Joint Standing Committee on Nominations
5/21/20 via Zoom

Present: Mr. Scott Haight (Chair), Rt. Rev. Steven Miller (Vice Chair), Rev. Tracie Middleton (Secretary), Ms. Nanci Gordon, Mrs. Toni Hogg, Ms. Kathryn Nishibayashi, Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan, Hon. Joe Alarid, Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, Rev. Lynn Collins, Mrs. Erica Pomerenck,
Absent: Rt. Rev. Rafael Morales, Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith

Bishop Miller opened in prayer at 10:05 am, Central
Members shared names of those currently ill with COVID-19 and those who have died.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:07 am, Central

Status updates on applications received, evaluation forms
The Secretary shared a spreadsheet, tracking applications received and prospective applicants. The Chair proposed extending the application deadline further, to the end of June or the middle of July. Rev. Collins noted that in the New York / New Jersey area, her experience is that many people have been in survival mode and have not had time to think about applying. The committee decided to extend the application deadline to July 15.
Regarding the evaluation form, the first version of the form, which did not open in some browsers from the extranet, apparently does open in others. Members have submitted evaluations in both versions of the form, so the data will be combined, and the first version of the form will be removed from the extranet.

Status of in-person meetings
The Chair indicated there will be no in-person meetings until after Labor Day, but that may change. It’s likely the currently scheduled in-person meeting in October will not happen in that format. The committee will need to keep up with evaluations to see what type of meeting will be needed in October.
Members discussed other potential challenges related to the uncertainty with meetings, including the General Convention in 2021, if it were to be postponed or held virtually. The committee will stay apprised of developments and make adjustments as needed.

Blue Book reports
The Chair called attention to the 2015 and 2018 Blue Book reports posted to the extranet and went over their format briefly.
The Secretary will serve as Blue Book Coordinator, and The Chair will serve as Resolutions Coordinator.

Resolutions
Potential resolutions:
- Metrics and requirements for the Court of Review and whether it would be more appropriate for those positions to be appointed rather than elected by General Convention since the requirements are so narrow.
- Possibly to amend the Joint Rule to say that there is a minimum of one nominee per position with the goal of having two.

Dashboard
The Secretary wondered if the Chair might talk with the General Convention Office about the possibility of an RFP for a third-party vendor to create a dashboard to aggregate and present application data, to create better tools going forward.

Background checks
There was discussion of consulting with the Executive Council on guidelines for provinces. Background checks will be done by the General Convention Office; our committee just provides names.

Next meeting: Zoom - Thursday, June 18, 10 am Central

Bishop Scanlan closed with prayer at 10:44 am Central
Meeting adjourned 10:45 am Central