

## REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

2020 - 2021

The Commission on Ministry serves as an advisor to the Bishop for those preparing for ministry both lay and ordained. In accordance with Title III, Canon 2.2 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, the Commissions on Ministry (COM) is governed by the following principle: *The Commission shall advise and assist the Bishop in the implementation of Title III of these Canons, in the determination of present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized persons, and in the design and oversight of the ongoing process for recruitment, discernment, formation for ministry, and assessment of readiness therefor.*

The 2020-21 Commission on Ministry is composed of the Rev. Linda Griggs, the Rev. Sandra Haines-Murdocco, the Rev. Jonathan Huyck, the Rev. James Kelliher, the Rev. Timothy Rich, the Rev. Craig Swan, Ms. Murry Edwards, Canon Betsy Fornal, Dr. Patricia Morokoff, Mr. Ken Stomberg and Dr. Grant Willis, who serve staggered three-year terms. The Rev. Mark Sutherland and Ms. Betsey Rice resigned since our last convention, and we thank them for their service. The Rev. Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew serves as staff for the COM.

In between Convention 2020 and Convention 2021, the Commission recommended to the Bishop the ordination of the Rev. Hartwell Hylton to the priesthood. He was ordained priest on June 12, 2021 and continues to serve at Grace Church in Providence.

Currently, the following are postulants for Holy Orders:

For the Diaconate: Nancy Arnold, Andrea Hutnak

For the Priesthood: John Candon, J. Drake Douglas, Jae Rice

Part of the work of the Commission is to assist the Bishop by encouraging those who seek to discern God's call to them and by helping to identify appropriate programs for formation. The Diocese has joined new on-line programs of study through Bexley-Seabury Seminary to assist people in discerning their call and another which will prepare people to be licensed Lay Preachers. There are currently seven people engaged in the on-line preparation program for Lay Preachers. In addition, four people took the course "Becoming Beloved Community" anti-racism training on behalf of the Center for Reconciliation.

Respectfully submitted,

Canon Betsy Fornal  
Chair, Commission on Ministry