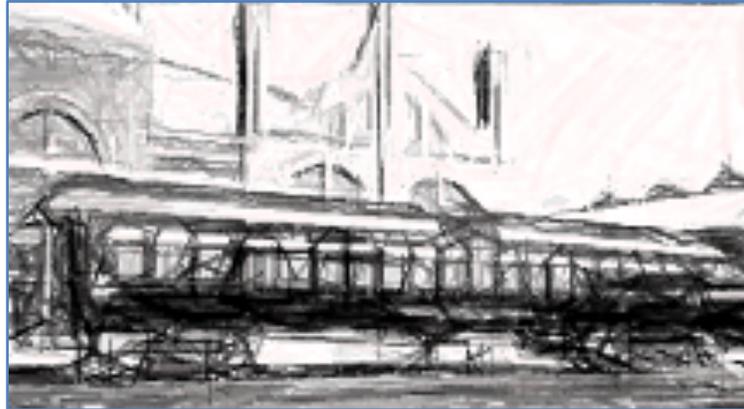


Call To Convention

The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota



An Open Letter to Congregational Leadership and Clergy:

What is God up to? What is God up to in your community? Yes, that includes your congregation, but it is a broader question than that. Yes, it is the diocese, but it is a broader question than that as well. It is “What is God up to in this place, North Dakota?” We are, as it were, backing up the train from running full steam ahead to select a Bishop and once more, for this generation of Episcopalians, asking the question that our members – and especially our Deacons - what do we see, what do we know and then to begin to address the question of “How do we organize ourselves to once again push the lever into forward on this train.”

We aren't being called together to make decisions. Jesus once told his disciples to regroup and wait for the Holy Spirit to move us into the places of familiarity, renewal in the Spirit, and then most likely into some unfamiliar territory. By the time Convention comes we will have a Diocesan Discernment Task Force named that will act as the conductors in this movement. They will conduct us to gather from each of our congregations those things that need to be considered for the long haul ahead. Each and everyone of us be called on to stoke the fire of this train.

As our first Bishop would put the Cathedral Car onto the siding tracks to help establish many of our congregations, we believe it is now time to revisit those places. That mode of commerce and transportation has changed in North Dakota. Our own ways of organizing how we do things will begin to be revisited, so come with us and get on board.

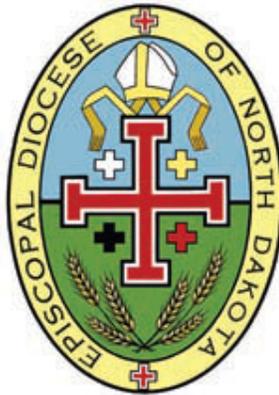
Faithfully in Christ,

President of the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee of The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota

The Rev Dr John Floberg * The Very Rev Mark Strobel * The Rev Dn Terry Overbo
Mr. Donald Henderson * Mr. Robert Fox * Dr. Christie Iverson

The Rev. Dr. John Floberg
of the Standing Committee



It is time to get our congregations, councils and committees ready to come to Bismarck for the
49th Annual Diocesan Convention
Meeting at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Bismarck October 11 & 12

The theme of the Convention is:

"What is God up to in North Dakota?"

It is the beginning of the diocesan wide effort to discern our call in this place and what kind of
episcopal leadership we will need to engage that call.

*Who is coming to your Congregation and not attending another Episcopal Church?
(see attachment #1)*

Congregational delegations to Convention are governed by Canon provides for
2 Delegates for each congregation with up to 15 people that are 16 years older
3 Delegates for each congregation with 16 to 30 people that are 16 years older
31 to 60+ – 4 delegates
61 to 90+ – 5 delegates
91 to 120+ – 6 delegates
121 to 150+ – 7 delegates
151 to 180+ - 8 delegates
181 to 280+ – 9 delegates

Attachment #1

Delegates to Convention:

___ from a Congregation: _____
Name of Congregation

___ from Clergy: _____
Priest or Deacon in Good Standing or Retired

___ from Council ___ from Standing Committee

Name: _____

Over 16 years of age? ___

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Certified by: Sr. Warden or Clerk of the Vestry or Priest in Charge

_____, Date _____

Each Congregation or Delegate is responsible to make their own Hotel Reservations. Names of those on Council, Standing Committee, NDCIM will be verified by the Diocese.

Hotel Reservations should be made prior to September 10th.

The Radisson Hotel
605 E Broadway Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501
701 255 6000

REGISTRATION FEE: \$45.00
\$40.00 Early bird rate if received by October 1, 2019
Make checks payable to Episcopal Diocese of ND
And mailed to the Diocesan Office at the Address:
The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota
3600 25th St S
Fargo, North Dakota 58104

Enclosed Will be paid by Congregation/Organization

Email completed forms to:
John Floberg at jffloberg@gmail.com
Or mail to:
John Floberg
820 W Central Ave
Bismarck, ND. 58501



Are you called to this ministry?

