

Episcopal Election 2020 – Public Meetings

Call to Order by the Moderator – Jamie Tomlinson

Opening Prayer – The Rev. Patrick Stephens

Context for the Evening

Canon 2.02 DISCERNMENT AND THE ELECTION PROCESS

- 1. The Diocese of Ottawa hereby affirms the principle that the election of a Bishop is a process in which we individually and corporately attempt to discern God's will.*
- 2. We further affirm our belief that God's will may be discerned in the nomination of candidates for Bishop and in the election itself through prayer and reflection, through consideration of the texts of the Services of Ordination, and through the exchange of information.*
- 3. We affirm our commitment to an electoral process that is free from electioneering and partisanship that may characterize elections to political office.*

Format for the Evening

Part 1: Nominees will each answer the same question posed by the Moderator (a summarized version of parts of the six questions approved by Diocesan Council).

What are your God-given gifts and how do you see them exercised through the ministry of Bishop of Ottawa?

Part 2: Nominees will respond to questions from the audience. Audience questions will be based on the nominees' written responses to the six questions and their answers to the first question asked tonight. The Moderator will frame the invitation to the audience in this way:

After having read the written submissions, with their responses to the Six Questions, from the nominees and heard their response to our first question tonight, is there something that you feel needs clarification or further explanation? Please indicate which of the Questions put to the nominees your request for clarification relates to.

Part 3: Nominees will interact informally with audience members during a reception.