

REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

2021 - 2022

The Commission on Ministry serves in an advisory capacity to the Bishop regarding those preparing for ministry, both lay and ordained. In accordance with Title III, Canon 2.2 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, the Commission 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 therefore.*

The 2021-22 Commission on Ministry is composed of the Rev. Linda Griggs, the Rev. Jonathan Huyck, the Rev. Timothy Rich, the Rev. Craig Swan, the Rev. Joan Testin, Ms. Murry Edwards, Canon Betsy Fornal, Dr. Patricia Morokoff, Mr. Ken Stomberg, and Dr. Grant Willis, who serve staggered three-year terms. The Rev. Canon Dr. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew serves as staff for the COM.

In between Convention 2021 and Convention 2022, the Commission recommended to the Bishop that he:

- Receive the orders of Eddy Estuardo Lopez-Balaños to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church;
- Forward to the Standing Committee the COM's recommendation that Andrea Hutnak be admitted as a Candidate;
- Admit Virginia Buckles as a Postulant.

Currently, the following people are in the process for Holy Orders:

For the Diaconate: Andrea Hutnak - Candidate

For the Priesthood: Postulants - Virginia Buckles, 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. Through on-line training programs offered by Bexley-Seabury Seminary, the Diocese continues to support those who desire assistance in discerning their call as well as those preparing to become Licensed Lay Preachers.

Respectfully submitted,

Canon Betsy Fornal
Chair, Commission on Ministry