DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Term of office: 3 years; Four Deputies and Four Alternates will be elected in each Order
Total Elected: 16

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The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four ordained persons, Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese and not more than four Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese, and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.

Deputies to the General Convention, together with alternate deputies shall be elected at least twelve (12) months preceding the date that the General Convention for which they are to be seated is scheduled to convene. Such election shall occur at the Annual Convention, or at a Special Convention called for that purpose.

By concurrent vote of the clerical and lay orders, voting separately, the Convention shall elect four (4) clerical deputies and their alternates, and four lay deputies and their alternates, who shall continue in office until their successors are elected. Clerical deputies shall be Presbyters or Deacons, eligible under the Constitution of The Episcopal Church, to serve as such. Lay deputies shall be confirmed adult communicants of the Church, and registered in a congregation of this Diocese.

Position Description: Each deputy plays a critical role in the governance and management of The Episcopal Church including seat, voice, and vote in the House of Deputies. They take actions on budgetary, resolutions, and canons before the General Convention. Election the leaders of the Executive council, Church Pension Fund, Disciplinary Board for Bishops, General Theological Seminary, President and Vice President of the House of Deputies, and the Secretary and Treasurer of General Convention.

Qualities and competencies a nominee should have: They should have a commitment to church governance and polity. Nominees should have a broad, compassionate understanding of the needs of The Episcopal Church, and a strong commitment to the Church’s mission and ministry. We seek and strive for voices from the many key constituencies in the diocese. It is vital that each nominee have a history of working collaboratively with clergy and lay leaders in creating and developing a legislative agenda reflective of the Diocese of California. One of our
strengths has been our ability to function as team to accomplish these many objectives. Two critical areas of need are: 1) continued cultural diversity; and 2) a voice from the diaconate community.

**Other information:** Members of the deputation will form teams to share pending legislation and facilitate table discussions in the deaneries (i.e., Anglican Covenant). Deputies may serve on a legislative committee like Dispatch of Business; Rules of Order; Constitution; Canons; Structure; World Mission; National & International Concerns; Social & Urban Affairs; Small Congregations; Evangelism; Prayer Book, Liturgy & Church Music; Ministry; Education; Church pension Fund; Stewardship & Development; Ecumenical Relations; Communications; Privilege & Courtesy; and Program, Budget & Finance. Members can also serve on the Commissions, Committees, and Agencies & Boards (CCAB) between conventions.

**Time Expectations:** In 2014, three to four meetings (usually 2 hours each) and a joint all day gathering of the six California dioceses. During the year of GC 2015, four half-day meetings to review materials and prepare for the nine days of legislative hearings and sessions. Members are expected to participate actively in meetings and spend the time necessary to read materials distributed in advance of meetings.

Full travel stipends for deputies and 1st alternates, while remaining alternates will receive a partial stipend. General Convention will take place from June 25 to July 3, 2015 in Salt Lake City, Utah.