

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
DUNEDIN, FLORIDA
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE for
DELEGATE TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

Please respond to the following requests for information and questions on a separate document, answering the questions as fully as you can, **but limiting your response to no more than one page.**
Please sign this page and return it with your response sheet.

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

The Episcopal Church is a representational and democratic church; laypeople have tremendous say in the decisions and governance of the church at the local, diocesan and national level. Every Congregation in good standing is entitled to send delegates to the annual Diocesan Convention; Good Shepherd sends three people, and an alternate, in addition to the clergy.

Contact Information

- Name, Address, Phone and Email

Personal Context

- What do you consider to be your three greatest strengths or gifts?
- Please describe any education, training or expertise that would be helpful in serving as a Delegate.
- How will your experience, strengths, gifts or interests contribute to your ability to serve as a Delegate?
- Why do you want to serve as a Delegate?

Connection with the Church of the Good Shepherd:

- Why do you choose to be a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd?
- In what ways have you served as a volunteer in this parish, currently or in the past?

Service to other Organizations:

- In what ways have you served as a volunteer in other congregations, civic groups, or service or professional organizations, currently or in the past?
- Which of the above volunteer experiences have you found to be most personally fulfilling, and why?
- Which of the above volunteer experiences did you not enjoy as much, and why?

Eligibility

- A candidate for the position of Delegate to Diocesan Convention must be an elector of the congregation. An "elector" is defined by the Diocesan Canon VII as follows:
As used in these Canons, an elector is a lay communicant member of a Congregation who is sixteen (16) years of age or over, whose name is duly enrolled as such in the Register of the Congregation, who is regular in attendance at divine services, and who makes stated contributions of record to the general support of the Congregation."
- "Stated contributions of record" means that the person has contributed financially to the congregation in a manner that permitted the contribution to be tracked in our financial records.

Expectations

At the Annual Diocesan Convention, Delegates vote on the diocesan budget and elect people to serve on various committees, boards, and as deputies to The Episcopal Church General Convention. The parish pays for one night's hotel stay and two lunches for each delegate. A delegate's duties are:

- Attending Deanery Convocations, typically twice per year, in the Spring and Fall.
- Attending congregational orientations and planning sessions, usually 1 or 2 per year.
- Participating in Diocesan workshops held the Friday before the Annual Convention, and reporting back to the Good Shepherd Leadership on what was learned at the workshops.
- Attending the Annual Diocesan Convention, held in Punta Gorda, Florida, on a Saturday in mid-October, and any special conventions that are called (which is rare).

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I am submitting my name as a candidate for the position of Delegate to Diocesan Convention, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. In doing so, I am affirming that I meet all of the requirements of an elector of the Church of the Good Shepherd as set forth in Canon VII, and I give permission for my responses to this questionnaire to be distributed to the members of the congregation to assist them in forming their decisions about which candidates to elect.

Signature

Printed Name

Date