

Commission on Ministry 2008

The Commission on Ministry saw a very busy year in 2008. On Friday September 5th, the Commission met with David Cook, Chuck McMillen, Randy McCloy and Tommy Rhoads. These nominees had finished their Discernment Committee work the previous June. The Commission met after the last interview and made recommendations to Bishop Johnson on each nominee.

On Saturday, the Commission met with eight nominees interested in beginning the official process for discernment. Six nominees were interested in the Priesthood, and two were interested in the Vocational Diaconate. After the interviews were over, the Commission met to make recommendations to Bishop Johnson on each nominee. One more nominee was interviewed at the December meeting of the Commission.

During this past year, The Rev. Mimsy Jones began a Deacons' Training Program for those who are in the process towards Ordination and are engaged in their academic work. This group meets on certain Saturdays to learn about various aspects of the ministry of Deacons in The Church and to continue to be a source of support to each other. Meetings have taken place at St. Mary's Cathedral; Saint John's, Memphis; Holy Communion, Memphis; and St. Luke's, Jackson. This program has four nominees in it.

With input from the Province IV Commissions on Ministry, a new timetable for the Ordination process in The Diocese of West Tennessee was created for immediate use by those wanting to enter the process.

This May, we will see both of our seminarians graduate and return home to begin their ministries among us. Ms. Gayle McCarty will graduate from the Seminary of the Southwest, and Ms. Clarisse Schroeder will graduate from Virginia Theological Seminary.