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BISHOP SEARCH NEWS

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The Profile and Search Committee met on March 11 for deep discernment, and has named the semi-finalists who will gather in April for an in-person discernment retreat. Required background investigations on the semi-finalists have been initiated as well, and references are being contacted.

After the retreat, the Profile & Search Committee will gather again to determine its final list of nominees for the Tenth Bishop of Albany. After those names are presented to the Secretary of the Diocese, they will be announced, and a 30-day window will open for independent nominations. A schedule of walkabout / meet and greet events will follow.

Under diocesan Election Rule 1A, **the Standing Committee** is required to appoint a six-member Election Procedures Committee to assist the Secretary of the Diocese with preparations for the electing Convention and to assist with other aspects of the search and discernment process, particularly the organization of opportunities to meet the nominees.

In addition, the Standing Committee is in the process of securing the services of a Registered Professional Parliamentarian to ensure that every aspect of the election process is properly carried out in accordance with diocesan canons and rules, Episcopal Church canons and guidance, and New York State law. A Registered Professional Parliamentarian can also document the procedures applied and can furnish recognized authoritative opinions as required.

Upcoming steps in the process:

April 17-20

Discernment retreat:
Semi-finalists are interviewed in depth, in person
by P&S and the Chancellor.

April 24

Standing Committee appoints Election Procedures Committee

Dates are estimates and subject to change. You can view the entire timeline [HERE](#).

We urge every single person, every Congregation, every gathering in our diocese to pray the [Prayer During a Time of Transition](#) **daily** as we discern the Tenth Bishop of Albany.

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