

Episcopal Church Polity

➤ **Mission Churches**

- Direct supervision by the bishop / Council of Trustees
- Vicar
- Bylaws
- Annual meeting
 - Election of the Advisory Board

➤ **Parishes**

- Rector and/or other clergy
 - Called by the vestry / search committee
 - With approval by the bishop
- Vestry
- Annual meeting
 - Election of new Vestry members, convention delegates

➤ **Convocations**

- A geographic collection of parishes
 - 7 in the Diocese of Central PA
- Lancaster Convocation - 10 parishes
 - Meets at least 2/yr - spring, fall

➤ **Dioceses**

- Bishop - elected via diocesan convention
- Standing Committee
- Annual Diocesan Convention
- Diocesan Constitution and Canons

➤ **Provinces**

- Geographical collection of dioceses
- Province #3: PA, VA, WV, MD, DE

➤ **National Church**

- General Convention – tri-annual
 - House of Deputies
 - House of Bishops
- Presiding Bishop
 - Primate - international representative
 - Elected by General Convention
 - 9 year term
- Book of Common Prayer; Hymnal
- National Church Constitution and Canons