We're looking for members for the **DIOCESAN DISCERNMENT TASK FORCE**

Your Standing Committee invites members of the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota to apply to be one of about eight (8) members of the “Diocesan Discernment Task Force” (DDTF). The purpose of this team will be to engage the Diocese in active discernment of the question, *“What is God up to with the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota.”* As you may have read in *The Sheaf*, the Standing Committee has determined that we need to address this crucial question before making any decision about calling another bishop. Indeed, the answer to that key question might be not to enter into a calling process, but to create a different model for being the Episcopal Church in North Dakota.

The DDTF, working with our consultant, the Rev. Thad Bennett, will design and work a process that will involve the whole diocese in determining the answer or answers to that question - *What God is up to with us*. The time commitment is between 8-10 hours per month and some travel to meetings with the diocese in different locations will be necessary. However, most meetings of the DDTF will happen electronically via Zoom. The Standing Committee will select and name the membership of the DDTF, trying to ensure representative diversity of the diocese. The first DDTF meeting will be with our consultant at the Diocesan Convention in Bismarck, October 11-12. **Members MUST be able to attend that meeting.** Note: Diocesan funds will support the work of the Team and pay for the normal expenses of its members.

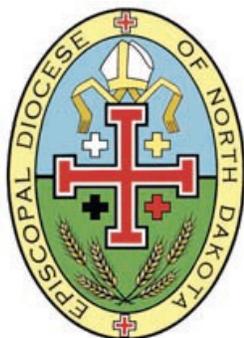
We are looking for individuals who have the following kinds of qualifications/gifts/skills:

- Has a passion about being a Christian and has an active prayer/spiritual life
- Is active in and knows the Episcopal Church
- Is creative and likes to question; Has organizational skills
- Is tech savvy: ability to join Zoom meetings, receive email, Google documents, etc.
- Is a good listener; Is reliable, will “show up” and fulfill what they commit to
- Has the ability to collect and analyze data;
- Willing to receiving feedback and discern what it all means
- Works well with others and can help “hold the group together”

If you feel called to this ministry, please use the attached application form to tell us about yourself, some of your experiences, your gifts and skills and why you feel called to this ministry. Your application material must be sent electronically and received no later than 5pm on Tuesday, September 10th and should be sent to:

Mr. Don Henderson, Standing Committee Member, at

donhenderson@gra.midco.net



Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota

Application to be a Member of the Diocesan Discernment Task Force

Name:

Town and Congregation:

Email Address:

Phone:

We want to make sure we have diversity on this small committee. Please help us with the following information:

- How do you gender-identify?
- How old are you?
- Are you a lay or ordained person?
- How do you identify ethnically?
- How long have you been an Episcopalian?

Tell us why you feel called to this ministry.

What are some of the gifts and skills you will bring to the team?

What are some experiences you have had that might help this team?

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49th Annual Convention
Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota
October 11 - 12, 2019 ◊ *Bismarck, North Dakota*

Selection Form

(for use in applying or accepting nominating yourself)

Personal Information (please print clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Congregation: _____

Nominated for the following position (check one)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary of Convention | <input type="checkbox"/> EFMHE Member (2 positions) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer of the Diocese | <input type="checkbox"/> NDEF Member (3 positions) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Standing Committee
(Lay Member) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Deputy to General Convention 2021
(4 positions) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Standing Committee
(Clergy Member) | <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Deputy to General Convention 2021
(4 positions) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Region Representative to Council (2 positions) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> West Region Representative to Council (2 positions) | |

Nominee's Affirmation (check boxes)

- I understand the obligations of the position,
 If elected to this office, I agree to serve and attend its meetings.

Nominee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Experience and Qualifications

NOTE: this information will be published in 2018 pre-convention materials.

1. Please list the experiences which help equip you for this position.

2. Why do you wish to serve in this ministry and what gifts would you bring to it?

Complete both pages of this form and send to:

The Rev. Dr. John Floberg
820 West Central Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58501
Cell - (701) 891-2911

OR

E-mail: jffloberg@gmail.com

Nomination Deadline: Nominations will be received "from the floor" of Diocesan Convention.
The deadline of September 13, 2019 is set for publication of pre-convention materials.

Attachment #4

Diocesan Election Nomination Form

(for use in nominating another person)

Please mark all nominated positions. Use one nomination form per person.

Convention Secretary (1)

East Region Diocesan Council
Representative (2) – elected by Region

Clergy Standing Committee Member (1) *

West Region Diocesan Council
Representative (2) – elected by Region

Lay Standing Committee Member (1)

Diocesan Treasurer (1) *

Episcopal Foundation for Ministry in
Higher Education

Clergy Deputy to General Convention (4) *

North Dakota Episcopal Foundation

Lay Deputy to the General Convention (4)

* Must be an adult. Otherwise, the church recognizes 16 year old members and older as qualified for many positions.

Name: _____

Congregation: _____

Contact Information: _____

Telephone: _____

Please tell us about the Candidate and their desire to serve in this capacity:

What gifts and abilities does this Candidate bring to the diocese and this ministry?

This is a reminder that any resolutions, canonical revisions, etc. must have been presented in writing sixty days prior to the Convention. A resolution may be admitted to the floor of Convention through a 2/3 vote of the delegates if submitted within sixty days of the Convention.