

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

- Fulfilled canonical responsibility to assist the Bishop in the implementation in West Missouri of Title III of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church
 - Oversight for Licensed Ministries – Providing training and support for:
 - Pastoral Leader
 - Worship Leader
 - Preacher
 - Eucharistic Minister
 - Eucharistic Visitor
 - Catechist
 - Evangelist
 - Oversight/Advisory responsibility for persons seeking ordination
 - Conduct annual Vocations Conference
 - Serve as liaisons with persons in the ordination process
(Candidates/Postulants for Priesthood: David Angus, Brad Chance, David Cox, Greg Morgan, Laura Hughes, Laurie McKim; for Diaconate: Michael Davis and Kimberly Taube)
 - Provide for psychological examinations as required by canons
 - Provide for the cost of General Ordination Examination
 - Work with Board of Examining Chaplains in matters of determining competency in canonical areas of study
 - Provide guidance and oversight for George Herbert Institute
 - Presently engaged in conversation with Dioceses of Kansas and Western Kansas regarding joining forces in regard to education and formation for persons seeking ordination or to be licensed for various ministries
- These responsibilities are on-going and thus require budgetary support for
 - Cost of Vocations Conference, including accommodations for nominees and COM members not living in the KC area; subsidize meals; reimburse transportation
 - Cost of psychological examinations – varies depending upon number of nominees
 - Cost of General Ordination Examinations (\$550 per person)
 - Cost of ordinations including
 - printing service booklets
 - musicians
 - invitations
 - Stipend for director of George Herbert Institute

- The identification, discernment, and formation of persons called to serve as clergy and lay ministry leaders for the Church is one of the most important means of supporting all the baptized in their fidelity to the vows of the Baptismal Covenant.

The Rev. Susan G McCann, Chair