



Diocese of Missouri  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri is pleased to announce that after a period of prayerful discernment, the following people have been selected to lead us in the search and nominating process as we move forward together to call the eleventh bishop of our diocese.

### Search/Nominating Committee

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Mrs. Deborah Nelson-Linck, *Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis*

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The Rev. Tamsen Whistler, *Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Charles*

Under the Canons of The Episcopal Church, the Standing Committee is charged with supervising and overseeing the election of our next bishop. A retreat will be held in late November and will be attended by the Standing Committee, Search/Nominating Committee and the Rev. Gary Butterworth, the consultant we have hired to assist with this search. The first task of the Search/Nominating Committee will be to create a process of listening to the diocese in order to create the profile of the next bishop. God willing, in September 2019, the Search/Nominating Committee will publish a slate of candidates for election. This election will occur during the annual diocesan convention in November. It is anticipated that the eleventh bishop of our diocese will be consecrated in April 2020.

The members of the Standing Committee are deeply grateful for the applications and recommendations offered to assist us in our discernment. Each committee member chosen possesses particular gifts and skills that were determined to be both desirable and necessary for the work of this committee. We have endeavored to honor as much as possible the diversity we seek and joyfully celebrate in our diocese. We believe that each and every person chosen to serve on the Search/Nominating Committee has the gifts, sense of commitment, and right spirit to succeed in this holy work.

So, what can **you** do to be a part of this search process? **Pray!** Pray for wisdom, spiritual guidance, and good humor for everyone involved in this process. Pray for Bishop Smith, his family, and his staff as they continue to faithfully serve our diocese during this time of transition.

Finally, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns you may reach me by e-mail at [bishopsearch@diocesemo.org](mailto:bishopsearch@diocesemo.org).

Yours in the love of Christ,

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The Rev. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell, Vice-President, *Trinity/St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hannibal*

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