

A message from the Standing Committee to the People of the Diocese of Utah

In the wake of the pandemic, it seems we have all had to reorder our lives. This holds true for the Bishop Search process as well. The Nominating Committee for the Bishop Search in Utah has recommended to the Standing Committee that the timing of the search process be adjusted as a result of the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Standing Committee has carefully and prayerfully considered their recommendation and has approved a change in the Bishop Search Calendar with approximately a 9 month adjustment.

Our primary reason for making this decision was to ensure the integrity of the discernment process for possible candidates. While the Nominating Committee will be sharing a new detailed timeline for their work, the Standing Committee anticipates that the survey of the people of the diocese will begin in Spring 2021 with the Ordination of our new Bishop to be during the summer of 2022.

The Standing Committee commends the Nominating Committee for their care and concern for the importance of this work and their commitment to ultimately present a slate of candidates who represent the right qualifications to become our next Bishop and to lead us forward according to God's will for this diocese.

We ask your prayers for wisdom and stamina for Bishop Hayashi as he leads this Diocese through a difficult season and your continued prayer for the work of the Nominating Committee and Standing Committee.

Faithfully yours,

Nancy Tanner, President of Standing Committee