



# Episcopal Diocese of New York Bishop Search

## Application for the Seventeenth Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

Grace to you!

Our committee and diocese have prayed for you and will continue to do so throughout this process. We are grateful for your application.

Please be assured that we understand confidentiality in this application process to be of utmost importance. We ask that you provide the following application materials as 6 separate pdfs (7, if appropriate) using this convention: lastname.firstname.document (e.g. Smith.Jane.Resume):

1. Cover Letter.
2. The forms below, filled and signed (Application and Authorization, Consent, and Release).
3. Your responses to the essay questions below (please note that final candidates will have their responses made public).
4. Résumé / CV.
5. Updated OTM Portfolio.
6. References with current contact information, including:
  - a) Member of the clergy of The Episcopal Church;
  - b) Lay Member of The Episcopal Church;
  - c) Any other interested individual who is not a relative, a person under your direct supervision, or the person who nominated you;
  - d) Names and current contact information for all previous bishops under whom you have served.
7. Candidates who are in recovery should provide a statement affirming a minimum of five years of continuous sobriety and active participation in a program of recovery.

If you should have any questions, please email us at [application@electabishop.org](mailto:application@electabishop.org).

Application materials must be submitted electronically by midnight on Friday, May 6, 2022 to [application@electabishop.org](mailto:application@electabishop.org).



## Essay Questions

In our initial screening process, all candidates will be reviewed via a blind screening of responses. We want to hear all that you have to say but we do ask that you answer these questions without specific names, parishes, cities, etc. Your responses will be separated from the other parts of your application and reviewed independently.

Please provide answers (up to 400 words) to the following six questions in one separate document.

1. Describe your relationship with Christ and how it shapes your ministry.
2. What is it about our profile that gets you excited and how do you think your skills and experiences are well-suited to serve the Diocese of New York as Bishop Diocesan?
3. What new and hopeful perspectives and ideas can you bring to the conversation about church decline that support and encourage long-term solutions?
4. Given the impact of COVID on the life of our ministry, we are curious about how you will pastor our congregations, both clergy and laity.
5. Social justice is near and dear to the heart of the Diocese of New York. How has social justice been a part of your ministry? Please give examples.
6. A significant part of episcopal ministry is overseeing administration, property, and financial development. Give some examples of when you have done this kind of work and what you have learned from the work you've done.



### Application Form

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

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

Preferred Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

May we leave a message at this number? Yes  No

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese of Canonical Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Ordination Dates and Diocese

Diaconate: \_\_\_\_\_

Priesthood: \_\_\_\_\_

Languages spoken with some fluency: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Social Media Accounts (please provide Login Name):

Twitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram: \_\_\_\_\_

Linked in: \_\_\_\_\_

Others: \_\_\_\_\_



**Authorization, Consent, and Release Form**

In consideration of my participating in the nomination and election process for the Seventeenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York:

- 1) I agree to provide appropriate and accurate information and responses.
- 2) I will not engage in lobbying or campaigning at the individual, parish, regional or diocesan level and, if a finalist, will remain sequestered during the Electing Convention process, discussion, and voting.
- 3) I authorize the Committee to Elect a Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York (the "Committee"), to which I have submitted an application for the position of Bishop Diocesan, to check my references, to obtain information from my prior employers and dioceses, to take other actions including review of social media, to investigate any information provided in my employment application, and to obtain information relevant to evaluating my qualifications and fitness for the position of Bishop Diocesan. I waive review of all such references and information.
- 4) I authorize my listed references, past employers, and dioceses in which I have served, and anyone else who has information about my work history, ministry, qualifications, or fitness for the position of Bishop Diocesan to provide such information to the Committee. I waive review of the provided information.
- 5) If selected as a nominee, I consent to the disclosure of biographical information, responses to essay questions in the application, and other information the Committee deems appropriate or necessary.
- 6) I hereby release, hold harmless, and forever discharge (including my waiver of the right to assert a claim now or in the future against) the Episcopal Diocese of New York and members of the Committee together with their subcommittees, consultants, agents and other members of the Diocese who seek to obtain and consider information in the nomination and election process, and those who provide such information, from all liabilities, claims, demands, losses, or damages which may or could arise from my participation in the nomination and election process.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I am signing this Candidate Authorization, Consent and Release as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

Signature of Applicant:

Signature of Witness: