

Report of the Commission on Ministry to the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado – 2025

The commission On Ministry (COM) works with the Bishop to support and develop lay and ordained ministers of the church in Colorado. In particular, we help to oversee the ordination process with Bishop Kym.

Our members include the following people:

Chair - The Rev. Krista Dias – Priest, St. Luke's Fort Collins

The Rev. Doug Byle - Priest, St. John Chrysostom and St. Joseph Partnership– Class of 2025

Jesse Brown – Lay, St. Michael's Colorado Springs – Class of 2025

Susan Garsoe – Lay, Chapel of Our Saviour Colorado Springs -Class of 2025

Daniel Klawitter – Lay, St. Thomas - Class of 2026

The Rev. Janice Pearson, Deacon – St. Ambrose Boulder - Class of 2026

The Rev. Gary Darress – Deacon, Good Shepherd Centennial – Class of 2027

New to the Commission On Ministry this fall:

The Rev. Hailey McKeefry Delmas, Deacon, St. Stephen's Aurora – Class of 2028

The Rev. Doug Bleyle and Susan Garsoe will remain on Commission On Ministry for another three year term. They will now be Class of 2028.

About the Commission On Ministry:

The Commission on Ministry (COM) works to support the formation of future ordained leaders in several ways. We offer monthly zoom gatherings for all postulants and candidates for holy orders. These gatherings are a time to check-in, pray and be in community. In addition, the Commission on Ministry has created and implemented a new curriculum for those being formed for the diaconate. Similarly, the COM creates individual formation plans and curriculum for postulants and candidates for the priesthood who already have a Masters in Divinity degree. In the next year we seek to continue supporting those who are in formation for ordained ministry and develop ways we may further support lay ministry. We also seek to educate people across the diocese about the ministry of deacons and help to promote the diaconate.