



The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield

Standing Committee

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Dear Clergy and Wardens of the Diocese of Springfield:

Our bishop, The Right Reverend Peter Hess Beckwith, called for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor at the Diocesan Council Meeting on November 21, 2008. The Standing Committee has received the appropriate number of consents from the Bishops and the Standing Committees of the Episcopal Church to proceed with the election.

The Standing Committee is accepting recommendations for the position of Chair of the Election Committee. Working in consultation with the Standing Committee, the Chair and the Election Committee will be responsible for coordinating and implementing the election and transitional processes for the Bishop Coadjutor of Springfield.

We desire a clergy or lay person who is a confirmed communicant in good standing and possesses knowledge of the diocese. He/she should seek the will of God for our diocese and lead a life of prayer. The individual must demonstrate competent leadership skills and be a team player who communicates well with people. We expect the Chair to make the commitment required to the process which is projected to be eighteen months.

The Standing Committee is therefore inviting clergy and/or wardens to make their best recommendation of members in their parishes and mission congregations to be considered for this position. Please complete the enclosed recommendation form and return it by October 1, 2009 to the mailing address on the recommendation form.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Reverend Dr. Desmond C. Francis
President, Standing Committee