



## Report from the Episcopate Committee

7/8/06

The Committee met again at Christ Church Cathedral with our consultant, the Rev. David Seger. His most important advice was that we seek people of conviction but who are willing to live in community with people with whom we profoundly disagree because Jesus has called us to live in community.

***We have received 17 nominations thus far for the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Tennessee.*** We thank all those who made nominations and those willing to be nominated. The Committee finalized the time line for the continuing process, discussed formats for interviewing and presenting nominees, and completed questions each nominee will answer in writing. ***The Committee is again seeking donations of frequent flyer miles to assist us in the costs of conducting the search.***

### Time Line for Episcopate Process:

July 8 <sup>th</sup> :	Nominations officially close <i>Resumes and Responses to Screening Questions requested from all nominees.</i>
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meets at Christ Church Cathedral
August	Committee conducts interviews
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Committee meets to select nominees (3 to 5)
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Vetting of finalists (estimated two weeks)
Mid-September	Announcement of nominees to the diocese. <i>Nominations by Petition received for 14 days</i>
Oct 19 -21 <sup>st</sup>	The Presentation of nominees to the Diocese
Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>	The Electing Convention, Christ Church Cathedral.

### Screening Questions for Nominees:

- I. Tell us what “called” you to the priesthood, how that “call” has grown, how it relates to your relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. Why did you agree to have your name submitted in nomination as Bishop of Tennessee?
- II. Describe your style of leadership and discuss where your leadership has excelled and an instance where it has fallen short.
- III. Given the tenor of the Episcopal Church today, the hope of reconciliation and healing is on the hearts and minds of many. What is your hope as it relates to a diocese and the wider Church?
- IV. What are the most important attributes in one who is called to be a bishop, and why?
- V. How do you take care of yourself: Spiritually, emotionally and physically?

***Please continue to pray daily and corporately for our diocese; the committee; our nominees and the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee. Thank you for your support and involvement in this continued process.***

*Almighty God, giver  
of every good gift:  
Look graciously on  
your Church, and so  
guide the minds of  
those who shall choose  
a Bishop for this  
Diocese that we may  
receive a faithful  
pastor, who will care  
for your people and  
equip us for our  
ministries; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

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