

## Announcement from the Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion:

It is with pleasure that we, the committee members, announce that Bishop Peter Hickman is willing to stand for re-election to the office. He has participated in the process developed by the Nominating Committee in accordance with our new Canon 68 which was enacted at our Synod in 2010.

The nominating committee group was formed in June 2011 and has been working through the creation and execution of a process which will serve for this election of a Presiding Bishop. It is a process that is in formation, and we hope will serve as a good basis for how the ECC can go about this work in future elections.

Our process began with a close examination of the canons, recognizing what is in the constitution (e.g., Canon 68 speaks to the election, Canons 1, 4, 5 and 8 speak to the role of Presiding Bishop) and what isn't. Additionally the committee was blessed with gifted individuals who willingly invested time and energy into proposing ideas and approaches to the work. The result was a survey which was distributed to the entire Communion, asking about hopes, dreams, concerns and desires of the people we serve and what they want to see in our next national episcopal leader.

The responses received were understandably diverse and very thorough. The committee worked to consolidate the information into general areas of interest and concern, and then built a set of questions from the data to be used in the interview process with the candidates whose names had been proposed to us and who were willing to go forward. The requirements involved providing the nominating committee with a short life story, a curriculum vitae and answers to more than seven pages of questions developed via the survey. Once information was received from the nominees, interviews were set up. The interviews were extensive and much was gleaned as a result. Although Canon 68 allows up to three nominees to be proposed by the committee, some candidates declined at the outset of the process, while others withdrew along the way. In the end, only +Peter remained as a willing candidate for the Office of Presiding Bishop.

Each member of the committee admittedly came into the project with preconceived ideas, most of which were debunked during our work together. And we are pleased to report that the Holy Spirit truly is still at work and effected some intense education for all of us along the way. We are grateful for those who were willing to be considered and who each spent time in prayer and discernment for what "might be" for themselves and for our Communion.

Next steps:

- A) You will find the results of the survey and the questions prepared for the candidates by the committee [here](#).
- B) We have asked Bishop Peter, as we would have of all nominees, to share his vision and why he is willing to serve another term as Presiding Bishop for the Communion.
- C) A reminder to all: within the next 90 days additional nominations from the Communion at large may still be submitted to the Nomination Committee following the rules set forth in Canon 68.3 of our Constitution for "Floor Nominations".

- D) Bishop Peter and any other candidates nominated from the floor will be invited to speak to the Communion during the opening of the 2012 Synod this year, and all delegates present will vote during our gathering.
- E) Installation or affirmation of the Presiding Bishop is expected to occur by the end of our time together.

Our thanks to the members of this committee and all who participated in the process which has led us to this point. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us as we move into the next phase of growth for our beloved Communion.

In Peace and Hope,

The Presiding Bishop Nominating Committee:

Sarah Ball, HOL Chair  
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