

**The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio
As of October 2025**

COMMISSIONING OF A DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

Presider: Siblings in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

Senior Warden:

I present these persons to be commissioned to the ministry of serving on the Discernment Committee for this congregation.

Presider asks the Senior Warden:

Are these persons you present prepared by a commitment to Christ, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God and the well-being of his church?

Senior Warden: They are.

Presider asks the Discernment Committee:

You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Discernment Committee: We will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Discernment Committee: We will, with God's help.

Presider asks the Congregation:

Will you, who witness these vows, do all in your power to support these persons in this special vocation?

We will.

Presider: Let us pray.

Eternal God, foundation of all wisdom and source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the members of this Discernment Committee. So guide their minds, so rule their hearts, so enflame their spirits, that your church may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip them for ministry. We ask these things through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Presider:

In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as members of the Discernment committee for rector of INSERT NAME Church. May God bless you and your ministry together.