

Report of the Commission on Ministry

Dear Bishop Rickel and the Clergy & Delegates of the 108th Convention of the Diocese of Olympia,

The work of your Commission on Ministry this past year has included revising the Application for Postulancy to improve its clarity and focus; adopting a customary for sharing information with rectors, vestry members, and nominees as Discernment teams are launched as well as increasing clarity regarding our role as liaisons with postulants. We have instituted more comprehensive work with Rectors, Vicars, and Aspirants as they enter Phase 2 of the Discernment process. It is our hope that this will facilitate the work of the Discernment Committees. The Bishop has instituted a new step in this Phase 2 process in which he selects one or two members to sit on the discernment team, this new addition brings the Diocese into the process at an earlier stage.

Commission members include the Chair, The Very Rev. Steven L. Thomason; Ms. Diana Bender; The Rev. Bonnie Campbell; The Rev. Doyt Conn; The Rev. Karen Haig; The Rev. Eric Johnson; Ms. Mary Lyons; The Rev. Becky Scott; The Rev. Craig Vocelka, liaison to the Examining Chaplains; Ms. Deede Woods, liaison from the Standing Committee. Ex Officio members include Ms. April Caballero; The Ven. Gen Grewell; The Rt. Rev. Gregory H. Rickel; The Rev. Cn. Marda Steedman Sanborn.



Pat Grodt and Bill Thaete were ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at the 107th Convention of the Diocese of Olympia, in Vancouver, WA.

Brian Gregory was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on February 15, 2018 at Good Samaritan, Sammamish. Brian Lennstrom was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on June 19, 2018 at Christ Church, Anacortes.

We have been blessed to walk with the following individuals who are still in the process for ordination:

Postulants (Diaconate): David Bishop, St. Luke, Tacoma; Alan Christensen, Christ Church, Seattle.

Postulants (Priesthood): Liberato Arellano, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Renton; James Ayuen, St. John Sudanese, Tukwila; Mary Bol, St. John Sudanese, Tukwila; Shane Carlson, St. Antony of Egypt, Silverdale; Stephen Crippen, St. Paul, Seattle; Arlen Farley, St. Luke ~ San Lucas, Vancouver; Tula Habb, Holy Family of Jesus, Tacoma; Chuck Huff, St. Hugh, Allyn; Natalie Johnson, Christ Church, Seattle; Malcolm McLaurin, Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle; Baudeline Paz, Resurrección, Mt. Vernon.

Candidates (Diaconate): Emily Austin, Redeemer, Kenmore; Missy Couch, St. Margaret, Bellevue; Linda Potter, Good Shepherd, Federal Way; Liz Van Dyke, St. Philip, Marysville; Barb Weza, St. David of Wales, Shelton.

Candidates (Priesthood): Jonathan Hanneman, St. Dunstan, Shoreline; Christopher McPeak, Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle.

Faithfully,

Marda Steedman Sanborn

on behalf of The Commission on Ministry