

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

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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 reverse side for important information**

## **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 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
- ☐ Financial Statement
- ☐ 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:

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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:

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**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:

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**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:**

School and Location	Major	Graduation Date
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High School		
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College		
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Graduate School		
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Seminary		
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Additional Training		
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**Employment:**

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years employed there?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit 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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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

### **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:

Are you willing/able to relocate for your theological education? Please explain

Are you willing to serve the Church outside of the Diocese of NH? Please explain

### **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 type of ministry do you contemplate? (Parochial, specialized, full-time, part-time)
- What are your plans for theological education?
- How does your family view your spiritual aspirations? How will they support you? How will you support them during your education and ministry?
- What is the role of a Priest?
- What are two contemporary issues and how can the church address them?



## **Financial Statement:**

If information requested is not applicable, enter N/A but leave nothing blank.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of incomes in family: \_\_\_\_\_

### **I. CURRENT INCOME & ASSETS**

#### **A. Current Income**

1. Your Salary	\$ _____
Benefits	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____
2. Spouse/Partner salary	\$ _____
Benefits	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____
3. Other Family salaries	\$ _____
Benefits	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____
4. Total amount contributed to your present household income from other sources	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

#### **B. Current Assets**

1. Market value of real estate	\$ _____
2. Market value of auto(s)	\$ _____
3. Cash value of life insurance	\$ _____
4. Market value of stocks/bonds	\$ _____
5. Value of trust fund	\$ _____
6. Value of savings account(s)	\$ _____
7. Other assets [e.g. investments, retirement accounts, rental property, etc.; please specify source(s) on reverse side]	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

### **II. CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS & EXPENSES**

#### **A. Indebtedness**

1. Balance on mortgages \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Balance on car loan(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Balance on educational loan(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
4. Credit card(s) balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_
5. Other (please specify) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Expenses**

1. Average monthly household expenses  
X 12 months \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1a. Total number of dependents \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1b. Total number of incomes in family \_\_\_\_\_
2. Other major expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(tuition, taxes, etc. - please specify)

**TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS & EXPENSES** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**III. FUTURE PLANNING**

**A. Costs of a Theological Education**

1. How much do you expect it will cost (tuition, room & board, travel, moving, other expenses, etc.; per year) for you to acquire three years of theological training?  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. How much of your current income will you not have while you are in seminary?  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. What financial resources are available to help you pay for your education and living expenses while you are in seminary? (Please list and provide estimated total dollar amounts of assistance or salary expectations.)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you expect to apply for scholarship or other assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, where and what amounts do you anticipate receiving?  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. How will you pay for your education and living expenses while you are in school?

\$\_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you expect to incur debt? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how much?

\$\_\_\_\_\_

7. Over what period of time do you expect to repay that debt? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What do you expect the monthly payments to be? \$\_\_\_\_\_

9. After ordination, how will you be able to make those payments, as well as meet other expenses? *(please explain)*

#### B. Life after Ordination

1. When you are ordained, what are your expectations for annual financial support? (Please specify whether from Church, secular work or both)

	Priestly Salary	Secular Salary(s)
After Graduation:	\$_____	\$_____
Three years after ordination:	\$_____	\$_____
Ten years after ordination:	\$_____	\$_____

2. What work other than priestly work will you be doing to earn your income given that most clergy are now, by necessity, bi-vocational due to many priestly jobs being part-time in nature? Please attach a resume indicating your work history in the secular work you will rely on for the balance of income were you to be employed by the church on a part-time basis.

4. What is your Rule of Life around money in your life/family?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_