

## FORMATION PLAN: DIACONATE

The Bishop and the COM shall work with the Postulant or Candidate to develop and monitor a program of preparation that adheres to Canonical Guidelines outlined in Title III Canon 6 Section 5. This plan will include formal coursework, prior education and life experience; practical experience; and spiritual and emotional formation.

The areas of preparation are discussed fully in the “Formation Guide” and “Competencies for the Ordination Process” found at [www.edomi.org/COM](http://www.edomi.org/COM). The basic categories are given here.

### CANONICAL AREAS OF PREPARATION

*Portfolio: over the course of the period of formation, you will assemble a portfolio of artifacts that demonstrate your learning and work in these areas. Refer to Formation Guide for examples of artifacts.*

Title III.6.5(f):

“Before ordination, each candidate shall ... demonstrate basic competence in [these] general areas”:

1. **Academic studies including,**
  - a. **The Holy Scriptures,**
  - b. **Christian Theology**
  - c. **the Tradition of the Church**
2. **Diakonia and the diaconate.**
3. **Human awareness and understanding**
4. **Spiritual development and discipline**
5. **Practical training and experience**

### COMPETENCIES FOR ORDINATION

*All of these areas overlap and are informed by each other. But these areas of preparation will be particularly helpful in strengthening the four Competencies.*

1. **Compelling Faith**  
Holy Scriptures; Christian Theology; Spiritual Development & Discipline; Tradition of the Church  
EYSJ; Spiritual Direction; retreats
2. **Self-Awareness and Openness to Growth**  
Human Awareness & Understanding; Spiritual Development & Discipline; Christian Ethics  
EYSJ; Therapy; Spiritual Direction; anti-racism training; CPE; Field Education
3. **Vocational Awareness and Community Affirmation**  
Diakonia & the Diaconate; Tradition of the Church  
EYSJ; Field Education; CPE
4. **Leadership and Context**  
Human Awareness & Understanding; Diakonia & the Diaconate; Tradition of the Church  
EYSJ; Field Education; CPE

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Postulant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's name/contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

## Context for Formation

\_\_\_\_\_ Low residency program (e.g. Bexley-Seabury; CDSP) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Local Formation (e.g. CALL at CDSP, ASJ at Union, ETS) \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 1: AREAS OF FORMATION

*List relevant courses:* Title, Location and Date (e.g.: Intro to Hermeneutics, ETS, Fall 2022)

*List relevant experiences and practices:* Description, Location and Date (e.g.: helped launch an after-school tutoring program; Flint, MI; 2018)

### 1a. The Holy Scriptures

### 1b. Christian Theology *(including Ethics)*

### 1c. Tradition of the Church *(including Church History and Liturgics)*

**2. Diakonia and the Diaconate**

**3. Human Awareness & Understanding** *(including anti-racism, pastoral care, self-reflection, social sciences)*

**4. Spiritual Development & Discipline**

*Spiritual Director:*

*Therapist:*

*Courses, retreats, workshops, spiritual practices, etc.:*

**5. Practical Training & Experience** *(including advocacy, liturgics, pastoral care, empowering others for servant ministry)*

## SECTION 2: PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Field Education</b> <i>(note: EDOMI requires 2 years of Supervised Field Placement)</i>
<i>Location:</i> <i>Program Dates:</i> <i>Supervisor:</i>  <i>Location:</i> <i>Program Dates:</i> <i>Supervisor:</i>
<b>Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)</b> <i>(note: must be completed during Postulancy)</i>
<i>Location:</i> <i>Program Dates:</i> <i>Supervisor:</i>

## SECTION 3: OTHER DIOCESAN REQUIREMENTS

<b>Prevention of sexual misconduct against both children and adults; including civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.</b>
_____ Safe Church, Safe Communities (date/location: _____) _____ Other equivalent training (date/location: _____)
<b>The Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church</b>
_____ Title IV training (date/location: _____) _____ Other equivalent training (date/location: _____)
<b>The Church's teaching on racism</b>
<b>Community Organizing Training</b> <i>(3-5 day program, through or approved by the bishop's office)</i>

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Postulant Signature

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Date Submitted