

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND
Commission on Ministry



Day of Discernment for Ordained Ministry

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026 ◆

REGISTRATION

This registration form is to be completed by the Rector or Priest-in-Charge in conjunction with the aspirant. No aspirant may attend the Day of Discernment without his/her parish priest. Pre-registration is required. The aspirant and sponsoring clergy both must sign this form and **return it by February 6, 2026**, to: Pamela Gravesande 36 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City, New York 11530 or pgravesande@dioceseli.org. This registration form, in no way, implies any status granted by the Bishop under Title III of the Canons of The Episcopal Church.

Full name of ASPIRANT (include maiden name, if applicable): _____

Home Address: _____

Phone - Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Please mark one: Single _____ Married _____ Partnered _____ Widow(er) _____ Divorced _____

Full Name of Spouse/Partner: _____ Date of Marriage, if applicable: _____

Names and ages of children: _____

Please list any previous marriages: _____

Parish affiliation: _____

When did you become a member of your current parish?: _____

Name of Sponsoring Clergy: _____

Name of Companion (*See note below): _____

Aspirant's Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

U.S. Citizen: Yes _____ Visa _____ Green Card _____ If No, citizen of _____

Aspirant's Date of Baptism: _____ Place of Baptism: _____

Aspirant's Date of Confirmation or Reception in The Episcopal Church: _____

Place of Confirmation/Reception: _____

Previous Denominational Affiliation/Membership, if any: _____

If you have ever previously engaged in a discernment process for ordination in The Episcopal Church, please provide the details, including date, name of the diocese, name of parish/congregation and the outcome: _____

Education (please list all schools attended after high school and degrees earned): _____

Employment (please list last three positions and dates): _____

Current Ministries (Please list current parish and diocesan ministry involvement): _____

Aspirant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsoring Clergy Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Sponsoring clergy must bring a companion for the seeker on the Discernment Day

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Role of Companions in the Discernment Process**

In the Diocese of Long Island, each Aspirant embarks on the formal discernment process in a Discernment Committee with a “Companion.” Each Discernment Committee is composed of no more than five Aspirants, five Companions, and at least two members of the Diocesan Commission on Ministry.

A Companion is selected in conference with the Aspirant and the Aspirant’s Rector or Priest-in-Change and should meet the following criteria:

- Willing to discern alongside the Aspirant by being a good listener, a keen observer, and an asker of questions (both clarifying and challenging);
- Supportive and encouraging of the Aspirant, but not at the expense of honesty;
- Willing to seek to discern with the other Companions and the DCOM Facilitators in the group whether the Aspirant for whom you serve as a Companion has the personality, flexibility of learning, and gifts for ministry that enable you to see him/her as a priest or deacon;*
- Willing to seek to discern whether the *other* Aspirants in the group have the personality, flexibility of learning, and gifts for ministry that enable you to see them as priests or deacons;*
- Able to maintain the confidentiality of what is shared in the Discernment Committee;
- Commit to attending *all* group meetings, which generally run from 1.5 to 2.5 hours. (NOTE: *All* members of the Discernment Committee must attend *all* meetings except the final meeting, which Aspirants do not attend. During this final meeting, the Companions and DCOM Facilitators assess the last few months and evaluate whether they in fact confirm the call to holy orders that each Aspirant hears.)