

Commission on Ministry

Report to Diocesan Convention 2025

Submitted by the Commission on Ministry

1. Mission / Purpose Statement

The Commission on Ministry (COM) serves the Diocese of Wyoming by assisting the Bishop in identifying, supporting, and guiding individuals in their discernment for ministry—lay and ordained. The COM provides structure, accountability, and encouragement for those called to deepen their service to the Church.

2. Summary of Current Year's Activities

In 2025, the Commission on Ministry undertook a variety of initiatives and ongoing work to support formation, discernment, and leadership within the Diocese of Wyoming. These activities included:

- Approved 25 grants for continuing education, pilgrimages, EfM, retreats, and other programs.
- Updated the Confirmation Process.
- Updated the Discernment Process.
- Created a Shepherding Program for those in the Ordination process.
- Began the creation of a COM handbook.
- Updated the grant application.
- Conducted Community Interviews for two people in the Ordination Process.
- Conducted a workshop to further clarify the role of COM in the Diocese of Wyoming.
- Discussed how to further aid in empowering laity.
- Conducted normal business, including discussion and voting on advancing people in the Ordination Process.
- Participated in the Confluence meetings.

3. Financial Report

N/A

4. Plans and Projections for the Coming Year

- Encourage and support ongoing as well as new ministries among clergy and laity.
- Continue the general business of COM.
- Finish the COM handbook.
- Create guidelines to help mentors support people in discernment and the ordination process.
- Develop creative approaches for COM to be a true support to all in the diocese.

5. Membership / Leadership

The Commission on Ministry is composed of clergy and lay members appointed by the Bishop. The group meets regularly to review applications, conduct interviews, and discern next steps for those in formation.

6. Gratitude / Acknowledgments

The COM expresses gratitude to all clergy and lay leaders who mentor and accompany those discerning calls to ministry across the Diocese. The committee also thanks the Bishop, diocesan staff, and mentors for their ongoing collaboration and support.

Respectfully submitted,

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