

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

To the Bishops and Diocesan Council of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic (NEMA):

Greetings in our Lord, Christ Jesus!

All Saints 2024

The Board of Examining Chaplains is tasked with evaluating the fitness of candidates for ordination to the Diaconate and/or the Presbyterate, for being set apart as Deaconess, or for transfer of orders into this Diocese. Upon completing evaluation of paperwork, written examination, and an interview, which most recently we have conducted exclusively via Zoom; we must discern either to 'recommend' the candidate at hand or to 'not recommend' that person to the Bishop(s). In 2024 we consisted of The Very Rev. Eric Jorgensen, The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade, and myself, with both Bishops in attendance *ex officio*. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with these godly men, and I offer praise to the Lord for all the work we accomplished together this year!

Following is a list of examinations conducted, ordered chronologically:

Mr. William Jenkins Jr.	– Presbyterate :	November 14, 2024	– Recommended
Mr. Norris Gadsden	– Diaconate :	February 7, 2024	– Recommended
Mr. Benjamin Pearce	– Diaconate :	March 5, 2024	– Recommended
Mr. Chester Banks	– Transfer/Presbyterate :	May 8, 2024	– Recommended
Dr. Susan Regisford	– The Order of Deaconesses :	May 16, 2024	– Recommended
Mr. Thomas Davison	– Diaconate :	June 17, 2024	– Recommended
Mr. Jacob Dell	– Transfer	July 10, 2024	– Not Recommended

Following is a List of current Postulants, ordered alphabetically:

Mr. Joshua Arp	Grace, (Scranton),	PA
Mr. Keith Beardsworth	St. Matthew's,	PA
Mr. Greg Hoyt	St. Mark's,	PA
Mr. Timothy Meadows	St. Alban's,	NY
Mr. Calhoun (John) Parks	Emmanuel,	PA
Mr. Matthew Trail	St. Steven's,	MD

There are some additional names floating in the margins that will receive an update in status, Lord willing, when the air of recent events becomes clearer.

In closing, I would urge the council's fervent prayers for the Bishops and chaplains, all candidates, postulants, transfers, and those potential: that there would be faithful workers raised up, strong in Christ Jesus for the harvest of the Lord and the cure of souls! I would also like to commend all the candidates on their hard work, and often great patience in enduring the rigors of the process. In particular, I glorify God for all those who have now been ordered among us! Let His name be praised forever. Amen!

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev.  Justin M. Forsberg, Board of Examining Chaplains, Chair