

Name _____

Pre-requisites – must already be complete before the vestry signs the congregational nomination form

- Baptism; confirmation/reception into the Episcopal Church
- Active member for 1+ years before beginning conversation with the rector
- In conversation with the rector (length of time varies)
- Filled out application form, including spiritual autobiography & vision statement
- Met with Parish Discernment Group (length of time varies)

Vestry’s Involvement

Nomination for Postulancy

(Date completed _____)

- Determine whether or not to nominate the person (2/3 majority required) and reasons for this decision.
- If nominating, determine what type of support the church will commit to the person’s preparation for ordination, including financial support. (The document “Menu of Discernment Support” is available for some ideas)
- Sign Congregational Nomination for Postulancy (at a duly convened meeting.)

This form includes two specific pledges on the part of the church, as represented in the vestry:

- *Pledge to contribute financially to the person’s formation/preparation*
- *Pledge to be involved in the person’s preparation for ordination in other ways*

- Clerk signs the attestation
- Request written acceptance of the nomination from the nominee
- Communicate with the Nominee regarding specifics of support the church is committing to provide
- Pay 1/3 Background Check (billed by the Diocese) Check # _____
- Pay 1/3 Psychological Exam (billed by the Diocese) Check # _____

Letter of Support for Candidacy

(Date completed _____)

Letter of Support for Ordination to the Diaconate

(Date completed _____)

Letter of Support for Ordination to the Priesthood

(Date completed _____)

(NOT necessary for vocational deacons)