

Update # 5

The Standing Committee and Deans held a special meeting on Tuesday, January 29 to work on the search process for the Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande. A plan has been developed to work through the Deaneries and their Boards to obtain nominations for the Search Committee. Deans will contact the churches through email and a letter will also be mailed by the first of February. The criteria for selection, functions and responsibilities are contained in the information from the Deans.

The Search Committee will be charged with the task of presenting a slate of nominees to the Standing Committee. It has been emphasized that this will be a working committee and the completion of the task will be time demanding. There will also be a Transition Committee named to work on the election convocation, consecration and to assist the new Bishop and his/her family in their move to the Diocese.

A proposed timeline has been developed and will be finalized once consultant(s) have been selected. A person (s) skilled and experienced in the search process and in facilitation for visioning/healing within the Diocese is being sought. This is so important to the Diocese of the Rio Grande at this time.

Standing Committee is still in the process of selecting an Assisting Bishop. It was hoped that this work would be completed sooner; however, there is still more work to do.