

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMISSION ON NOMINATIONS

June 1, 2024

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Court of Review

In this supplemental Blue Book report, the Joint Standing Commission on Nominations (JSCN) is making two changes/updates to the Court of Review nominations:

First, very late in the 2022-24 biennium a discrepancy between the canons and the Joint Rules of Order were realized. A recent change to the canons designates the role of nominating bishops to serve on the Court of Review to the Presiding Bishop rather than to the JSCN. The JSCN, following the Joint Rules of Order, nominated bishops to the Court of Review slate and published their photo and materials as part of our original Blue Book Report. The JSCN was contacted in May 2024 by the Presiding Bishop's office indicating that the Presiding Bishop would be nominating the bishops to the Court of Review slate, as is his canonical prerogative.

This Supplemental Blue Book Report removes the bishop candidates from the Nominations' Court of Review slate. Bishops will be nominated by the Presiding Bishop. Bishops who agreed to be on the slate were contacted by bishop members of the JSCN, thanked profusely, and the situation explained. We are incredibly grateful for the grace and understanding of these bishop candidates.

The JSCN recommends a “cleaning up” of the Joint Rules of Order on this matter, to be consistent with the canons on who nominates bishops to serve on the Court of Review.

Second, current canons require the JSCN to make our nominations in a way that will accomplish staggered terms. The JSCN recommends staggering terms based on number of votes, with those receiving the higher number of votes serving a 6-year term, and those with lower numbers serving a 3-year term.

Executive Office of the General Convention

SECRETARY OF CONVENTION

The Joint Standing Commission on Nominations nominates the Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe for Secretary of Convention.



Michael Barlowe

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New York, NY
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California, VIII

I have had the honor of serving as the Secretary of the House of Deputies and of General Convention for the past decade. With my retirement as Executive Officer scheduled for around Labor Day this year, I had announced that I would not stand for election this June. However, because of unavoidable delay in the search for my successor, the presiding officers asked me to be a candidate for Secretary this year, to serve at General Convention and to ensure the historic continuity between the roles of Executive Officer and Secretary of the General Convention.

I agreed to their request, and if elected, I will serve through the 81st General Convention and during the necessary post-convention work. I would retire as planned, later this summer, both as Executive Officer and Secretary.

If elected, I will faithfully serve the church to the best of my ability, working collegially with my staff in the General Convention Office, the other officers, and the many volunteers that assist the House of Deputies and the General Convention. I have been blessed by this ministry, and would be honored to continue for this period of transition.