



Bishop Search Announcement

✠ Frequently Asked Questions ✠

Q. Why is there only one candidate? Did something fail or break down in the process?

A. Our bishop nominating committee carried out its work diligently and faithfully. They presented a slate to the standing committee, and the standing committee approved a single candidate to be a nominee for election. Her name is the Rev. Canon Susan Brown Snook, currently a canon in the Diocese of Oklahoma.

Q. What happens next?

A. The petition period is now open. This means that any ordained Episcopal priest can petition to be a candidate until Friday, November 16 at 5 p.m. If we receive proper petition candidates, and background and reference checks are completed, and approved by the standing committee, then those candidates will be able to participate in the January Walkabout with the Rev. Canon Snook.

Q. What if there are no petition candidates?

A. If there are no petition candidates, then the Rev. Canon Snook will participate in the regular process through the electing convention. This means we will hold the Walkabout, and she will be the sole candidate. We will hold the electing convention as planned, and she will either be elected or not.

Q. When is the electing convention?

A. The electing convention will be held on Saturday, February 2 at St. Bartholomew's, Poway.

Q. Who gets to vote?

A. Any priest or deacon who is physically and canonically resident in this diocese for the previous six months, whether active or retired, is entitled to vote. The lay delegates and alternates to the 45th Annual Diocesan Convention in November will also serve as the lay delegates and alternates to the electing convention in February. All delegates and alternates, clergy and lay, must be present in the sanctuary at St. Bartholomew's during the special convention to vote.

Q. How does the voting work?

A. All ballots at this election will take place using smart phones or other web-enabled devices. Each voting member gets one vote. By diocesan canons, clergy and lay votes are counted separately.

Q. What happens if the Rev. Canon Snook is our only candidate and she is not elected?

A. If she is not elected by the convention, we will start the process over from the beginning.

Q. What can I do to help?

A. Please pray for the process, for the standing committee, for the bishop nominating committee, for all the delegates who will elect our next bishop, for the Rev. Canon Snook and for any petition candidates who may come forward for election.

Q. What if I still have questions?

A. Contact Hannah Wilder with your questions: hwilder@edsd.org, 619-481-5456.