

Dec. 7, 2019

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Due to a low number of nominations, the delegation to General and Jurisdictional Conferences has decided to reopen the Episcopal candidate nominations process to invite additional candidates to be nominated. The delegation wants to specifically encourage the nomination of people of color and clergywomen.

One of the great privileges of the delegation is to identify possible Episcopal candidates to be endorsed by the UNY Conference to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference in July 2020. Through a process of prayer and discernment the delegation has developed a process whereby nominations may be received for potential candidates for the office of Bishop.

- All clergy and lay members of the UNY Annual Conference are invited to submit the name of any person they feel led to nominate as a candidate for the Episcopacy.
- Please state why the candidate has the gifts to become a Bishop.
- All elders in full connection who have not reached the age of 68 on or before July 1, 2020 are eligible to be nominated.
- Self-nominations will be accepted if supported by two other people willing to nominate.
- All of those being nominated must have a minimum of two nominations **(not just signatures)** to be considered.
- Nominations may be received via email **(if it is an attached PDF)** or by USPS.
- Email nominations must be received by the end of the day on **Dec. 21, 2019.**
- USPS nominations must be postmarked by **Dec. 19, 2019.**
- Carmen FS Vianese - the delegation head - has agreed to receive nominations on behalf of the delegation.

You may submit nominations to her at:

Carmen FS Vianese at = cfsv.umc@gmail.com

OR = by US postal mail to :

PO Box 156 - NUNDA, NY 14517

- Eligible individuals nominated will receive a call from the head of the delegation by the evening of Dec. 22; followed by a letter from the UNY delegation head not only indicating that they have been nominated as a potential Episcopal candidate, but also including pertinent inform for they will need for the candidacy process.
- All Episcopal candidate submissions will be reviewed and prayerfully considered by the delegation.
- If the nominated individuals desire to pursue Episcopal candidacy they will be invited to participate in the interview process with the delegation on Saturday – Feb. 1, 2020 at the Conference Center in Liverpool, NY.

Please be aware that this process may or may not lead us to the point of endorsing a candidate or candidates for the Episcopacy for this quadrennium. In the event that no names are endorsed as Episcopal candidates, please note that this does not reflect that our conference does not have people gifted for the Episcopacy. It simply means that no names emerged for us at this particular season in the life of the Church. It is the hope of the delegation that this process will be sufficient for the determination of Episcopal candidates and that the need to nominate from the floor of Annual Conference will not be necessary.

Please continue to pray for us as we move forward in this important work of identifying possible candidates for Episcopal leadership. If you have any questions concerning this process, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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