



Planter Assessment Questionnaire

This section of the assessment is answered in written form by the applicant and submitted via email to their Diocesan point of contact prior to a live in-person interview / assessment.

Testimony and Calling

1. Share how you met Jesus including what your life was like prior, the key factors that led you to Jesus, and how your life changed after meeting Jesus (begin very briefly with your family of origin).
2. Describe your spiritual disciplines and how you walk, hear and learn from God.
3. Do you believe God has called you to plant a church rather than serve in an established one? Explain why.
4. If yes, how has God specially called and equipped (abilities, gifts, experiences that would enable you to plant a church) you to plant a church?
5. Is your spouse persuaded of a call to church planting? Explain.
6. Have you ever been disciplined or dismissed from a Christian congregation or denomination? Have you ever been denied or removed from an ordination or credentialing process with another Christian congregation or denomination? If so, please provide an account of the circumstances and your assessment of the matter according to Scripture.

7. Why are you seeking to plant with this Diocese? Have you considered seeking planting elsewhere, and if so, why have you chosen to do so with us?

Marriage and Family

8. What is your marital status?

9. If divorced, separated, or remarried, please describe the circumstances of such.

10. If never married, do you anticipate marriage, or have marriage plans?

11. If married, how long have you been married?

12. Please describe briefly how you and your spouse met, what your courtship was like, and how long you dated before marriage.

13. Do you have any children?

14. If so please list names and ages of your children?

15. Do you have a regular date night together?

16. If so, please describe what you usually do on your date night?

17. Do both you and your spouse work?

18. If so, please describe what your spouse does, and what percentage of your household income is supplied by each?

19. Have you given an honest and candid answer?

20. How does your spouse feel about your ministry and about your plans to plant a church? In what way will she participate with you?

Physical and Emotional Health

21. Do you feel as though you are physically healthy enough for the rigors of church planting? Are there any physical health issues that could affect your planting work?

22. Do you feel as though you are emotionally healthy enough for the work of church planting?

23. Do you or have you in the past struggled with depression and/or anxiety? If so, can you describe how you currently manage this struggle and what support /accountability systems you have in place?

General Theology

24. Who have been your primary theological teachers, or influences? In other words (apart from the Bible), what authors, theologians (either living or dead), movements, denominations, or schools of thought have most influenced your theology?

25. Outside of the Bible, what is the most theologically intensive book you have read cover-to-cover?

26. Describe your understanding of the Gospel and how that shapes your everyday life.

27. Please give your view of the scriptures. What role does Scripture play in your daily life? Respond to the statement; "I believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God."

28. Briefly describe your philosophy of ministry?

29. What is the role of the church? Support the role of the church scripturally as well as define how the church is different from an organization?

30. Describe your understanding of the order of deacon, priest and bishop and distinguish their individual offices as well as their liturgical function.

31. What role have the sacraments played in your devotion and formation?

32. Have you read the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese? Are you willing to submit to the Constitution and Canons, and to the Bishop of this Diocese?

Missional History

33. How do you describe mission? Reflect on the Great Commandments and the Great Commission and how it should impact the life of an individual and the ministry of a local church.

34. Describe a time when you personally brought someone to a belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

35. Describe an instance in which you personally disciplined another person.

36. Describe a time when you were able to see multiplication in your ministry (i.e. a time when you were able to gather, grow and multiply a ministry).

Attachments:

1. Please provide contact information (name, relationship to you, email and phone) for three non-family references who can speak to your make-up and experiences.

2. Please email an audio file or provide a url for a recording of a sermon have preached.