

# Report from the Committee on Elections

October 2025

This year there were 42 openings on diocesan committees/commissions. The Committee on Elections was able to find willing volunteers for 37 of those positions. Several people agreed to serve second terms on a committee and there are 13 new people who have submitted their names for appointments or elections to positions. It is always exciting when parishioners who have not previously served come forward to share in the leadership of our Diocese.

For several years, the Committee on Elections has advocated for a reform in the diocesan canons having to do with the number of people needed on committees and how they come to serve. The resolution submitted for the 2025 Convention asks for the formation of a Task Force to address these issues. Revised canons that are concise and flexible will be an advantage to our Diocese as we move forward.

Thanks to all those who have agreed to serve in the governance of our Diocese. There are 49 congregations in the Diocese and 38 of them have members serving on diocesan committees/commissions. You are from small churches and large churches, cities and rural communities. You have diverse backgrounds and faithful ministries. Our Diocese is stronger because of you!!

There are still some vacancies for clergy on a few committees. If you are interested in serving or if you would like information, send an email to [convention@episcopalri.org](mailto:convention@episcopalri.org)

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