



*The Episcopal  
Church in  
Alabama*

## **VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT APPLICATION**

This form is designed to jointly assist both the applicant and their Rector/sponsoring clergy person in making application to the Diocesan Bishop of Alabama for consideration for discernment. The priest who is counseling the applicant is responsible for completing this form.

From Applicant:

- a. This application
- b. Spiritual Autobiography
- c. Ministry as a Baptized Person Essay
- d. College and/or Post-Grad Transcripts
- e. Resume
- f. Recent Photograph of Applicant

From Rector/Sponsoring Clergy Person:

- g. Letter from Sponsoring Rector, including responses to Application Questions
- h. Vestry Statement of Support

All of these materials and supporting documents, should be mailed to the Bishop's Office (mark the envelope "Discernment-Confidential"). Once the Bishop's office receives your materials, you will receive an email requesting information necessary for the Diocese to run a Background Check. The meeting with the bishop will not be scheduled until all documents have been received/reviewed by the bishop.

### **Applicant's Basic Information:**

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Last* *First* *Middle*

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

*Street*

\_\_\_\_\_

*City*

*State*

*Zip Code*

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Applicant's History & Involvement in The Episcopal Church

Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year Denomination*

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State Officiant*

Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year Denomination*

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State Officiant*

Length of residency as a member of the Diocese of Alabama: \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Length of residency as a member of The Episcopal Church: \_\_\_\_\_ years.

What average percent of income has the applicant given to the work of the Church through their parish and to community charities during the past five years?

Church \_\_\_\_\_% Community Charities \_\_\_\_\_%

Name and location of current parish in which the applicant is listed as a communicant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parish City State*

In which of the following ministries has the applicant served in parish setting within the past five years?

Lector \_\_\_\_\_ Vestry Member \_\_\_\_\_ LEM \_\_\_\_\_ Choir \_\_\_\_\_

Outreach Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Cursillo \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Education Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Kairos \_\_\_\_\_ Mission Work \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How have you, the applicant, been involved in servant ministry within the church and the community in which you live and work?

Have you, the applicant, ever before applied for admission to vocational discernment in the Diocese of Alabama or in any other diocese?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, briefly describe the resulting action:

### **Applicant's Education History**

Is the applicant currently enrolled in an educational institution? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes: Part-time \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time \_\_\_\_\_

Does the applicant have a speaking level proficiency in any language other than English?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what language(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information on each school attended (high school and beyond), including any current course of study.

	Name of institution	Years enrolled	Degree	Major Subject
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Has the applicant completed any years of the Education for Ministry (EfM) program?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ Served as a Mentor? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

## **Applicant's Work History**

Give a brief account of last three positions and include the following information: (1) name of employer, (2) primary responsibilities, (3) job title, and (4) years employed.

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

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Employed: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities Include(d):

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

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Employed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Responsibilities Include(d):

Does the applicant have a significant amount of debt or other financial concerns?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how might this debt hinder the applicant as this process unfolds?

Should the applicant engage in formal formation, what plan is in place to cover the expenses associated with this additional study?

## **Applicant's Family Information**

Marital Status:

Single \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_

Have there been previous marriages? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(year) (year)

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(year) (year)

### **Spouse:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle*

Spouse's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### **Children:**

	Name	Date of Birth	Gender
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

*(use additional sheet for more children)*

Are there other dependents living in applicant's home?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special needs required by the dependents?

**Parents:**

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle*

If living, current address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle*

If living, current address: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM COMPLETED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Signature Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Rector/Sponsoring Clergy Person's Signature Date*

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this completed form along with all necessary attachments  
in an envelope marked "Discernment-Confidential" to:

The Rt. Rev. Glenda S. Curry  
Carpenter House  
521 North 20th Street  
Birmingham, AL 35203