The Episcopal Church in Alabama

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER IN ADDITION TO YOUR RECTOR'S LETTER OF SUPPORT

In your letter accompanying the questions below, please comment on the grounds upon which the applicant is moved to seek discernment along with your thoughts on the applicant's understanding of submitting oneself to this process. Does the nominee understand there are several possible outcomes (lay ministry, deacon, priest)?

The bishop and COM also request two or three sentence responses to these questions. The sponsoring clergy person and their comments are the foundation of the conversation with the bishop.

1. Describe this person's prayer life and their understanding of worship.

2. How does this person use their spiritual gifts to support the ministry of Christ into the world?

3. In what ways has this individual served in the parish?

4. How has this individual demonstrated a sustainable ministry among the parish?

5. How have lay people in the parish related and responded to this individual's leadership?

6. How does the individual honor a wholesome lifestyle?

7. How do you know this individual is a Christian?

8. If you were serving on a vestry, would this candidate be one you would call to serve in the parish? Why or why not?

9. How does this individual demonstrate the discipline of percentage giving?

10. Generally comment on how this person's ministry will impact the witness of the church and tell us of any areas of growth.