

Commission on Ministry Report to ECN Convention June 7, 2025

Commission on Ministry

The functions of the Commission on Ministry specified in the canon are to assist the bishop "in determining present and future needs for ministry in the diocese" and to help "in enlisting and selecting persons for Holy Orders." Commissions are responsible for developing, training, and affirming lay ministries. They interview candidates before their ordination as deacons. They may also interview candidates before their ordination as priests, if requested by the bishop, and report to the bishop in each case. They assist the bishop in guiding and counseling deacons and other ministers, and they support matters related to the ongoing education of the clergy.

The creation of Commissions on Ministry reflects the growing sense of the church that broad participation in decisions about all types of ministries is desirable and necessary.

Currently, the C.O.M needs some re-strategy.

The Commission on Ministry committee has not met since May 2024 due to the business of our Missionary Diocese of Navajoland, which requires a significant amount of reevaluation of committees within the Episcopal Church in Navajoland.

Therefore, there is no report as of yet for the Commission on Ministry members. The Commission does hope to have future involvement, especially in Lay Leadership and training.

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