Joint Standing Committee on Nominations
July 16, 2020 via Zoom

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

Bishop Scanlan opened in prayer at 10 am, CDT
The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 am CDT

Nomination applications
Ms. Hogg asked about adding a nominee to the Court of Review who had already applied for something else; the new position was added to the spreadsheet.
The Chair informed the committee of having received a letter from the Dean of the General Theological Seminary, indicating that their board now has fewer open positions than is indicated in the position description.
Bishop Scanlan noted that a lot of bishops are unavailable right now. The Chair suggested only extending the deadline for the open positions, proposing a limited extension through August 1, also noting that August 1 had been the date by which the committee would submit names to the General Convention Office for background checks.

Ms. Gordon suggested giving a specific number for which order are needed still. Rev. Collins agreed with August 1, to provide the committee more flexibility.
Ms. Nishibayashi asked the result if there are not two nominees per seat; the Chair indicated that two is the committee’s responsibility, so we will need to keep searching to meet it.
The Secretary asked whether in the future it might be possible to reduce the number of nominees for bishop seats to, for example 150% of the open seats rather than double.
Ms. Pomerencck asked whether it was possible to put the search process on hold until an answer about convention, and the Chair indicated that would not likely be possible.
Members decided to extend the deadline to August 1 for only the positions needed.
Rev. Collins indicated that it may be wise in the future to re-assess the number of people needed for committees.

Next meeting: via Zoom - Thursday, 8/6, 12pm, CDT

The Secretary gave the dismissal at 10:25 CDT
Meeting adjourned 10:25 CDT