

Report of the Board of Examining Chaplains to the 138th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado—October 9-11, 2025.

The Board of Examining Chaplains works with the Office of the Bishop, the Commission on Ministry, and those in the ordination process to help ensure that those aspiring to the priesthood are prepared academically for their future role. This can include assistance in choosing seminaries, helping make up any deficiencies identified in the General Ordination Exams, and working with those who are coming into the Episcopal Church from another tradition (or non-Episcopal seminary) fill in any gaps in their academic training. _

Current members:

Catharyn Baird (St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Aurora)
Dr. Michael Boney (St. John's Cathedral)
The Rev. Gary Brower—Chair (Good Shepherd, Centennial)
The Rev. Mike Fay (Retired, Sangre de Cristo region)
Cathy Hitch (Golden)
The Rev. Austin Leininger (Christ the King, Arvada)
The Rev. J.K. Melton (Retired, extra-diocesan)
The Rev. Janet Oller (Retired, St. Aidan's, Boulder)
The Rev. Anne Richter (Retired, St. John's, Boulder)

Report:

Over the last several years, the work of the BOEC has changed significantly. While the Chair serves in an advisory role with the Bishop's Advisory Council on Ordained Ministry, during the last year, there has been little for the rest of the Board to do, as most of those candidates who took the General Ordination Exam were deemed by the General Board of Examining Chaplains to proficient in every canonical area. The Chair has also worked with the Rev. Krista Dias (Chair of the Commission on Ministry) and Bp. Lucas to help some candidates (who have come from other traditions) fill some gaps in their Episcopal Church formation.

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