

Annual Report of the Commission on Ministry October 2024 – September 2025

The Commission on Ministry serves to provide advice and counsel to the Bishop on all matters pertaining to the ordination process. The Commission also assists the Bishop in the formation of those members of our diocese who are called to both lay and ordained ministries. The Bishop is the President of the Commission. Present membership includes five priests, one deacon, and six lay persons, with the Archdeacon of Deacons (deacon) as an ex-officio member. . Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. The Vice Presidents of the Commission (The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson and Dr. Mary Beth Williams) meet with the Bishop on a regular basis. We are very grateful for the service of William Lord who has faithfully served in the role of COM Secretary for many years. Members of the Commission serve as “companions” for Postulants, Candidates, and Ordinands as they make their way through the ordination process.

This past year we have explored two new areas:

1. The exploration of funding curacy positions in our diocese so that we could provide continued formation for recent seminary graduates who could then return to serve in our diocese. This work resulted in a request to the Finance Commission for the 2026 Budget for funds to support this program of growth and development of those who have moved through our ordination process.
2. We have centered much of our attention on the Reunification Process and preparing for COM 2026, working with the Bishops, Ordination Working Group Co-Chairs and the Vice Presidents of the COM CPA.

This year the Commission held a total of 14 interviews.

The following actions were taken by the Bishop since the 2024 Annual Convention:

Ordained to the Priesthood:	Kathy Hettinga Lo Selles Ryan Tobin
Ordained to the (Transitional)Diaconate:	Joseph Pritchett Ivan Ruiz Swartz
Ordained to the (Vocational) Diaconate:	Clifford Brooks
Accepted as Candidates this year:	Emma DiPace
Accepted as Postulants this year:	High Garst A.J. Robbins Ramon Segers
Postulants previous accepted:	Katarina Holmgren

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson & Dr. Mary Beth Williams
Vice Presidents of the Commission on Ministry