



The Episcopal Diocese of DALLAS

2020 COMMISSION ON MINISTRY DISCERNMENT RETREAT

We are so pleased you have expressed an interest in the 2020 Discernment Retreat of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. This year's **online-only** retreat is scheduled for August 9-10, 2020.

Traditionally, this event is held at a retreat facility and covers three days. This year, we are moving it online in response to health precautions. We are retaining the word "retreat" in the name of this event; but it is really an interactive, prayer-filled webinar!

In addition to our retreat, we encourage you to sign up by August 1 for the monthly discernment and discussion opportunities offered by the RadVo conference (register at <https://radvoco.org/>). Beginning in September 2020, RadVo will be providing monthly opportunities to interact with online small groups, virtual town halls, and more, culminating in September 2021 with a three-day conference in person here in Dallas.

Who should participate in this online retreat?

Participants are those individuals who have already begun the discernment process in the Diocese of Dallas and those who are beginning to discern a call for lay or ordained orders. There will be members of the Diocesan Staff and the Commission on Ministry present on the Zoom call. (Connection codes will be emailed to you the week of the event.)

Can my spouse attend?

Your spouse is encouraged to attend. It is important for your spouse to understand the commitment to answering a call to serve.

What is the cost?

There is no charge for this online retreat this year.

Is this event required to begin the discernment process?

The annual retreat is a requirement to begin the discernment process in the EDOD.

How should I prepare?

We ask you to read in advance Gordon Smith's short book [Consider Your Calling](#). You can also familiarize yourself with some tools and information on our website: [Hearing the Call](#).

What is RadVo?

RadVo (or Radical Vocations) is an international conference designed to inspire and educate discerners about serving the church in the Anglican tradition. The conference will be held in Dallas in September 2021, with regular opportunities for discernment, education, and conversation beginning online in September 2020. The Diocese of Dallas is one of the sponsors. Participation in RadVo next year and the preparation it requires is highly encouraged for a full discernment experience. See more at <https://radvoco.org/>.

Online Discernment Retreat Information and Registration
August 2020

Agenda

Sunday, August 9

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Social Time – Hearing each other’s stories

8:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Orientation to the discernment process

The Rev. Canon Jordan Hylden, Canon Theologian and Director of Vocations, EDOD

Sandy Mebus, Chair of the Commission on Ministry (COM)

8:30 pm

Compline

Monday, August 10

9:00 am

Morning Prayer

9:30 am

Bishop’s Presentation and Q&A

The Rt. Rev. George Sumner, Bishop of Dallas

10:30 am

Break

10:45 am

Introduction to Discernment

The Rev. Canon Jordan Hylden

11:15 am

Silent reflection (prayer and journaling)

11:45 am

Group Discussion

12:00 pm

Noonday Prayer

12:00 pm

Lunch Break

1:00 pm

Formation and the priestly life: A perspective from a new priest

1:30 pm

Interviewing with the COM – discussion and practice

3:30 pm

Break

3:45 pm

What is a Rule of Life?

Cn Jerry Morriss, COM Member and Bishop’s Staff

4:15 pm

Closing Remarks and Discussion

4:45 pm

Evening Prayer

5:00 pm

Conclude

Registration for the Discernment Retreat – August 9-10, 2020
Sponsored by the COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Fill out the below registration information and turn in this form before
Friday, July 31, 2020

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: _____

YOUR EMAIL: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S EMAIL: _____

Your spouse is invited and encouraged to participate in this important event.

WILL YOUR SPOUSE ATTEND? YES NO

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL: _____ HOME: _____

CHURCH: _____

RECTOR/VICAR: _____

Mail or email this information to **Amy Wooten:** awooten@edod.org.

Log on information for the Zoom call will be sent to you via email.

If you have any questions, contact Amy at the Diocesan Offices by email or phone
Office 214-826-8310 / Cell 469-951-7048.

We **strongly recommend** you register for RadVo's monthly content by their August 1st due date to continue the conversation! Register and learn more at <https://www.radvoco.org/>.