



(Template to use for the Final Report)

Final Report to the Bishop from the Regional Discernment Committee for [name of seeker] will be used for his assessment about the Seeker's call to ministry.

Date

1. Name, contact information, and home church of seeker
2. Names, honorifics, contact information, and home church of members of the Regional Discernment Committee {sufficient to establish that at least one member is clergy person and another is member of the seeker's home church}
3. Name of the RDC member serving as administrator/convener of the group.
4. Description of the activity of the RDC, including private meetings of the group and narratives of all activities in which the seeker participated, with particular attention to the role of the seeker in planning and execution of the activities.
5. The comments of RDC members on the extent to which the seeker exemplifies characteristics listed in this document. Illustrative detail is welcome; you're encouraged to articulate the differing viewpoints of each member of the RDC. Please feel free to use the following examples of characteristics or choose others that are descriptive of the seeker's gifts. Note strengths, weakness, growing edges and areas for further formation as related to the seeker's sense of call.

### **Integrity**

Exemplifies a well-integrated life, with inner being and outward conduct in balance, each reflecting the other; demonstrating self-awareness and self-acceptance, an ability to share selectively with others, a strong sense of self, and quiet at the center.

### **Self-discipline**

Maintains composure; follows a personal rule; models an orderly life and demonstrates good stewardship of resources; makes promises carefully and keeps them faithfully; cultivates a life of prayer

### **Commitment**

Demonstrates commitment to ethical and moral conduct; understands and is committed to the Baptismal Covenant; supports the Church faithfully and materially; is committed

to social justice and community building

### **Maturity**

Has developed humility, resilience, perseverance, patience, and a sense of humor; is willing to deal with conflict and work through hard decisions; maintains flexibility and balance; exercises judgment soundly; demonstrates wonder and wisdom; is capable of self-emptying

### **Focus on the other**

Displays empathy and a genuine interest in other person; is honest and transparent; has good listening skills and a pastoral presence; is sensitive and responsive to the needs of others' positions/opinions; is willing to engage with other denominations, religions, world views; is able to form close and continuing relationships with men and with women.

### **Articulation**

Communicates well in various contexts; can tell a story and hear the stories of others; is able to speak to his or her vocation and articulate the faith with sensitivity to the ability of the listener to hear. Please remember that the capacity to articulate a sense of call may also not be fully formed at this stage in the Seeker's journey.

### **Prudence**

Shows common sense in all situations; exercises appropriate self-care and accountability; is aware of sources of support; is aware that spiritual and material are parts of the good creation; makes appropriate and adequate plans and preparations

### **Leadership**

Is trusted by others to lead; assumes responsibility gracefully and confidently; can collaborate with others in leadership; is able to think creatively and take risks; models faith and discipleship; is comfortable with a public role in ministry; can follow through on tasks; can set and achieve goals

### **Intelligence**

Possesses a wholesome curiosity; has potential for intellectual growth and development; can be comfortable with ambiguity; can reflect theologically on ordinary life; is open to life-long learning; makes well-informed judgments

### **Kenosis**

Living for others in the model of Jesus' self-emptying life

RDC members may add such additional comments or information as they believe will assist the Bishop in his discernment of the seeker's ministry.

The completed form will be signed and dated by the convener of the RDC on behalf of all its members. It will be submitted to Canon Anderson and shared with the Bishop. The report is often used as a point of discussion in any further meeting with the Bishop and COM.

Please send electronically to [handerson@nepiscopal.org](mailto:handerson@nepiscopal.org) or mail to: Canon Hannah Anderson, The Episcopal Church of NH, 63 Green Street, Concord, NH 03301. Thank you!