

Role of Members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop

The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop comprises 27 leaders, evenly divided among bishops, clergypersons, and laypersons. Two youth representatives are appointed by the President of the House of Deputies.

The Committee elected in 2003 met five times during the triennium. In addition to the face-to-face meetings, several members conducted on-site interviews with potential nominees. There were nine teleconferences.

Given the need for a high level of confidentiality, the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop has historically functioned somewhat independently from the Offices of the General Convention, however, the Committee's meetings and travel are arranged through the General Convention office.

There is increased work load in the third year of the Committee's deliberations because of the time required to conduct reference checks, interviews, and background investigations for potential nominees.

The executive committee of the 2003 Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop was composed of two co-chairs and a secretary: The Right Reverend Peter James Lee and Ms. Diane Pollard, and the Reverend Thomas J. Brown.