

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY

Harriet Bryan and Jim Allen, representing the former Tennessee Conference
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The Southeastern Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy continues to be comprised of persons elected to the (postponed) 2020 Jurisdictional Conference. Notwithstanding the merger of Tennessee and Memphis into Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference, we continue to have four representatives on the SEJ COE, whose terms continue to the end of the 2020 (postponed) regular Jurisdictional Conference.

We have struggled to ascertain the best interim episcopal coverage. In the southeast, our challenge is that five bishops retired in 2020-21, but we cannot elect replacements until the next regular Jurisdictional Conference meets in 2024.

Our struggles come in part from financial challenges presented by reduced funding to and from the Episcopal Fund, which funds salaries and operating expenses for all bishops worldwide, including our own.

We give thanks for our bishops and the ways in which they have given their lives to form and bless the church.