

PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE BISHOP OF CHICAGO, 1998

**Adopted by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Chicago,
with the concurrence of the Rt. Rev. Herbert Donovan, Provisional Bishop of Chicago**

1. At the 161st Annual Convention on November 13 and 14, 1998, there shall be an election of the Bishop of Chicago. The search, nomination and election process for the Bishop of Chicago shall proceed under the canons of the Episcopal Church and of this Diocese, in accordance with the procedures set forth herein and the Rules of Order of Convention.

2. Before the Convention, pursuant to these procedures, there shall be selected "Committee nominees," chosen by the Search and Nominating Committee, and "at-large nominees," made in accordance with these Procedures.

Before the Convention

3. The Search and Nominating Committee shall determine its Committee nominees by approximately the middle of July 1998; but the identity of such nominees shall remain confidential pending the results of background investigations. Promptly following the completion of background investigations, the Search and Nomination Committee shall publicly disclose the identity of its nominees. Such public disclosure is expected to occur in the month of August 1998 and shall be posted on the website for the Diocese of Chicago, announced in a mailing to all clergy of the Diocese, and noted in the next issue of *Anglican Advance*.

4. Nominations at large may be made during the period of two weeks following the announcement of Committee nominees. The two-week period shall begin to run upon the occurrence of the later of the following two events: the posting of the announcement on the Diocesan website and the mailing of the announcement from the Diocese to all clergy. A nomination at large shall be considered made upon the receipt at the Episcopal Church Center of the completed At-Large Nomination form which is appended hereto. Such completed form shall contain all the information called for therein, including all necessary signatures and endorsements. It shall be addressed to Anne Cordes, President of the Standing Committee, c/o Episcopal Church Center, 65 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. As indicated on such Form, it shall certify that the person nominated has been duly ordered Deacon and Priest in this Church (with the dates thereof and the Bishop or Bishops presiding therein), and shall state that the person nominated has consented to have his or her name placed in nomination, is willing to submit to the requirements of the process, and expects in good faith to serve if elected.

[The signature requirements for nominations at large are taken from Dio. Canon 53.]

5. With respect to each at-large nominee there shall be conducted an appropriate background investigation. The At-Large Nomination form shall include the consent of the nominee that any information resulting from the background investigation may be disclosed to the Convention, so long as there was a prior disclosure of such information to the nominee before Convention. The results of the background investigation shall be provided to the President of the Standing Committee who, in consultation with the Provisional Bishop and the Chancellor of the Diocese, shall evaluate such results and determine appropriate steps, if any, in response to such results.

6. Committee nominees shall be invited to appear in the Diocese of Chicago prior to Convention at such times and places as the Search and Nominating Committee shall arrange, so that as many Members of Convention as possible have an opportunity to meet such candidates. At-large nominees may also, at their expense and with appropriate notice, appear and address Members of Convention at such time prior to Convention as shall be designated.

At the Convention (subj. to Convention Special Rules of Order, exc. for canonical requirements)

7. The election process at Annual Convention, as the rest of the Convention, shall be presided over by the Provisional Bishop of Chicago, who is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese and President of the Convention. [Dio. Con. 6] Except for Committee nominees and at-large nominees in accordance with these procedures, there shall be no further nominees for Bishop and no nominations from the floor of Convention.

8. At the Convention, those entitled to vote with respect to the election of the Bishop shall be those entitled to vote on all other matters coming before Convention, except that no Clergy Member of Convention may vote with respect to the election of the Bishop unless he or she shall have been personally and canonically resident in this Diocese for at least six months preceding the election and entitled during that time to a seat in Convention. [Dio. Con. 16.2]

9. At the beginning of the election process, a Preliminary Ballot, with voting by Orders, shall be conducted with respect to all candidates, including both Committee nominees and at-large nominees. Those candidates receiving one or more votes in each Order on this Preliminary Ballot shall be declared to be nominated to Convention. [Dio. Con. 16.3]

10. For each person nominated to Convention, and prior to the First Ballot, there shall be a nominating speech of no more than five minutes in length and no more than two seconding speeches no longer than two minutes each. The President may lengthen or shorten these limits if he deems it prudent, but the times shall be equal for all candidates.

11. There shall be identified to the President of Convention, prior to the commencement of Convention, a Member of Convention who shall be the authorized representative of each nominee, whether a Committee nominee or an at-large nominee. Such person shall have full authority to withdraw the name of the candidate from further consideration of the Convention at any time. Failure to identify such an authorized representative to the President of Convention, or the

substantial absence of such representative thereafter, shall, within the discretion of the President, constitute a withdrawal of the nominee from the process.

12. In each ballot, the Clergy and Lay Delegates shall vote separately by Orders. When, in respect of any ballot, two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote are present and two-thirds of all the Parishes and Missions entitled to vote are represented, then a concurrent majority in each Order shall determine a choice. If two-thirds of the Clergy and of the Parishes and Missions be not present, then two-thirds of the votes of each Order shall be necessary to determine a choice. [Dio. Con. 16.4]

13. There shall be successive ballots until the Bishop is elected. The time permitted between ballots, as well as the nature of activity between ballots, shall be determined by the President of the Convention.

14. Immediately following the election, the President of the Convention shall arrange to have the signatures of a constitutional majority of the Convention affixed to the testimonial required by EC Canon III.22.3(a), attesting to the due and lawful election of the Bishop of Chicago. [EC Canon III.22.3-4]

After the Convention

15. Promptly following the Convention, the Standing Committee shall examine to its satisfaction the following documents with respect to the Bishop-elect:

- a. Evidence that the Bishop-elect was, prior to election, duly ordered Deacon and Priest in this Church;
- b. Evidence that he or she has accepted the election to be Bishop of Chicago; and
- c. Certificates (using forms and procedures devised by the Presiding Bishop and the Church Pension Fund) from a licensed medical doctor and a licensed psychiatrist, both having been appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority with the approval of the Presiding Bishop, attesting that such persons have thoroughly examined the Bishop-elect as to his or her medical, psychological and psychiatric condition and have discovered no reason why the Bishop-elect would not be fit to undertake the work for which he or she has been chosen.

[EC Canon III.22.3-4]

16. Promptly following the Convention, the Standing Committee shall send to the Standing Committees of all other Dioceses a certificate by the Secretary of Convention attesting to the election of the Bishop-elect, together with its statement that (a) evidence of the Bishop-elect's having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest has been received, (b) satisfactory certificates as to the Bishop-elect's medical, psychological and psychiatric health have been received, and (c) a testimonial in canonical form has been duly signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention,

and requesting the consent of the majority of such Standing Committees to the ordination of the Bishop-elect. Such consents, when received by the Standing Committee, shall be forwarded to the Presiding Bishop, who (upon receipt of the requisite number of consents of Standing Committees and Bishops) shall arrange for the ordination and consecration of such person as the Bishop of Chicago.

[EC Con. II.2; EC Canon III.22.3-4]