

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOMINATION FOR POSTULANCY – VOCATIONAL DIACONATE**

To the Bishop of New Hampshire:

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

Print name clearly

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

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.

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

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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 important information on the reverse of this page)

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 for the Vocational Diaconate, enrollment in the Province I School for Vestries is required. Tuition is \$2,000 for two years. Vestries/bishop's committees and postulants are each asked to contribute \$650 per year, each of the two years. The diocese underwrites the final one third for each year. All payments should be sent to the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire. Fees can be waived if the postulant or the church can demonstrate need.

Thank you for supporting the development of diaconal leadership for the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire!

Please send the Nomination for Postulancy and \$500 enrollment fee to the attention of Canon Tina Pickering at the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire.

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

- ☐ Nomination of Vestry and Clergy
- ☐ Acceptance of Nomination
- ☐ Information sheet
- ☐ Spiritual Autobiographical essay
- ☐ Ministry Vision essay
- ☐ Resume/CV
- ☐ Signed authorization and release
- ☐ Letters of recommendation (3)
- ☐ Evidence of baptism
- ☐ Evidence of confirmation
- ☐ Undergraduate or postgraduate transcripts
- ☐ Other: _____

Information Sheet

Full Formal Name (First/Middle/Last): _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____ Birthplace: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Place of Baptism: _____

Confirmation Date: _____ Place of Confirmation: _____

Confirming Bishop: _____

Sponsoring Congregation: _____

I have been a communicant in good standing there since: _____

Name of Sponsoring Priest: _____

Former parish/worshipping community/religious affiliation:

Have you previously applied for Postulancy in this or any other diocese? YES or NO

If yes, give DATE and DIOCESE: _____

If postulancy was denied, please explain reasons given:

Current Marital/Partner Status *(please check):*

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Partnered
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Other (please explain)

Marriage date: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Marital Partner History:

Widow(ed)

How long were you married? _____ Date of death: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Divorce(s): Please indicate all previous marriages – name of spouse, date of divorce:

Children:

Names:

Birthdates:

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Current living situation:

Are there any special or unique circumstances in your living arrangements? (additional care giving duties, multigenerational, working farm, multilingual, etc.)

Education History: (please attach a transcript from most recent degree)

| School and Location | Major | Graduation Date |
|---------------------|-------|-----------------|
| High School | | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| College | | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Graduate School | | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Seminary | | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Additional Training | | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Employment:

Current Employer: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Position/Title: _____

How many years employed there?: _____

Please attach a resume/CV with full employment history.

Letters of Recommendation:

Please ask your references to send their recommendations directly to the Bishop's Office for inclusion in your application. The letters should be from varied sources, and should not be from your Rector, senior warden or vestry members. Please send them to the attention of Canon Tina Pickering – email is fine – tpickering@nhepiscopal.org

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____ Relationship: _____

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Church and Community Involvement:

List principal church activities (current or recent past):

List community service, volunteers, or political work (current or recent past):

List hobbies/other interests/skills:

Ministry Vision Essay:

In a brief essay (on separate paper), articulate your vision of your future ministry as you discern it to be at this moment. Please answer the following questions within this essay:

- What is the role of a Deacon? To what aspects of the role of the Deacon do you feel particularly called? What is your vision for your ministry?
- How does your family view your ministry? How will they support you? How will you support them during your education and ministry? How will you care for yourself?
- What are two contemporary issues and how can the church address them?