

Calendar for Nomination by Petition Process for the Election of the Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande

January 19, 2010

First date that nominations by petition will be accepted

February 1, 2010, 4:00 PM MST

Complete petition package must be received (not postmarked) at the designated address

No later than April 2

Petition Nominees announced and published on website, all at one time

Instructions

Petition Content

Petition materials must be submitted altogether, [No earlier than January 19, 2010 and no later than February 1, 2010, 4:00 PM MST] in a single package including:

1. Nomination Form with signatures of two (2) members of the clergy, and signatures of two (2) lay communicants in good standing from each of the four (4) Deanery regions, resulting in a total of 16 signatures clergy and laity. Original, facsimile, or PDF format signatures are permissible, and may be submitted on single pages to the person coordinating the compilation of the package. [Attachment I] Do not send incomplete packages, in any form, to Diocesan House. A signed consent to be nominated form must be included in the package.
2. Head and Shoulder color photograph [digital in jpeg format].
3. A Curriculum Vitae or resume.
4. A biographical sketch of no more than 300 words outlining your life and ministry as you would like to have it presented in the announcement of nominees.
5. Answers to the following 5 essay questions:
 - (1) The DRG is a geographically massive and culturally diverse Diocese, with a combination of urban and rural/frontier congregations. How might you apply your experience to our situation? (May be up to 250 words)
 - (2) Provide an autobiographical sketch of your personal and spiritual journey, including your rule of life. (May be up to 500 words)
 - (3) Describe a difficult situation in your ministry that you felt you did not resolve very successfully. In retrospect, what would you have done differently? (May be up to 250 words)
 - (4) Based on your reading of our Diocesan Profile, what do you see as your greatest challenge as the Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande, and what excites you most about becoming our Bishop? (May be up to 250 words)
 - (5) What are the realities facing our church today? What suggestions would you offer to address them? (May be up to 250 words)

** Any petitioners who submitted an application/nomination in the Search Committee process are required to submit the same, unaltered responses to the essay questions.*

6. Statement of Commitment to the Episcopal Church USA. [Attachment III]
7. Petition package must be addressed to: The Rev. Canon Dr. Colin P. Kelly III, President of the Standing Committee: c/o Mary Jewell, Executive Assistant, 4304 Carlisle Blvd NE, Albuquerque NM 87107. The package must be received at Diocesan House by 4:00 PM, February 1, 2010. Late or incomplete application packages will not be accepted.

Attachment I

**PETITION NOMINATION FORM
for the Election of the Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I hereby nominate _____

to be elected Diocesan Bishop of the Rio Grande by the Diocesan Convention in April 2010.

The nominee was duly ordered a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on _____ in the Diocese of _____ with the Rt. Rev. _____ officiating, and was duly ordered Priest in the Episcopal Church on _____ in the Diocese of _____ with the Rt. Rev. _____ officiating. I have obtained the nominee's consent to place [his/her] name in nomination. I have also obtained the agreement of the nominee that [he/she] agrees to submit to the requirements of the process, including the background check, and expects in good faith to serve if elected.

**PETITION NOMINATION FORM
for the Election the Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande**

Mindful of the great responsibility that rests upon a diocese in the selection of a new bishop and after prayerful consideration, we are led to nominate

as a candidate for Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande.

Northeast Deanery

Printed Name _____

Printed Name _____

Clergy Signature _____

Clergy Signature _____

Church _____

Church _____

Address _____

Address _____

Printed Name _____

Printed Name _____

Lay Signature _____

Lay Signature _____

Church _____

Church _____

Address _____

Address _____

Northwest Deanery

Printed Name _____

Printed Name _____

Clergy Signature _____

Clergy Signature _____

Church _____

Church _____

Address _____

Address _____

Printed Name _____

Printed Name _____

Lay Signature _____

Lay Signature _____

Church _____

Church _____

Address _____

Address _____

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**PETITION NOMINATION FORM
for the Election the Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande**

Southeast Deanery

Printed Name _____

Printed Name _____

Clergy Signature _____

Clergy Signature _____

Church _____

Church _____

Address _____

Address _____

Printed Name _____

Printed Name _____

Lay Signature _____

Lay Signature _____

Church _____

Church _____

Address _____

Address _____

Southwest Deanery

Printed Name _____

Printed Name _____

Clergy Signature _____

Clergy Signature _____

Church _____

Church _____

Address _____

Address _____

Printed Name _____

Printed Name _____

Lay Signature _____

Lay Signature _____

Church _____

Church _____

Address _____

Address _____

Attachment II

**Consent to be Nominated as a Candidate
for the Election of the 9th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande**

Name of Nominee _____

Present Position [title, church, city, diocese]

Full Address

Telephone Numbers

E-mail Address

I consent to placement of my name in nomination for the election of the Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande. I agree to submit to the requirements of the process, including the background check, and I expect in good faith to serve if elected.

Signature of Nominee

Date

Attachment III

**A Statement of Commitment to the Episcopal Church USA
for the Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande**

I offer this prayerful and solemn commitment that, should I be elected and called as the Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of The Rio Grande, I will lead the Diocese in continued life in The Episcopal Church USA, and that I will remain faithful to and uphold the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church USA and of the Diocese of the Rio Grande.

Signature

Name

Title

Date
