



The Episcopal Diocese of DALLAS

June 2022

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 11-13, 2022, at

**Church of the Incarnation**  
3966 McKinney Ave, Dallas, TX 75204  
<https://incarnation.org/>

Day 1: Thursday, August 11, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Day 2: Friday, August 12, 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Day 3: Saturday, August 13, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Overnight accommodations are attendees' responsibility.

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*In I Samuel, the Lord calls the boy, Samuel – he literally calls, and audibly speaks his name. But the boy does not initially grasp what is happening. But with the help of the priest, Eli, Samuel comes to discern that it is the Lord, and responds as Eli instructs him, “Speak Lord, your servant hears.”  
(I Samuel 3:1-18, ESV)*

*So with us: the Lord calls, and we seek to discern and respond. And, as in Samuel's case, this is a collective process within the community of faith.*

*Are you seeking to discern whether you are called to ordained ministry, or perhaps to a more focused lay ministry in your parish?*

*Join members of the Commission on Ministry for a three-day 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 this 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 an opportunity for greater in-depth exploration of the Lord's call in your life.*

**The Rev. Canon Dr. Christopher Brown**  
CANON TO THE ORDINARY/CANON THEOLOGIAN

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## **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 as well.*

## **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 and hand sanitizer. You will be asked to observe the COVID protocols deemed appropriate by the Church of the Incarnation at the time of the event which may include wearing masks and staying at least six feet from all others.*

## **Registrants Overnight Accommodations**

*This year, the retreat is not a conference center, so we do not have reserved any overnight accommodations. There are many hotels in the vicinity of the Church of the Incarnation. More moderately priced hotels can be found just north of the church on Central Expressway (Hwy 75) near Walnut Hill, about five miles away.*

## **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 three-day retreat, not including overnight accommodations is \$75.00 per person, which includes:*

*Thursday: Dinner and Hospitality*

*Friday: Light Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Hospitality*

*Saturday: Light 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 Christopher Brown at [cbrown@edod.org](mailto:cbrown@edod.org) with questions.*

## **When does the first event start?**

*Please arrive to the Church of the Incarnation and register between at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm. We start with a Welcome at 5:00 pm. If you will be later than 5:00 pm, please let us know.*

## **What should I wear and bring?**

*Dress casually. Bring your Bible and Book of Common Prayer. Please do not bring expensive or valuable equipment as the Church of the Incarnation assumes no responsibility for their safe keeping.*



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Registration for the Discernment Retreat – August 11-13, 2022  
Sponsored by the COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Fill out the below registration information and turn in this form before  
**Friday, July 29, 2022**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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ANY DIETARY/PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS? \_\_\_\_\_

Cost is \$75.00 per person. 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:

**Amy Maceo**  
Discernment Retreat  
12012 Brookmeadow Lane  
Dallas, TX 75218

Please contact Amy Maceo at the Diocesan Offices if you have any questions: [amaceo@edod.org](mailto:amaceo@edod.org) or cell: 469-951-7048.

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BASIC AGENDA

Thursday, August 11

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

Friday, August 12

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Coffee and Light Breakfast Snacks
8:30 am – 6:00 pm	Program
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner

Saturday, August 13

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Coffee and Light Breakfast Snacks
8:30 am -12:00 pm	Program
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Departure