

## Canon 45

### Nomination and Election of Bishops

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Section 1. Committee for the Nomination of Bishops. Whenever the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall call for the election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, or Suffragan Bishop and the Convention, where required, shall have given its consent thereto, there shall be a committee consisting of the Chancellor of the Diocese, serving ex-officio; three members, at least one lay and at least one clerical, elected by each of the Deaneries of the Diocese; and following these elections, four persons appointed by the Standing Committee. At least nine (9) members of this committee must be lay persons. All lay members of this committee must be confirmed communicants in good standing in this Diocese.

Section 2. Vacancies. Prior to the first meeting of the committee vacancies shall be filled by the Deaneries or the Standing Committee, as appropriate, from the constituency from which they were selected and in the order which they represent. Vacancies occurring after the first meeting will not be filled.

Section 3. Terms of Members. All members of the Committee shall continue as members thereof until the close of the Convention at which the Episcopal election shall have been accomplished, or until the Committee shall have been discharged by action of the Convention.

Section 4. Chair and Secretary of the Committee. Before the first meeting of the Committee the Standing Committee shall appoint a chair and vice chair, one of whom shall be lay and one of whom shall be ordained. The secretary of the Committee shall be elected by the Committee and need not be a member of the Committee.

Section 5. Committee Shall Call for Names. The Committee shall call for, receive, and may propose names of members of the Clergy who may lawfully be elected to the Episcopal office to be filled, and shall fix the time within which such suggested names may be filed with the Committee, but in no event shall the limiting date so fixed be fewer than sixty days prior to the date set for the Convention at which the election is to be held. Any member of the Committee whose name shall be proposed for consideration as a candidate for the Episcopal office may withdraw from such consideration. If that member shall not so withdraw, resignation from the Committee is required.

Section 6. Committee Report. After due consideration, the Committee shall select not fewer than three nor more than five persons whom it deems qualified for such office. The Committee shall prepare a report to the Convention giving the names of the persons so selected, together with biographical information and a photo-

graph of each nominee. Copies of the report shall be mailed to voting Clerical and Lay delegates to Convention as provided in ARTICLE III, Section 2.D of the Constitution of the Diocese of Northwest Texas at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Convention.

Section 7. Nomination by Committee. The presentation of the report of the Committee at the Convention shall constitute a nomination of each of the candidates therein named.

Section 8. Nomination from the Floor. Nominations may be made from the floor provided that the same written information and photograph as is required of the Committee nominations has been submitted at least thirty days prior to the opening day of the electing Convention. Any nomination from the floor must have the consent of the nominee.

Section 9. Seconding Speeches. No seconding speeches are in order at a Convention to elect a Bishop.

Section 10. Voting. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of votes of each order, voting concurrently.

Section 11. Convention Eucharist. Upon the conclusion of all preliminary business and all initial nominations, the Convention shall recess for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Section 12. Reconvene and Election. Upon conclusion of the Holy Eucharist, the Convention shall reconvene and proceed to an election. Each ballot shall be preceded by a period of silent prayer.