

## JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

### MEMBERSHIP

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The Rev. Thomas J. Brown, *Secretary*  
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#### *Province Three*

The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, *Co-Chair*  
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#### *Appointed Youth Representatives*

Ms. Sierra Wilkinson  
Mr. Bradley A. Woodall

Committee members were elected by their respective Houses at the 74<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church held in Minneapolis, MN in 2003.

### SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

During the triennium the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop scheduled six meetings, the first of which was held before the close of the General Convention. Five meetings were held prior to the publication of this report. The primary agenda for its final meeting (January 2006) is development of the slate of nominees to be presented to the church following the January 2006 meeting of the committee.

At the first meeting after the 2003 General Convention, the Committee organized and elected officers—Ms. Diane B. Pollard and the Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, Co-Chairs, and the Rev. Thomas J. Brown, Secretary.

At its second meeting the Committee met with the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold who discussed the role of the Presiding Bishop from his perspective and shared from his experiences in the offices over six years. In addition, the Committee met with Russell Palmore, secretary of the previous Joint Nominating Committee.

The Committee developed the following “Call to Discernment” as an invitation to the Church to submit nominees for the office of the 26<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop, Chief Pastor, and Primate of the Episcopal Church.

## A CALL FOR DISCERNMENT

The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop invites your prayers and discernment as we work toward the election of our 26th Presiding Bishop, Chief Pastor, and Primate of the Episcopal Church to lead us, in international and domestic contexts; to call for a faithful and welcoming church; and to live out the 20/20 vision for ministry.

The Church seeks nominees who are intensely grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, living out their lives in the Spirit and articulating zeal for the Gospel. Our Presiding Bishop, Chief Pastor, and Primate is the key leader in articulating the vision and mission of the Church. There is enormous symbolic power in this office—in this church, in the United States, and overseas. The Joint Nominating Committee calls attention to the following roles for this office:

Presiding Bishop: The Presiding Bishop is responsible for leading the Church and for overseeing the planning, development, implementation, and assessment of its programs. The Presiding Bishop is active in the “civic square” articulating and implementing a vision and reality of social justice. The Presiding Bishop will lead us into the reality of a multicultural church, promoting community, and embracing persons, congregations, and dioceses with vast differences in ethnicity; language, particularly Spanish and French; geography; age; and socioeconomic backgrounds. The Presiding Bishop affirms that all regions of the Church are full members of Christ’s body and, in mutual partnership with them, works for sufficient resources to carry out their ministries. The Presiding Bishop works with other bishops, clergy, and lay persons in our mutual ministry and must be able to respond to the ministries of both small and large congregations and dioceses.

Chief Pastor: The Chief Pastor has enormous responsibility and presence as the chief preacher and liturgical leader. The Chief Pastor proclaims the Gospel with the Church. The Chief Pastor oversees the pastoral care and spiritual wellness of bishops.

Primate: The Primate of this church is a leader in the Anglican Communion. The Primate works for justice in domestic and international contexts in Anglican and ecumenical efforts to improve the human condition, to attend to the critical issues articulated by the General Convention, and to work toward the reconciliation of all persons as we live out the Gospel. The Primate plays a key role in working with leaders around the world in addressing issues of social justice and environmental stewardship.

The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop calls on members of the House of Bishops to discern prayerfully and deliberately whether they are called to minister in this role to serve the next era of the Church.

### *Discernment with those being considered*

The Committee received a total of 24 names in response to our initial mailing of a “Call for Discernment” to General Convention deputies, bishops, and other church leaders. It was determined that 22 persons met the criteria for eligibility established by the Committee.

Based on initial written responses to questions in a wide variety of areas, potential nominees to be continued in the discernment process were agreed upon. The potential nominees were invited to meet together with the Committee. Following the meeting with potential nominees the Joint Nominating Committee determined those to be continued in the discernment process.

Committee members were assigned to “visitation teams” comprising lay persons, clergy, and bishops. The Committee arranged to meet with diocesan, ecumenical, and community persons in the dioceses of those being considered to gather additional information.

The Committee also arranged for stringent personal background investigations to be professionally conducted, as well as psychiatric and medical examinations.

Two members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop were selected for membership on the House of Bishop's Transition Committee which will provide pastoral support to the nominees and their families.

The work of the Committee will be completed with the announcement of a slate of nominees to the church on or about February 1, 2005 and the presentation of its final report to a Joint Session of the two Houses of the General Convention in June 2006. A profile of the nominees will be distributed, in printed booklet form in advance of the General Convention.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 2004–2006 TRIENNium**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Income	50,000	85,000	50,000
Expenses	38,000	105,000	*

\*2006 expenses are not available at the filing of this report.