

Petition Process for the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina IX Bishop Election 2025

These rules and requirements shall govern the petition process:

- 1. No individual's Petition will be considered who participated in the process conducted by the Search Committee of the Diocese of East Carolina and who was not selected for the final slate of nominees approved by the Standing Committee.**
2. Signatures of Nominations from not fewer than five clergy of the Diocese entitled to vote.
3. Signatures of Nominations from not fewer than ten lay communicants in good standing of the Diocese.
All Members of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered Communicants in Good Standing.
- From Title I, Canon 17, Section 3 of the Canons of The Episcopal Church
4. Signers must represent no fewer than five congregations and two deaneries in the Diocese.
5. Signature of Consent of the person being nominated by petition. Please see Item 1 in STEP TWO.

For a petition form, please [click here](#).

The completed petition must include application materials required of other previously announced candidates. These instructions can be found on the following page.



How to Apply

Thank you for participating in the search for the 9th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina. Please follow the instructions below to apply:

STEP ONE: Fill out this brief [application form](#).

STEP TWO: Send an email to msinger@saots.org with the following attachments:

1. A signed [consent and authorization form](#).
2. Your curriculum vitae/resume
3. A current Office of Transitional Ministry (OTM) profile
4. An autobiographical statement (maximum of 500 words)
5. Your written response to the following three questions (maximum 250 word response per question):
 - Describe your relationship with Jesus Christ and tell us where you find abiding joy in the Gospel, as well as the basis for your passion for its proclamation.
 - Describe your approach to ministry in a divided nation and world? How do you go about respecting the dignity of every human being when the understanding of our humanity can be deeply different?
 - Why this diocese? Explain what excites you about the Diocese of East Carolina.

STEP THREE: Request letters of recommendation from three references.

1. Please provide the [following instructions](#) to your references.
2. The three reference letters must be received directly from your references.
3. Please include a member of the clergy of The Episcopal Church, a lay member of the church, and an interested person who is not your spouse, relative, or a person under your direct supervision.

All parts of the application packet must be received no later than Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Please contact msinger@saots.org with any questions.

