

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The Commission on Ministry began its year with the two-day Ministry Conference at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center in January (in conjunction with the Standing Committee), at which interviews were conducted, discernment group training took place, and we all had a chance to both pray and relax together. We interviewed individuals seeking holy orders and sent our recommendations to the Bishop. COM liaisons have been in contact with those in formation. The purpose of the liaisons is to provide an open line of communication so that the COM may provide support or answer questions. Ben Nobles was ordained to the vocational diaconate in June and is serving at Trinity Church New Orleans. At present, we have seven people in preparation for the priesthood (five in theological seminary and two at the Iona School for Ministry), and one person being formed for the diaconate (at Iona). The pandemic has affected all of us, of course, but the COM has continued to meet as needed via Zoom. The Diocese of Louisiana is well served by a very hard-working and perceptive Commission on Ministry, and I am grateful to each and every member of the Commission for their ministry among us.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev'd Paul M. Bailey