Therefore, the Transition Committee will communicate regularly with the Standing Committee, and the Transition Committee co-chairs shall communicate regularly with the President of the Standing Committee and the co-chairs of the Search Committee.

All members of the Search and Transition committees will have completed diocesan required anti-racism training. (Please refer to the Bishop Search website for more information about this requirement.)

The Transition Committee is vital in facilitating a smooth and respectful transition during the election and consecration of a new bishop. The Standing Committee tasks the Transition Committee with planning, coordinating, and carrying out major logistical and relational aspects, from candidate introductions to farewell and ordination events. The Transition Committee must also uphold the values of hospitality, respect, diversity, and clear communication, and prioritize the well-being of all individuals affected during this significant diocesan process.

Charge to the Transition Committee

1. The Transition Committee will organize major events, including:
   - Meet and Greet sessions to introduce candidates to the diocese (late 2027)
   - Electing convention in coordination with diocesan staff (January 29, 2028)
   - A farewell reception reflective of the ministry of the outgoing bishop (week of April 17, 2028)
   - Portrait creation of the retiring bishop
   - Welcoming activities for the bishop-elect
   - Ordination and seating of the new bishop (June 3, 2028)
   - Presentation of gifts to the incoming bishop
2. The Transition Committee will work within the timeline and budget given by the Standing Committee.
3. The Transition Committee will have all diocesan-wide communications approved by the Standing Committee.
4. The Transition Committee, consistent with the Baptismal Covenant and our belief that all are welcome in our Church, shall not exclude any applicant “because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities, or age”. (Episcopal Church Canons Title III, Canon 1, Section 2).
5. The Transition Committee will pay strict attention to the needs of the outgoing bishop and their family, the nominees and their families, the bishop-elect and their families, diocesan staff, and Cathedral staff.
6. The Transition Committee will conduct all duties with grace, hospitality, sensitivity, efficiency, and organization.
7. The Transition Committee will uphold confidentiality and respect for role boundaries.