



The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

The Central Third of California

Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin 67th Annual Convention

November 6-7, 2026

Call for Nominations

Are you Called to be... in governance in the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin?

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you
with my loving eye on you." Psalm 32:8*

As members of the Episcopal Church, we all share in its leadership and oversight, often by serving on parish and diocesan teams and committees. Our church and our witness to the world are stronger when we are led by diverse and energetic folks from across our community. **To elect diverse leadership teams, we must first nominate diverse slates of candidates!** It is important that we nominate faithful people from across the central third of California, of varying age, race and ethnicity, economic circumstance, gender identity and sexual orientation, and from parishes small and large, to represent us on these committees.

Nominations are now open for the **Standing Committee**, Bishop Greg's council of advice; and the **Diocesan Council**, which is responsible for financial matters and the ongoing ministry of the diocese between meetings of convention.

You can submit a nomination (for yourself or someone else, if you have their permission) by filling out the [Nomination Form](#) online. **Online submission is required.**

Not sure about the duties and responsibilities or if it is a good fit? Look at the Nominations Information Memo below for detailed information as you discern your call.

Nominations are **NOW OPEN** until **September 23**. Self-nominating persons will be asked to submit a 75-150 word statement and photo for the Voter's Guide when the Nomination Form is completed on-line (you may want to prepare those items prior to accessing the form). Those nominated by others must submit a statement and photo by **October 1**. Contact the Chair of Nominations, Jan Dunlap (jan@kerncomputer.com) if you have any questions.



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Nominations Information Memo

Nominations Information for the Diocese of San Joaquin 67th Annual Convention

Standing Committee:

8 members – 4 Clergy and 4 Lay. Elected by, and reports to, Diocesan Convention. In 2026, one clergy and one lay person are to be elected to 4 years terms each at Convention.

Duties of the Standing Committee:

1. Council of Advice to the Bishop.
2. Serves as Ecclesiastical Authority in absence of Bishop.
3. Gives consents for ordinations and Episcopal elections.
4. Canonical duties regarding property and disciplinary matters.

Standing Committee typically meets monthly, usually by videoconference, with the exact schedule to be determined with the new Standing Committee. Although rare, it is possible that an in-person meeting in Fresno may be called. There are two in-person weekend retreats at ECCO for Standing Committee – a joint meeting in January with the Diocesan Council, as well as a joint meeting with the Commission on Ministry later in the year.

Diocesan Council:

9 members – 3 Clergy and 6 Lay. Elected by Deaneries and Diocesan Convention, and reports to Diocesan Convention.

Duties of Diocesan Council:

1. Acts on behalf of the Diocesan Convention between its annual meetings.
2. Diocesan Council oversees and approves financial matters – Finance, Insurance, Pensions, Real Estate – for the diocese.
3. Responsible for Diocesan budget between Conventions.

Diocesan Council typically meets monthly, usually by videoconference, with the exact schedule to be determined with the new Diocesan Council. There is an in-person weekend retreat for Diocesan Council and Standing Committee at ECCO in January. Although rare, it is possible that the Bishop may call an in-person meeting in Fresno.

In 2026, the 2 positions to be elected at pre-convention deanery meetings are:

- Northern Deanery: One (1) Clergy member (3-year term)
- Central Deanery: One (1) Lay member (3-year term)
- Southern Deanery: No positions to be filled this cycle

One At-Large Lay person is to be elected to a 3-year term at Diocesan Convention.