

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NOMINATION FOR POSTULANCY – PRIESTHOOD**

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**Important Information for Vestries/Bishop's Committees:**

Those seekers who have completed a discernment process including a clearness committee and a regional discernment committee may be commended to the vestry/bishop's committee for nomination. The vestry should interview the person and evaluate the potential nominee according to six criteria: Integrity, Self-discipline, Commitment, Maturity, Focus on the other, Articulation, **Prudence, Leadership, and** Intelligence. Nomination sets a high standard for vestries: the person so endorsed must be someone the vestry/bishop's committee has confidence in, will continue to engage as formation evolves, and will support spiritually and financially.

The vestry/bishop's committee is required to send in a certificate of support at each stage of the process – for nomination as a postulant, as a candidate, for ordination to the diaconate, and for ordination to the priesthood. The enrollment fee for nomination is \$1,500 and it will be shared: \$500 from the vestry/bishop's committee, \$500 from the candidate, and \$500 from the diocese. This fee pays for the required psychological/vocational testing, which is extensive, and for the Oxford document background check.

For Postulants to the Priesthood, congregations should consider how to help with significant seminary or other formation costs, perhaps by taking up a special collection or organizing a fundraiser.

Thank you for supporting the development of ordained leaders for the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire!

*Please send the nomination form (attached) and \$500 enrollment fee to the attention of Canon Tina Pickering at the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire.*

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To the Bishop of New Hampshire:

We, whose names appear below, believe, based on personal knowledge or on evidence satisfactory to us, that

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*Print name clearly*

is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of this congregation and we hereby nominate N. for postulancy to the Priesthood.

We declare that, in our opinion, this person evidences gifts and fitness for admission as a postulant. We will be faithful in providing prayer, opportunities for ministry and financial support during the formation of this postulant.

Signature of members of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee: *(two-thirds majority must sign)*


**Attestation**

I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee of *(name of congregation and location)* \_\_\_\_\_ duly convened at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_, and that the names attached are those of all *(or a 2/3rds majority of all)* of the members of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ *(Clerk of the Vestry/Committee)*

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ *(Member of the Clergy)*

**Please see the attached document, "Important Information for Vestries."**