

DIOCESE OF EAU CLAIRE
COMMISSION ON MINISTRY
2019 Annual Report
October 14, 2019

Members of the Commission on Ministry in 2019 were the Right Rev. Jay Lambert, Bishop; the Ven. Jo Glasser, chair; the Rev. Kathleen Charles; the Rev. Steve Russell; Dr. Paul Chase; Ms. Mary Ellen Filkins; Ms. Nancy Firth; Ms. Debbie Conover; Ms. Evelyn Usher; and the Very Rev. Michael Greene (ex officio).

The Rev. Michael Gumulauskas was ordained deacon on December 21, 2018. He was approved for postulancy for the priesthood in May 2019 and began his course of studies at Virginia Theological Seminary in August, 2019.

William Power, St. John's Sparta, is scheduled to be ordained to the vocational diaconate on November 2, 2019.

Two nominees for discernment for the vocational diaconate were approved in 2019: Ken Johnson, Our Savior's Lugerville, and Joseph Scheff, Episcopal Church of Chequamegon Bay at Bayfield. Joseph McConahy, Grace Church, Menomonie, is also in formation for the vocational diaconate.

The Commission on Ministry, with concurrence of Bishop Lambert, determined that there should be no further nominees admitted to discernment for Holy Orders during the transition period of Bishop Jay's retirement. That decision was effective as of the October meeting of the Commission. This is to avoid candidates in discernment being delayed in their process or encountering differing requirements with a new Bishop after Bishop Jay's retirement.

The Commission on Ministry also revised the guidelines for administration of the Sarah Torrance Fund for individuals preparing for ministry roles in the diocese.

The Rev. Christian Senyoni accepted a call to the Diocese of West Tennessee. The Very Rev. Michael Greene accepted a call to the Diocese of New Hampshire. The Rev. Robert Hoekstra accepted a call to the Diocese of North Dakota. The Rev. Patrick Augustine retired from Christ Church La Crosse and was subsequently ordained Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Bor, Province of South Sudan.

Lay Ministry Training for Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors and Worship Leaders continues to be offered on a congregational basis. Clergy who have parishioners who are interested in being trained or are in need of refresher training for renewal of their licenses should contact Deacon Glasser to schedule an on-site session. All lay ministry licenses in the Diocese of Eau Claire are effective for three years, and it is necessary to complete a refresher training session in order to renew a lay ministry license.

The Commission on Ministry conveys its thanks to everyone in the diocese for your prayers and support of its work.

Respectfully submitted,
The Ven. Jo K. Glasser, Chair