



The Episcopal Diocese of DALLAS

May 2021

We are so pleased you have expressed an interest in the Discernment Retreat of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. This year's retreat is scheduled for August 8-10, 2021, at

Prothro Center on Lake Texoma
269 Methodist Lane
Pottsboro TX, 75076
903-786-2141

Check it out: <http://www.prothrocenter.org/>

Arrive: Sunday, August 8, 4:00 p.m.
Depart: Tuesday, August 10, 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$140.00 per person, single occupancy
(\$90 for spouse staying in same room)

Are you discerning whether you are called to ordained ministry or to a more focused lay ministry in your home parish?

Join the members of the Commission on Ministry for a two-night retreat where you will hear presentations on how to discern, learn about our discernment process, and spend quiet time in prayer.

Anyone may come to the retreat. Attendance is not a commitment to begin formal discernment; but, it is an essential step for those who wish to enter the ordination process.

We are all called to lives of Christian service. The diocesan discernment retreat is a wonderful opportunity for greater in-depth exploration of the Lord's call in your life.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jordan Hylden
CANON THEOLOGIAN

Who attends this retreat?

Participants are those individuals who have already begun the discernment process and those who are beginning to discern a call for lay or ordained orders in the Diocese of Dallas. The Bishop of Dallas, members of the Diocesan Staff, and the Commission on Ministry will be present at the event.

Social Distancing and COVID 19

Participants are asked to attend the retreat in person if you have been fully vaccinated. You will need to bring masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer. You will be asked to follow the COVID protocols of Prothro which may include staying at least six feet from all others outside your own family group.

Registrants Overnight Accommodations

We will assign one registrant to a guestroom. In the case of married registrants; couples will be assigned together. We will be staying in the hotel or lodge, and each room has its own bathroom.

Can my family attend?

Your spouse is encouraged to attend. Children are not encouraged to attend as the retreat content requires prayerfulness and attentiveness and there are no arrangements for childcare.

Can I come to only part of the retreat?

You must be present for the whole time. The talks and reflections build on each other, so it's important to get in at the beginning and stay throughout.

What if I miss this one?

Attendance is strongly encouraged. Rarely do we allow someone to begin formal discernment without attending a discernment retreat. Please let us know as soon as possible if attendance on these dates is absolutely impossible.

What is the cost?

Your cost for the two-night, three-day retreat is \$140.00 per person, based on single occupancy. Your spouse would be an additional \$90.00. The fee includes the following:

*Lodging on Sunday night and Monday night
Sunday: Dinner and Hospitality
Monday: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Hospitality
Tuesday: Breakfast and Lunch*

Are scholarships available?

Because the diocese subsidizes this event, there is no additional financial assistance offered. If you need assistance, we recommend you contact your sponsoring congregation or contact Canon Jordan Hylden at jhylden@edod.org with questions.

When does the first event start?

Please arrive to the retreat center and register between at 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. We start with a Welcome at 5:00 p.m. If you will be later than 5:00 p.m., please let us know.

What should I wear and bring?

Dress casually. Shorts and tennis shoes are the norm. Bring your Bible and Book of Common Prayer. Other necessities are a flashlight/batteries, insect repellent, and sun block. There is a swimming pool and lake swimming, and a few hours of free time, so bring swim gear if you'd like. Bed linens, pillow, and bath towels are provided. Please do not bring expensive or valuable equipment as Prothro Center assumes no responsibility for their safe keeping.



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Registration for the Discernment Retreat – August 8-10, 2021
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Fill out the below registration information and turn in this form before
Friday, July 30, 2021

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

Your spouse is invited and encouraged to attend this important event.

WILL YOUR SPOUSE ATTEND?

YES

NO

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

CELL: _____ HOME: _____

CHURCH: _____

RECTOR: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND NUMBER: _____

ANY DIETARY/PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS? _____

Cost is \$140.00 per person, based on single occupancy. Spouse staying in same room is an additional \$90.00.

Make checks payable to Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. Write "Discernment Retreat" on the memo line. We do not accept credit cards.

Mail this form, along with payment, to:

Episcopal Diocese of Dallas

Attn: Amy Wooten

1630 N. Garrett Avenue

Dallas, TX 75206

Please contact Amy Wooten at the Diocesan Offices if you have any questions: awooten@edod.org or phone: 214-826-8310 or cell: 469-951-7048.

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INITIAL AGENDA

Sunday, August 8

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Arrivals and Check-in to guestrooms/Registration
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Opening and Welcome
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner

Monday, August 9

8:20 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Orientation to the Process
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
6:15 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner

Tuesday, August 10

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am -12:00 pm	Program
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Check out and Departure
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Optional Recreation Time on your own