

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY INTERVIEW TOPICS & QUESTIONS

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- The “Jesus” question
- Relationship with the Triune God
- Financial circumstances
- Effects of ministry on immediate family relationships

INTRODUCTORY

- Tell your story about what brings you here
- Tell us about your call to ministry
- Describe turning points and crisis point(s) in your call
- Describe ways in which your call has been tested
- What has your discernment process been like thus far (with whom, how, etc.)
- How does your call to ministry affect the efforts to keep some balance in your life – family, professional responsibilities, your job, self-care, etc.
- Talk about your understanding of priest as an itinerant worker – changing locations and positions

POSTULANCY

- Talk about the sacramental nature of your call. Include your understanding of the roles of priest and deacon
- Tell us about your spiritual journey and what issues you might struggle with
- Describe how the canons guide your study and your understanding of the diaconate, the priesthood, and the Episcopal Church
- If you have come from another faith tradition, how do you envision study in Episcopal liturgy and dogma?
- Describe what spiritual growth and development has occurred in your journey to ministry
- Comment on how God works in our lives and in our world, and describe how God engineers the change we witness
- Speak to us about the spiritual and theological practices that you may have incorporated into your day
- Talk about your prayer practices
- Tell us about the role your spiritual director plays in your life
- Describe your understanding of the Episcopal Church now and the Episcopal Church in the future

- How do you imagine life as a priest or as a deacon?
- Who do you minister to now as one studying to be ordained?
- If you take off “the collar”, then who do you become and how do you live your ministry?
- At this point in your journey to ordained ministry, describe the response made by family to your call
- Talk about your engagement with Holy Scripture
- What do you do when God disappears in the course of your seminary studies?
- What is your favorite book in the Bible?
- Who in the Hebrew Bible or New Testament would you most like to dine with and why?

CANDIDACY

- What do you see yourself doing in the Church?
- What do you think you still need from the process (academic training, spiritual development, growing edges, personal needs)?
- Who have you come to admire in seminary?
- How do you see the work of a parish priest – as forming others to lead, as CEO, as building fellowship, as making disciples, as forming ministry?
- How do you relate to evangelism and its role in communities of faith?

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