

April 17, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Yesterday, at our April meeting of the Standing Committee, we received a report from the Nominating Committee stating that they had been unsuccessful in securing the requisite minimum of three(3) nominees as required by the Canons of the diocese of Northwest Texas and the charge of the Standing Committee.

In response, the Standing Committee reaffirmed its confidence in the Nominating Committee and renewed its charge to that committee.

'In practical terms, that means that the Nominating Committee will have to request additional names from the Church while hopefully retaining the names of the two Nominees who have agreed to be presented.

That process involves a number of steps. It is likely that we will be able to elect a bishop sometime in late summer or early Autumn, but it's impossible to say more than that.

This diocese faces some important challenges in the area of redefining our Mission, stabilizing our finances and reconciling our people to each other. I am confident that God will raise up the Bishop we need and empower that bishop with the clear eye of the Holy Spirit and the strong back of the Apostle to lead us where God would have us go.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Clifton A. Mann  
President of the Standing Committee.