

THE SEARCH FOR THE XV BISHOP · ESSAY QUESTIONS



Please answer the following essay questions in a separate document. Please limit your responses to approximately 500 words per question.

1. Please share a vocational and spiritual experience that has influenced your consideration in your call to the office of bishop, and to the Diocese of South Carolina in particular.
2. Bishops are to carry out the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. What talents and strengths do you bring to the shepherding of the Diocese of South Carolina through the challenges that we are facing:
 - a. during the transition to reconciliation with the returning congregations, and
 - b. as a result of historical and current issues of inclusion and diversity (age, race, gender, ethnicity, and sexuality)?
3. Where do you envision the Episcopal Church's ministry during the next decade? What actions have you taken as an active participant in the future of the church and how will that inform your work in the Diocese of South Carolina?
4. How have you built relationships in your ministry and how might you build relationships among the diverse worshiping communities in our diocese?
5. The larger societal context of health and economic uncertainty, divisiveness and social change leaves many with a sense of pessimism, anxiety and even despair. How have you proclaimed a message of hope during these difficult times? As we struggle with these issues in the world, how have you gotten in the trenches with us and led others to do God's work?

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit the following documents to scbishopsearch@gmail.com:

- Cover letter/Letter of intent
- All required petition candidate forms and consents
- The essays described in this form
- Résumé/CV
- OTM Portfolio

Please name all of the documents you send with your first and last name and the type of document (e.g. JordanDoe-CoverLetter.pdf, JordanDoe-Application.pdf, JordanDoe-Resume.pdf, JordanDoe-Essays.pdf, JordanDoe-OTM.pdf).