

Commission on Ministry Report 2022

Submitted by the Rev. Krista Dias, Chair

The past year has been a busy and Spirit filled one for the Commission on Ministry. Much of it was focused on finding ways to deepen relationships with postulants and candidates for holy orders from our diocese and find new ways to support those discerning holy orders. An online cohort for those in formation to become priests was developed in fall of 2021. They met once a month on zoom to check-in, read scripture and pray together. Another similar cohort for those becoming deacons was established in the spring of 2022. All who have participated say that it has helped deepen their prayer time and build collegial community. In addition to developing these cohorts, the Commission on Ministry has been working with Bishop Kym and the Bishop's staff on examining our process for discerning Holy Orders and the formation program for future deacons. We hope that this reflection and work will come to fruition within the next year and benefit many future leaders in the Episcopal Church in Colorado.

The following members of the Commission on Ministry will be ending their terms this year. We thank them for their faith filled service on Commission on Ministry.

The Rev. Linda Brown (Deacon)
The Rev. Reagan Humber (Priest)
The Rev. Katie Pearson (Priest)

The Commission on Ministry welcomes the following new members to be appointed by Bishop Kym at the 2022 Diocesan Convention

Susan Garsoe (Lay, Chapel of Our Saviour Colorado Springs)
Jesse Brown (Lay, Cathedral Ridge)
The Rev. Doug Bleyle (Priest, St. Barnabas of the Valley, Cortez)

The Rev. Krista Dias (Priest, St. Luke's, Fort Collins) will be appointed Chair of the Commission on Ministry for another term.

Board of Examining Chaplains Report 2022

As a subcommittee of the Commission on Ministry (COM), the Board of Examining Chaplains (BOEC) was entirely reconstituted and restructured in 2021, with a refined remit delineated by the COM in consultation with the Office of the Bishop.

In its new iteration, the BOEC has a twofold charge:

- 1) for *diaconal* candidates, overseeing theological education and formation outlined in the canons (III.6.5) via the modules currently employed by the Diocese of Colorado (until a new education and formation program in development by the Office of the Bishop is ready);
- 2) for *presbyteral* candidates, certifying academic competency as delineated in the canons (III.8.5), primarily by assessing the General Ordination Examination (GOE) along with the General Board of Examining Chaplains (GBEC).

Two readers in each canonical area were appointed by the Bishop following the October 2021 convention, with members now serving a renewable four-year term. Those new appointees are as follows:

- (1) *Scripture*: The Rev. Dr. Wayne Ewing and The Rev. Cathy Hitch
- (2) *History*: The Rev. Dr. Gary Brower and The Rev. Anne Downs Richter
- (3) *Theology*: The Rev. Dr. Lyndon Shakespeare and The Rev. Dr JK Melton
- (4) *Ethics*: Catharyn Baird and Linda Neuman
- (5) *Worship*: The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Nelson
- (6) *Practice of Ministry*: The Rev. Dr. Mike Fay and The Rev. Jan Oller
- (7) *Diakonia*: The Rev. Nancey Johson Bookstein and The Rev. Nadine Pope

Sincere thanks are also due to outgoing members, who have served the BOEC faithfully and well: The Rev. Jennifer Shadle, Dr. Cyndy McRae, The Rev. Rich Paul.

The BOEC chair, The Rev. Joseph Wolyniak, will be stepping down after completing his term. A new appointee is pending.