



Ministry Discernment Weekend Application

Typed completed applications are preferred. If any of your answers require more space than provided, please attach them to this document. Your application will be deemed incomplete if any of the requested documents are not included.

Date of Application

I wish to explore a vocation to ordained ministry: (place an "x" in the appropriate space)

The Diaconate _____
The Priesthood _____
Not Sure _____

Contact Information

Full Name _____

Current Mailing Address:

Permanent Mailing Address if different:

Email Address: _____



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Telephone Number(s) (including area code): Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Personal Christian History

Date of Baptism: _____

Place of Baptism: _____

Date of Confirmation: _____

Place of Confirmation: _____

Copies of baptism and confirmation certificates are to be provided. If not easily obtainable provide above information and name of bishop who confirmed you.

<i>(Place an "x" in the appropriate box)</i>	Yes	No
Are you a regular Communicant?		
If Yes, for how long? (please state in number of years)		

Current Parish: _____

City/Town: _____

In what other congregations have you been a member?

Parish Name	City/Town	Diocese	Dates
How long have you lived in the Diocese of British Columbia?			

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<i>(Place an "x" in the appropriate box)</i>	Yes	No
Have you ever previously applied as a candidate for postulancy in this or any other diocese of the Anglican Church?		
<i>If yes, give particulars (when, where):</i>		
Have you ever made an application for ordination in another denomination?		
<i>If yes, give particulars (when, where):</i>		
Have you ever been ordained in any other Christian denomination?		
<i>If yes, give particulars (when, where), and why you are interested in seeking ordination in the Anglican Church:</i>		

Comment briefly on your personal and corporate spiritual life.

How do you see yourself fulfilling your baptismal covenant today? (see BCP p. 534/5 and BAS p. 158/9)

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Education

List your academic history below:

	Name	City/Prov.	Dates	Degree/ Certificate/Diploma	
High School					
University					
Post Graduate, Vocational, or Professional Training					
<i>(place an "x" in the appropriate box)</i>				Yes	No
Are you currently enrolled in a theological college					
If yes, which one and which program? _____					
Anticipated date of graduation from theological college:					
If no, please state occupation or present university:					
Are you currently enrolled in a Diocesan sponsored educational program/training?					
If yes, which one?					
Anticipated date of completing the program/training:					

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Financial

How do you plan to finance your theological training?

Will theological training have a significant adverse effect on the financial situation of you or your family?

Special Activities/Hobbies/Skills/Pastimes/Organizations: What do you do to relax?

What do you do to have fun?

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In what way(s) are you (or have you been) active in your community? Please be specific.

What energizes you?

How do you handle self-care?

Other Information

<i>(place an "x" in the appropriate box)</i>		Yes	No
Are you a Canadian Citizen?			
If not, what is your legal status in Canada?			

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<i>(place an "x" in the appropriate box)</i>	Yes	No
Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence for which you have not been legally pardoned?		
Are you under charges for any violations of the law?		
If yes, please specify: _____ _____		
Has there ever been a charge of, or allegation of, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct (or some similar charge) against you?		
If yes, what was the outcome of the action? Please specify: _____ _____		

Criminal Record Check

A Criminal Record Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check is a requirement of application for ordination to the Diocese of British Columbia. Applicants may apply for the search as a “volunteer” through the Diocese. In doing so, there should be no cost.

The form for the above-noted search is available through the synod office from Karen Hill (safechurch@bc.anglican.ca), or from your parish office.

Spiritual Biography and Vocation

Please respond to each of the following statements (separate sheets of paper for each) and append them to this application.

1. Provide spiritual biography of your journey, including what has brought you to this point of testing a vocational call.
2. Who is God for you? How do you see God working in your life and in the world?
3. Describe your sense of call, and your understanding of ministry, both ‘lay’ and ‘ordained’.

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Employment History

(or attach a current CV/Resume)

Please list all employers during the last 10 years, with position, dates of employment, and reasons for leaving. Begin with your current/most recent position. If you need additional space, please attach to the end of your application.

<i>Date Hired</i>	<i>Date Left</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Reason for Leaving</i>

References

Please provide the names, email and complete addresses of two referees (other than members of your parish or seminary) who know you well, from different arenas of your life (e.g. school, business or social setting, and who have consented to act specifically as a referee for you in this discernment process:

Full Name	Email	Full Address

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Disclaimers

- The Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia reserves the right to consult teachers and other representatives of the academic institutions you attended (including those listed in this form), and employers that you have indicated in this form.
- The Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia reserves the right to request a routine check for information regarding credit, criminal and motor vehicle records concerning you.

Use and Protection of Personal Information

The Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information. The information gathered in this form will be used solely to support your involvement with the Diocese of British Columbia and will not be disclosed to a third party except as noted above. The personal information provided in this application; its appendices and any reference letters, will be retained for one year after the Ministry Discernment Weekend and then securely destroyed.

- All information submitted by me in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any significant misstatement in, or omission from, this application may be cause for denial of acceptance as a candidate.
- I give permission to the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia to disseminate information as appropriate during this discernment process.
- I understand acceptance into this process, including postulancy, is NOT a guarantee of ordination.

Signature:

Date:

This application, along with the essays asked for in the Spiritual Biography and Vocation section, should be delivered to the Ministry Discernment Team. The application and appendices may be electronically transmitted to mdt@bc.anglican.ca

Please provide paper copies of your certificate of baptism, certificate of confirmation, Criminal Record Check, and the signature page of this application duly signed to:

Rev. Alastair McCollum
900 Vancouver Street
Victoria, BC
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