



# The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

The Central Third of California

**Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin 66th Annual Convention  
November 7-8, 2025**

## 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 David's council of advice; the **Diocesan Council**, which is responsible for financial matters and the ongoing ministry of the diocese between meetings of convention; and **Deputies** to represent the diocese at the 82nd General Convention in Phoenix, Arizona in 2027.

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 Memo below for detailed information as you discern your call.

Nominations are open until **September 24**. 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. Those nominated by others must submit a statement and photo by October 1. Contact the Chair of Nominations, Jan Dunlap ([jan@kerncomputer.com](mailto:jan@kerncomputer.com)) if you have any questions.



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## Nominations Memo

### Nominations Information for the Diocese of San Joaquin 66th Annual Convention

#### Standing Committee:

8 members – 4 Clergy and 4 Lay. Elected by, and reports to, Diocesan Convention. In 2025, 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 by 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 February 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 by the new Diocesan Council. There is an in-person weekend retreat for Diocesan Council and Standing Committee at ECCO in February. Although rare, it is possible that the Bishop may call an in-person meeting in Fresno.*

In 2025, the 2 positions to be elected at pre-convention deanery meetings are:

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

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



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## **Deputy to the 82nd General Convention:**

Elected by, and reports to, Diocesan Convention. Four clergy deputies and four lay deputies, and additionally, four clergy and four lay alternate deputies will be elected to a three-year term.

### Duties of a Deputy:

1. Attends coordinating meetings and studies issues prior to General Convention – expect at least six multi-hour gatherings (virtual or in-person) with the 16 member San Joaquin deputation team - additionally in-person or virtual meeting(s) may occur with some or all of the other five deputations in California state (the dioceses of California, El Camino Real, Los Angeles, Northern California and San Diego); attends additional collaborative and preparatory work options offered by the General Convention Office via video conferences or webinars; reads and reports on hundreds of pages of commission reports and legislation to the San Joaquin deputation team as they prepare.
2. Attends General Convention in Phoenix, Arizona in July 3-8, 2027 plus additional days for travel and orientation. General Convention is the bicameral governing body of the Episcopal Church (TEC), which includes more than 800 members in the House of Deputies, and over 200 active and retired bishops in the House of Bishops. Responsibilities for deputies at the 82nd General Convention will include: Perfecting and adopting legislation of concern to the Church; amending the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution, and the Canons of the Church; approving a triennial budget for the Episcopal Church; and electing candidates to offices and committees for the coming triennium. Expect General Convention legislative committee meetings and hearings to be held virtually in the months preceding the in-person meeting.
3. Reports back to the diocese through deanery meetings and Diocesan Convention. May present referred resolutions to Diocesan Convention.

*Interested clergy or lay persons may be nominated from the floor of the convention but their names and statements will not have been included in the Voter's Guide and verbal statements by nominees are out of order. You are encouraged to submit your nomination prior to the convention so others may see your information in the Voter's Guide and cast an informed vote.*