

**July 10, 2010**

**Goals:**

The Commission on Ministry exists to serve the Bishop's ministry and, among other duties, to help the Bishop raise up those with a Godly call to ordained and licensed lay ministry, so that the Church, full of the Holy Spirit, can "empower the saints for the work of ministry." (Ephesians 4:12)

**Sub-tasks:**

The Commission shall advise and assist the Bishop:

- In the implementation of Title III of The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.
- In the determination of present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized persons.
- In the design and oversight of the ongoing process for recruitment, discernment, formation for ministry, and assessment of readiness therefor.

The Bishop and Commission shall ensure that the members of the Commission and its committees receive ongoing education and training for their work. The Bishop and Commission shall require and provide for the continuing education of clergy and keep a record of such education.

**Contact People:** (Chair of the Commission on Ministry)

**Responsible For:** (Chair)

- Convening meetings of the Commission on Ministry
- Serving as a liaison of the Commission to the Ordinary
- Other duties as the Ordinary and Chair deem necessary for the ministry and productive functioning of the Commission

**Responsible To:** (Chair)

The Diocesan Ordinary  
the Standing Committee (in the absence of the Ordinary)  
the Commission on Ministry

**Work With:** (primarily)

- The Diocesan Ordinary
- Canon to the Ordinary
- Standing Committee
- Diocesan Staff
- Aspirants
- Postulants
- Candidates
- Ordinands

**Work With:** (secondarily)

- Diocesan Health Team
- Diocesan Discernment Committee
- Sponsoring parish clergy
- Educating bodies (seminary or local formation)
- Board of Examining Chaplains

**Spiritual Gifts:**

- Prayer
- Prophecy
- Discernment
- Counseling
- Wisdom
- Teaching

**Abilities/Interests:** The Commission on Ministry hopes to work with a compassionate heart and a tenderly firm hand to help guide aspirants through a discernment process such that, regardless of outcome, one will feel held in love, and affirmed as a brother or sister in Christ who is being called into some form of deeper service for the Lord.

**Time Commitment:**

- (2) Conference Call Meetings: 90 mins. Mar and Sep
- (2) Aspirant's Retreats: @ 4:00 p.m. Friday through @ 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Apr and Oct
- (2) Face to Face Meetings: 90 mins. May and Nov

Other meetings as exigent circumstances may arise  
Responsive to e-mail as circumstances necessitate

**Length of Assignment:** 1 year (may be appointed longer, at the discretion of The Ordinary and Diocesan Convention)

**Training:** The Bishop and Commission shall ensure that the members of the Commission and its committees receive ongoing education and training for their work; spiritual gifts assessment

**Additional Agreements:** Other meetings as exigent circumstances may arise, responsive to e-mail as circumstances necessitate