



Search for the 12th Bishop of Louisiana

Timeline for Search and Election of the 12th Bishop of Louisiana

March 14, 2021: Bishop Thompson announces intention to resign on or around November 1, 2022. Note, bishops do not “retire”; they officially resign.

April 26, 2021: Standing Committee hires Search Consultant, Rev. Diane Vie.

May 22, 2021: Standing Committee meets and discerns the following:

1. Selection of Search and Transition Committees
2. Approval of a timeline
3. Selects a chaplain: Rev. Ralph Howe

Summer 2021: Orientation led by Search Consultant Rev. Diane Vie and attended by Search Committee and Transition Committee.

Summer/fall 2021: Search Committee gathers information that will inform the Diocesan Profile. Accomplished through polling and listening events and other means as needed.

November 5/6 at Diocesan Convention: Profile presented to Convention by Search Committee. Following week, Profile is published/advertised and names accepted by Search Committee. Search Committee does not reveal names of nominees; this information remains confidential.

December 31, 2021: Search Closes and no more names are accepted for consideration. Thereafter the committee continues its confidential work of reviewing names, interviewing, etc.

Monday, March 28, 2022: Search Committee offers slate of candidates to the Standing Committee.

Friday, April 1, 2022: Standing Committee announces slate and opens one week Petition Process. Petition Process: a week in which names may be received by the Standing Committee through a previously published process (*i.e.* Two clergy and two laity needed to nominate someone via petition) to allow for names to be added to the slate that were not added by the Search Committee.

Friday, April 8, 2022: Petition Process closes.

April 17, 2022: Easter

Monday, April 25-Saturday, April 30: Walkabouts.

Saturday, May 14, 2022: Electing Convention at Christ Church Cathedral.

Consent Process: 120-day period for the rest of the church through Consents from Standing Committees of each diocese and Bishops to consent to the election.

July 7-14, 2022: General Convention of the Episcopal Church. Date is significant because an election cannot happen within 30 days of GC.

TBD: Farewell event to recognize and thank Bishop and Mrs. Thompson

November 19, 2022: Consecration of the 12th Bishop