



The Episcopal Diocese of DALLAS

May 2023

We are so pleased you have expressed an interest in the Discernment Retreat of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. This year's retreat is scheduled for August 6-8, 2023, at

Prothro Center on Lake Texoma

269 Methodist Lane

Pottsboro TX, 75076

903-786-2141

Check it out: <http://www.prothrocenter.org/>

Arrive: Sunday, August 6, 4:00 p.m.

Depart: Tuesday, August 8, 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$110.00 per person

In I Samuel, the Lord calls the boy, Samuel – he literally calls, and audibly speaks his name. But the boy does not initially grasp what is happening. But with the help of the priest, Eli, Samuel comes to discern that it is the Lord, and responds as Eli instructs him, “Speak Lord, your servant hears.”
(I Samuel 3:1-18, ESV)

So with us: the Lord calls, and we seek to discern and respond. And, as in Samuel's case, this is a collective process within the community of faith.

Are you seeking to discern whether you are called to ordained ministry, or perhaps to a more focused lay ministry in your parish?

Join members of the Commission on Ministry for a three-day retreat where you will hear presentations on how to discern, learn about our discernment process, and spend quiet time in prayer.

Anyone may come to this retreat. Attendance is not a commitment to begin formal discernment; but, it is an essential step for those who wish to enter the ordination process.

We are all called to lives of Christian service. The diocesan discernment retreat is an opportunity for greater in-depth exploration of the Lord's call in your life.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Christopher Brown
CANON TO THE ORDINARY/CANON THEOLOGIAN

Who attends this retreat?

Participants are those individuals who have already begun the discernment process and those who are beginning to discern a call for lay or ordained orders in the Diocese of Dallas. The Bishop of Dallas, members of the Diocesan Staff, and the Commission on Ministry will be present at the event as well.

Registrants Overnight Accommodations

Registrants will be placed two to a room with another registrant or a member of the Commission on Ministry of the same gender, except in the case of married registrants; couples will be assigned together. Single rooms can be requested, with payment of a supplemental fee of \$30.00.

Can my family attend?

Your spouse is encouraged to attend. Children are not encouraged to attend as the retreat content requires prayerfulness and attentiveness and there are no arrangements for childcare.

Can I come to only part of the retreat?

You must be present for the whole time. The talks and reflections build on each other, so it's important to get in at the beginning and stay throughout.

What if I miss this one?

Attendance is strongly encouraged. Rarely do we allow someone to begin formal discernment without attending a discernment retreat. Please let us know as soon as possible if attendance on these dates is absolutely impossible.

What is the cost?

Your cost for the three-day retreat, including overnight accommodations for two nights, is \$110.00 per person, which also includes:

Thursday: Dinner and Hospitality
Friday: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Hospitality
Saturday: Breakfast and Lunch

Are scholarships available?

Because the diocese subsidizes this event, there is no additional financial assistance offered. If you need assistance, we recommend you contact your sponsoring congregation or contact Canon Christopher Brown at cbrown@edod.org with questions about fees.

When does the first event start?

Please try to arrive to the retreat center and register between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. We start with orientation at 5:00 p.m. If you will be later than 5:00 p.m., please let us know.

What should I wear and bring?

Dress casually. Shorts and tennis shoes are the norm. Also bring your Bible and Book of Common Prayer and a journal. Other necessities are a flashlight with working batteries, insect repellent, and sun block. Bed linens, pillow, and bath towels are provided. Please do not bring expensive or valuable equipment as Prothro Center assumes no responsibility for their safe keeping.



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Registration for the Discernment Retreat – August 6-8, 2023

Sponsored by the COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Fill out the below registration information and turn in this form before
Friday, July 28, 2023

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

Your spouse is invited and encouraged to attend this important event.

WILL YOUR SPOUSE ATTEND? ☐ YES ☐ NO

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

CELL: _____ HOME: _____

CHURCH: _____

RECTOR: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND NUMBER: _____

ANY DIETARY/PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS? _____

Cost is \$110.00 per person. Make checks payable to Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. Write "Discernment Retreat" on the memo line. We do not accept credit cards.

Mail this form, along with payment, to:

Amy Maceo

Discernment Retreat

12012 Brookmeadow Lane

Dallas, TX 75218

Please contact Amy Maceo at the Diocesan Offices if you have any questions:

amaceo@edod.org or cell: 469-951-7048.

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BASIC AGENDA – SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Sunday, August 6

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Arrivals and Check-in to guestrooms/Registration
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Opening and Welcome
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner

Monday, August 7

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am – 6:00 pm	Program
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Evening Program

Wednesday, August 8

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am -12:00 pm	Program
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Departure