

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD
THE ELECTION COMMITTEE
Highlights of the Meeting of the Election Committee
May 15, 2010
Upper Room, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Alton, IL

The meeting was called to order with prayer in the Upper Room at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alton at 1:15 p.m., Father Gene Stormer, presiding.

Present were members The Rev. Canon G. Pence, J. Hill, E. Langford, C. Evans, H. Gore, J. Patterson, K. Schmitt and The Rev. S. Black.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as circulated.

Discernment Prayer Meetings:

Forty-one attended the meeting on May 8 at St. Matthew's, Bloomington. Thirty-two were present at St. Paul's, Alton. Father Stormer has scheduled two more such meetings: at St. Paul's Cathedral in Springfield on May 22, and at Trinity, Mount Vernon on June 5. He is keeping records of the positive diocesan activities of the recent past, as well as diocesan hopes for the future.

List of Nominees:

Of the twenty-three candidates originally nominated, six have formally withdrawn and two did not complete the nominee packet. The deadline to receive completed information from the nominees has passed; as soon as Fathers Stormer and Holder can tabulate completed packets, the names of those nominees will be made public. Father Stormer notified all prospective nominees that their nominations would be public this week. Nominees are:

The Rev. Canon Brian Cox	Diocese of Los Angeles
The Ven. Shawn Denney	Diocese of Springfield
The Very Rev. Beth Fain	Diocese of Texas
The Rev. Dr. Desmond Francis	Diocese of Springfield
The Rev. Matthew Gunter	Diocese of Chicago
The Rev. Dr. Leander Harding	Diocese of South Carolina
The Rev. Robert Hensley	Diocese of Massachusetts
The Rev. Robert Lewis	Diocese of Central Florida
The Rev. Daniel Martins	Diocese of Northern Indiana
The Rev. Dr. Ladson Mills	Diocese of South Carolina
The Very Rev. Dr. Robert Munday	Diocese of South Carolina
The Rev. Dr. Ronald Pogue	Diocese of Texas
The Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson	Diocese of Louisiana
The Very Rev. Richard Swan	Diocese of Springfield
The Very Rev. Gene Tucker	Diocese of Springfield

This list will be published on the diocesan website as soon as possible.

Vetting of Nominees:

The National Church Office will provide background checks regarding credentials of nominees.

Father Stormer will send certified letters to all people asked to be references for the nominees requesting that they file responses to the questions by June 15. Election Committee members will follow-up with phone calls to references to make certain that the questions have arrived and that the directions are clear. References will be told that their responses will be included in the Booklet of Nominee information.

Booklet of all Nominees:

In preparing information for inclusion in the booklet, the Committee will check the CDO profile to make certain that any sensitive information (i.e. birth date, social security number, etc.) is blocked out.

The information for each nominee will be presented in the same order:

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| Section One: | Photo
Name
Address
Full name of spouse (if applicable)
Preferred address
Age at last birthday
Telephone numbers
E-mail address (es)
Personal website
Church website
Present Position
Canonical Diocese and response from reference check
Name of Clergy nominator
Name of Lay nominator |
| Section Two: | Clergy Nominator's Text
Lay Nominator's Text |
| Section Three: | Nominee's Resume |
| Section Four: | CDO Profile |
| Section Five: | Answers to Questions submitted by Nominee |
| Section Six: | Written Responses from References |

Copies of video DVDs will be included with the packets.

Father Stormer will check on the capacity of the Diocesan web site and the possibility of posting the DVDs there.

The Booklet of all Nominees will be completed by June 29.

Unfinished Business:

Father Stormer will ask that the Standing Committee outline procedural information as the Nominating Synod prepares to meet. The Standing Committee will recommend the number of final candidates.

Archdeacon Denney, now also a nominee for Bishop, recuses himself from all deliberations having to do with the Election.

The Election Committee will meet on June 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Diocesan Center and will check a sample booklet.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Jane Hill