

Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry is charged with determining needs for ministry and supporting the ministry of all the baptized. Commission members are appointed by the Bishop and approved by the Diocesan Convention.

In 2006, the Commission on Ministry saw a change in leadership as the Rev. Barkley Thompson accepted a call to St. John's Roanoke, VA. Canon René Somodevilla became the chair of the Chair of the Commission in October 2007. Recommendations by the Commission in 2007 were as follows:

- Terry Street for ordination to the Priesthood
- Don Smith for ordination to the Diaconate
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- Drew Woodruff for ordination to the Vocational Diaconate
- James Newsom for ordination to the Diaconate

After the September 2007 Commission Retreat, Bob Rose, Bob Grunert, David Christian, and Jackie Lewis were recommended to continue their education after successful Discernment Committee reports. Randy McCloy, David Cook, Chuck McMillen, and Tommy Rhoades were invited to bring their formal discernment with Diocesan Discernment Committees.

Training for volunteer members of Diocesan Discernment Committees took place on January 5th at St. Mary's Cathedral. Sessions were provided for committees dealing with discernment for the Priesthood and for the Vocational Diaconate.

After the 2008 Diocesan Convention, two members will rotate off the Commission. We thank the Rev. Mimsy Jones and Margaret Hubbert for their faithful service to the Commission and the people of the Diocese of West Tennessee.