



Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio

To: Clergy and Delegates to the 130th Annual Convention

From: The Standing Committee

January 31, 2005

Subj: Nominees for 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio

This morning Mr. Mike Krug and representatives of the Nominating Committee presented to the Standing Committee, Bishop Thompson and Bishop Price, the following Nominees for election as Bishop-elect of our Diocese:

- The Very Rev. Stephen H. Bancroft, currently Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, Mich.
- The Rev. Anne B. Bonnyman, currently Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware; and
- The Rev. Stephen Hoff Wendfeldt, currently Rector of St. Peter's Church, Del Mar, Calif.

More details about the nominees' backgrounds will be available within the next few days, both in a letter to you, and on the diocesan web site at www.episcopal_dso.org. An insert in the May issue of Interchange will include additional information, as well as details about Nominee Forums in May and the Election Session on Saturday, June 11, 2005.

Other clergy may now be nominated through the Petition Process required by the 129th Annual Convention's Episcopal Transition resolution. The attached instructions explain how to take advantage of the opportunity to nominate someone for election as our 9th Bishop. Petitions will be accepted by the Standing Committee at The Diocese of Southern Ohio, 412 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202-4179 from Tuesday, February 1 until Monday, February 28 at 5 pm. Persons desiring to nominate an individual in this manner also should consider how well their nominee meets the seven criteria outlined in the Profile: Nurtures and Empowers Others for Ministry, Teaching, Discerning Visionary, Dealing with Conflict and Change, Evangelism and Church Growth, Spiritual Growth and Development, and Pastoral Care. In the meantime, should you have questions about the Petition Process, please contact Jon B. Boss at 513.761.2630 or by e-mail at jbboss@fuse.net.

"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." BCP page 818

Faithfully,

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