



The EPISCOPAL DIOCESE of ATLANTA  
*Bishop Search and Transition*

NEWS

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## A time of mutual discernment for Nominating Committee and candidates

The application period has closed, and the candidates and the Nominating Committee have begun a time of mutual discernment. During the next several weeks, we ask that you continue to hold the candidates and the committee daily in your prayers.

— THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### *A Prayer for Our Candidates for the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta and Our Nominating Committee*

*O God, we lift up each candidate for 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta as well as each member of the Nominating Committee for your blessing. Open all hearts and minds to the guidance of your Holy Spirit.*

*For the candidates ...*

*Be with them in their waiting and wondering.*

*Guide them in their ongoing discernment.*

*Give them courage to seek and do your will.*

*For those on the Nominating Committee ...*

*Grant them wisdom in their discernment.*

*Calm their anxious moments with the reassurance of your presence.*

*Give them courage to seek and do your will.*

*Uphold us all by your grace and power. Give us faith  
in you and trust in one another and ourselves.*

*We pray all of this and more in the name  
of Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.*

— THE REV. DEBORAH SILVER, NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAPLAIN

#### BISHOP SEARCH AND TRANSITION TIMELINE

2011

NOV

November-December:  
Consideration of  
applications, interviews,  
reference and  
background checks

DEC

2012

JAN

January-February:  
Committee visitations  
to candidates; retreat  
with active candidates

FEB

February:  
Announcement  
of candidates

MAR

February-March:  
Petition process

APR

MAY

May: Walkabouts

JUN

June 2, 2012:  
Election of the  
Tenth Bishop of Atlanta



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