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7.3 Commission on Ministry. The Commission on Ministry shall be composed of six clergy, at least four of whom shall be presbyters, and six lay members nominated by the Bishop and confirmed by Convention for three year terms.

(a) Powers The Commission shall have the powers prescribed in the Canons of The Episcopal Church, together with such additional powers, duties and responsibilities, not inconsistent with the Canons of The Episcopal Church, as the Bishop may from time to time specify.

(b) Procedures. Under the guidance and oversight of the Bishop, the Commission shall have primary responsibility for the selection, examination, interviewing and evaluation of all applicants for holy orders, as prescribed by the Canons of The Episcopal Church. The Commission may act through committees in the conduct of any or all such duties.
(c) Commission Reports. The Commission shall make a separate written report to the Bishop with respect to each applicant setting forth the results of all interviews and evaluations conducted by or for it. The Bishop shall transmit appropriate reports to the Standing Committee, which shall in no case recommend a postulant for admission as an applicant for holy orders or recommend an applicant for ordination until the report of the Commission has been considered by the Committee.

(d) Other Appointments. With the advice and consent of the Bishop, the Commission may designate other persons, both clerical and lay, to assist and act with any committee of the Commission.

(e) Annual Report. The Commission shall make an annual report concerning its work to the Diocesan Convention.