

# The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany



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*The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese while the office of Bishop is vacant. Visit <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/standing-committee/> for a list of Committee members.*

*These are highlights only. Some matters and details are sensitive, personal, or not ready to report. We do not comment on deliberations.*

*We welcome communication from around the diocese. Please view us as people of good will, and trust the Holy Spirit to guide us all.*

At its meeting on **Monday, May 15, 2023**, the Standing Committee took up, among others, the following matters:

- 1. Interviewed and consented to the ordination** of Tami Roessler to the Sacred Order of Deacons.
- 2. Granted** licenses and one-year extensions of ministry to several clergy and approved a priest-in-charge covenant, with gratitude to all who preach the Word of God, administer the Sacraments, provide pastoral care, and who, directly or indirectly, promote the vitality of our diocese and its congregations as centers of worship, discipleship, and evangelism.
- 3. Appointed** to the Election Procedures Committee the Ven. Dr. Leander Harding, Dean of the Cathedral.
- 4. Received** with appreciation for their hard work reports from the President of the Standing Committee, from the Convention Planning Committee, and from the Administration, Succession, and Diocesan Life subcommittees.

The Standing Committee has also voted to release certain ADIT funds to a parish.

## OTHER NOTICES

### **1. Date of the Special Convention to Elect the Tenth Bishop of Albany modified.**

After conferring with the Secretary of the Diocese, the Election Procedures Committee, and the Cathedral of All Saints, the Standing Committee, pursuant to Section 5 Rule 1A for the Election of a Bishop Diocesan, directs that the date of the Electing Convention be modified slightly.

The [original Call to Convention](#) specified the date as September 8-9, 2023 (Friday to Saturday).

**The Special Electing Convention will now meet on  
Saturday, September 9, 2023, ONLY.**

The purpose of this change is to relieve the clergy and lay deputies who are members of Convention of the need to attend Friday evening events. The one-day format will also greatly reduce costs. Further details on the schedule will be published in due course, as the date approaches.

NO OTHER dates or details having to do with the Convention have changed. Except for the date adjustment, you can read everything so far in the [Call to Convention here](#).

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**2. DIOCESAN CONVENTION virtual format, Saturday, June 10, 2023.** Please see the notice from the Secretary of Convention regarding deadlines for nominations and the dates of Pre-convention meetings,

**3. Task Force on Communion Across Difference.** The Standing Committee once again commends to the attention of all the Interim Report of the Task Force on Communion Across Difference. While not required or expected, the report is welcome. It should be read carefully. We hope it will serve as a spring-board for fruitful dialogue and an occasion to renew our commitment to the task of listening and healing.