

## Scriptural Requirements for Leadership within the Church

<p><b>Timothy 3:1-13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● a bishop must be above reproach</li> <li>● married only once (not divorced)</li> <li>● temperate</li> <li>● sensible,</li> <li>● respectable</li> <li>● hospitable</li> <li>● an apt teacher</li> <li>● not a drunkard</li> <li>● not violent but gentle</li> <li>● not quarrelsome</li> <li>● not a lover of money</li> <li>● manage his household well, his children submissive and respectful in every way</li> <li>● He must not be a recent convert,</li> <li>● he must be well thought of by outsiders</li> <li>● serious</li> <li>● not double-tongued</li> <li>● not indulging in much wine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● not greedy for money</li> <li>● hold fast to the faith with a clear con-science</li> <li>● tested and proven blameless</li> <li>● not a slanderer</li> <li>● faithful in all things</li> </ul> <p><b>Titus 1:5-9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● blameless</li> <li>● children are believers, not accused of debauchery and not rebellious</li> <li>● must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain</li> <li>● hospitable, a lover of goodness, prudent, upright, devout, and self-controlled</li> <li>● have a firm grasp of the Word in accordance with the teaching</li> <li>● preach with sound doctrine and refute those who contradict it</li> </ul>
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### The Constitutions and Canons of ACNA Qualifications for Leadership:

“A Bishop is an overseer of the flock and as such is called to propagate, to teach, and to uphold and defend the faith and order of the Church willingly and as God wants him to – not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to his care, but being a wholesome example to the entire flock of Christ” (1 Peter 5:2-3). ***Title III Canon 8 Sec. 1***

Candidates are to be “baptized and confirmed, to be sufficiently instructed in Holy Scripture and in the doctrine, discipline and worship of this Church, as defined by this Province, to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and a wholesome example and pattern to the entire flock of Christ.” ***Title III Canon 2 Sec. 1***

To be a suitable candidate for the episcopate, a person must:

1. Be a person of prayer and strong faith;
2. Be pious, have good morals and exhibit Godly character;
3. Have a zeal for souls;
4. Have demonstrated evidence of the fruit of the Holy Spirit;
5. Possess the knowledge and gifts which equip him to fulfill the office;
6. Be held in good esteem by the faithful;
7. Be a male Presbyter at least 35 years old and not ever divorced;
8. Have demonstrated the ability to lead and grow the Church. ***Title III Canon 8 Sec. 3***

## Other Qualities We Seek in Our New Bishop<sup>1</sup>

- A man with wisdom and vision, enthusiasm and energy, able to create authentic community in the Diocese; a good communicator able to organize, build, and manage functional structures to implement ADGL mission and vision with people and clergy.
- The Bishop we are seeking provides inspired leadership to our people, and clergy, setting a course of strategy for the Diocese to flourish, while providing guidelines for good order.
- Sees outreach and mission as our highest priorities, building and modeling a “Great Commission” culture to successfully reach the unchurched in our region and beyond
- One who flows in the three streams (Evangelical, Sacramental, Charismatic) and fully supports the “two integrities” position held by our diocese by ordaining and supporting women in positions of leadership.
- Chief pastor of our congregations who will love the people of the Diocese like a father loves his children, will be an encourager who builds up and supports members and the clergy.
- Able to build and entrust collaborative teams to carry out directives in agreement with vision, mission, and strategic plan.
- Filled with the Holy Spirit, thankful, trustworthy, unswerving, prayerful, obedient, and humble.

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**Every day, at ONE o’clock, pray for this ONE issue, for ONE minute.**

Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, thank you for the person you have prepared to be the next bishop of the Diocese of the Great Lakes. We humbly ask for the grace of discernment as our ADGL Standing Committee and Search Committee engage in the task of shepherding our diocese through the process of discernment. “. . . So guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord.”<sup>2</sup> Amen.

*Please check the diocesan website - [adgl.us/new-bishop-search](http://adgl.us/new-bishop-search) - for additional Prayer Resources*

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**Check the ADGL website, [adgl.us/new-bishop-search](http://adgl.us/new-bishop-search) for other requirements as determined by the ACNA and the Standing Committee (Candidate’s Profile). Pray for wisdom, ask the man you wish to put forth if he is eligible and willing to have his name submitted; if he agrees, submit his name on the website or send the form below to the ADGL office. *No names will be received after July 20, 2020.***

**Mail to: Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes**

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**Copley, OH 44321**

**PLEASE PRINT:**

**Your Name and Congregation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name You Wish to Submit** \_\_\_\_\_

**Their Current Contact Info** \_\_\_\_\_

**Their Current Position** \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> See fuller description on Candidate’s Profile Document at [adgl.us/new-bishop-search](http://adgl.us/new-bishop-search)

<sup>2</sup> 2019 Book of Common Prayer, 648-49.