

POSTULANCY WEEKEND QUESTIONS

COMPELLING FAITH

1. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus at this point in your formation? How is that expressed in your words and actions, both in and out of church?
2. Where in your prayer life do you find the most joy, peace, or inspiration?
3. In what ways has your community of faith helped you live a more vibrant faith life?
4. What have you learned from scripture about leadership and vocation? Have you had an opportunity to use your learning, and what happened?
5. Tell us about your community discernment process – what did you learn about your faith and vocation through that work?
6. (discerning priesthood) – What does it mean to you to be a sacramental leader?

OPENNESS TO GROWTH & SPIRITUAL MATURITY

1. How would you describe the kind of boundaries that make for good leadership? How have you had to set boundaries for yourself?
2. Give us an example of a situation when you were made aware that you were wrong about something you did or said? What kind of feedback were you given? How did you handle it?
3. Have you done spiritual direction, and how does it change you? Have you done therapy, and how does it change you? What benefits do you see in these two support systems for your emotional growth and spiritual depth?
4. What is your sense of your own social and cultural location, and how does that/might that affect your ministry?
5. What skills have you learned from leaders or mentors that you have had in your life? Which of these do you think are most important for ordained ministry in the church? Which of those would you say are your strongest characteristics, and which are your growth edges?

VOCATIONAL AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY AFFIRMATION

1. How will this ordination process and being ordained change your life? What support will you need now and in the future?
2. What changes would ordination make in the congregational leadership and ministry that you currently have? How would it be different for you, and how would it be different for the congregation you are in?
3. In what ways is the church changing? How do you see your role in it?
4. How will you use your creativity and flexibility to deal with the financial realities of the process and ordained ministry? How do you expect to manage the demands of daily life and your ministry?

LEADERSHIP AND CONTEXT

1. Share a time when you recognized that someone had potential leadership abilities? What were the signs? Did you or another person in leadership tap into those abilities?
2. Describe a situation when you had to motivate someone: a colleague, a friend or family member, or even your boss.
3. Tell us a time when you found yourself in a group situation where people in the group were making disparaging remarks about a person, making racist comments, or engaged in sexually inappropriate conversation that made you uncomfortable, didn't agree with or knew was wrong? How did you handle the situation and why?
4. Have you ever had to handle a clash in values among a group or community, or if not, have you witnessed someone else do so? Tell us about what happened.
5. Share with us a time when you implemented a change that did not work? What steps did you implement? What did you do when it did not work? What did you learn?