

Consent & Authorization Form – Bishop Search Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

Thank you for your willingness to offer yourself as a candidate for Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin. The Bishop Search Nominating Committee (the Committee) promises to treat information you provide as part of the nomination and election process with confidentiality and respect.

Please read and agree to the following terms:

- I understand that this search, nomination, transition, and election process forms part of the discernment of a vocation to serve as Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin.
- I agree to provide accurate responses and information relevant to evaluating my qualifications and fitness for the position of Bishop of San Joaquin.
- I authorize the Committee or its designees to investigate my past employment, and to request and receive any information concerning me, including but not limited to criminal history, credit reports, and public records, from any persons, entities, churches, dioceses, other religious organizations, schools, companies, corporations, partnership, associations, credit bureaus, state agencies, departments of labor, law enforcement agencies, licensing agencies, and from my previous employers.
- I authorize my listed references, past employers, and dioceses in which I have served and anyone else who has information about my work history, ministry, qualification, or fitness to provide such information to the Committee or its designees.
- I hereby release, hold harmless, and forever discharge (including my waiver of the right to assert a claim now or in the future against) the Episcopal Church in the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin and members of the Committee together with their subcommittees, consultants, agents, and other members of the Diocese who seek to obtain and consider information in the nomination and election process, and those who provide such information, from all liabilities, claims, demands, losses, or damages which may or could arise from my participation in the search, nomination, transition, and election process.
- If nominated by the Nominating Committee or in the petition process for election as Bishop Diocesan, I agree to complete all requirements under the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin, including a background check, a medical evaluation, and a psychiatric evaluation as part of the application process.
- If nominated by the Nominating Committee or in the petition process for election as Bishop Diocesan, I consent to the public disclosure of biographical information, responses to essay questions in the application, and other information the Committee deems appropriate or necessary.
- I have voluntarily signed this release to assist in the discernment process.

Applicant:

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Questions: please contact The Rev. Suzy Ward, Standing Committee President, suzyvisalia@gmail.com
or The Rev. Canon Brian Nordwick, TEC search consultant, bnordwick@yahoo.com

Instructions: Please print this document, read, and acknowledge with your signature. Scan and send the *Image or PDF* with your application items via email to bishop-search@diosanjoaquin.org.

Mail (USPS) the *original* to Rev. Suzy Ward, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 120 N. Hall St., Visalia, CA 93291