

Diocesan Delegate

Background: Every year (typically the last weekend in January) the Diocese of Washington holds its annual diocesan convention. The Convention serves as the legislative body of the diocese. All clergy and a proportional number of lay delegates make up the voting members of the Convention. St. Alban's currently has four delegates, each serving an elected term of three years. In addition, there is one alternate delegate. A proposed change in the bylaws (2017) would change the term to two years for delegates and one year for the alternate.

Responsibilities:

- Represent St. Alban's at all annual or specially-called Diocesan Conventions
- Advise the Vestry and the Parish of all special actions or resolutions to be acted upon at each Convention
- Seek advice from the Vestry and Parish as to positions that might be taken
- Give a report on actions taken to the Vestry and to the Parish following Convention
- Represent St. Alban's at all other regular or specially called meetings within the Diocese to which the Delegates are invited, including the annual Regional Assembly.

Time Commitment:

- Attendance at Vestry meetings as an observer to stay informed of Parish issues (delegates often take turns doing this)
- Attendance at the annual Regional Assembly meeting (usually a Saturday in the fall)
- Attendance at the Diocesan Convention (one full Saturday in January)
- Time to develop and provide a report on Convention to the Vestry and the Parish (usually scheduled for the first Vestry meeting and Adult Forum after the Convention)
- Attendance at any specially-called Diocesan meetings.

Note: The alternate also attends all meetings in order to be familiar with the issues and steps in when a full delegate is unable to complete a term.