



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MAINE
Strengthening Communities of Faith for God's Mission

GUIDELINES

Any confirmed adult communicant in good standing (Canon I.17.3 of The Episcopal Church) who meets the criteria in the Diocese of Maine's application packet, and has been nominated by a Vestry or Bishop's Committee, is invited to apply for an interview with the Commission on Ministry (COM).

1. If you are a Priest in Charge or Sr. Warden in charge of a congregation, and you expect to endorse an application for interview day (postulancy for Holy Orders), please notify Canon Barbara Martin as soon as possible. Notification of intent to interview is not a binding commitment.
2. Everyone applying for Postulancy must have completed the Diocese of Maine's discernment process which includes an appointment with the Bishop. If you have any questions or concerns about the discernment portion of the process, please be in touch with the Ven. Aaron Perkins. Appointments with Bishop Brown can be made by contacting Canon Barbara Martin
3. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. Once a completed application for Interview Day (Postulancy) is accepted, the Bishop will prayerfully review it and notify applicants and the Rev. Kit Wang, chair of the COM, of his decision.
5. We are often asked about how much information to include in an application. We would much prefer to have too much information than too little. Please be in touch with Barbara if there are any questions at all about what to include in your application, or if you have questions about confidential matters.
6. Please follow the instructions for submitting your application carefully: copies of your application will be made available to the COM electronically.

7. The life of prayer is the well-spring of all ministries, lay and ordained: the sacred companionship of a spiritual director is important in discernment. We hope that each person discerning a call to ordained ministry has, or will have, a spiritual director or companion.
8. We recognize that this is a complex process. Much "folk wisdom" is offered by people who want to be helpful; but not all folk wisdom is accurate. Questions are welcome ~ check out concerns with Barbara Martin.
9. Major life transitions tend to overwhelm the discernment and application processes, so if you are experiencing a major life transition (pending marriage, recent divorce/remarriage, change in employment, recent bereavement, health concerns) around this time, please defer your application to a future date.
10. Until you take part in an Interview Day, you are under the pastoral care of your sponsoring clergy and congregation. Your relationship with the COM begins with the Interview Day. No one is "in the ordination process" until being named a Postulant by the Bishop.

QUICK LINKS

Canon Barbara Martin	bmartin@episcopalmaine.org
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The Rev. Kit Wang, COM chair	kiturgy@yahoo.com

The Episcopal Diocese of Maine www.episcopalmaine.org

Application Packet

https://episcopalmaine.org/images/diocese/documents/2020/Postulancy_Application_July_2020_.pdf

Discernment Resources <https://episcopalmaine.org/ministries/discernment>