



Discernment Assignments

A formal discernment is necessary to enter the process for Holy Orders and for commissioning as a WISE Lay Minister.

Congregations with an ASA of more than 15:

These inquirers will enter into a personal discernment with a **local** discernment committee using the 8-session discernment curriculum developed by the Diocese.

The first meeting of the local discernment committee with the inquirer is designed to be an orientation at which they will meet with either the *Canon for Spiritual Formation and Congregational Development* or an appointed member of the Commission on Ministry (COM).

The local discernment committee will send periodic reports to the COM as prescribed in the diocesan discernment process. At the conclusion of all local discernment meetings a final written report will be submitted to the Bishop of Wyoming, the COM, the inquirer and their Vestry.

Congregations with an ASA of less than 15:

These inquirers will enter into a personal discernment with a **diocesan** discernment committee using the 8-session discernment curriculum developed by the Diocese. Their committee will be assigned to them by the COM with the exception of a representative from their church who will be appointed by their vestry.

The first meeting of the diocesan discernment committee with the inquirer and their church's representative is designed to be an orientation at which they will meet with either the *Canon for Spiritual Formation and Congregational Development* or an appointed member of the Commission on Ministry (COM).

The diocesan discernment committee will send periodic reports to the inquirer's vestry and the COM as prescribed in the diocesan discernment process. At the conclusion of all diocesan discernment meetings a final written report will be submitted to the Bishop of Wyoming, the COM, the inquirer and their Vestry.

The person being discerned is the Spouse of a clergy person:

These inquirers will enter into a personal discernment with a **diocesan** discernment committee using the 8-session discernment curriculum developed by the Diocese. Their committee will be assigned to them by the COM with the exception of a representative from their church who will be appointed by their vestry.

The first meeting of the diocesan discernment committee with the inquirer and their church's representative is designed to be an orientation at which they will meet with either the *Canon for Spiritual Formation and Congregational Development* or an appointed member of the Commission on Ministry (COM).

The diocesan discernment committee will send periodic reports to the inquirer's vestry and the COM as prescribed in the diocesan discernment process. At the conclusion of all diocesan discernment meetings a final written report will be submitted to the Bishop of Wyoming, the COM, the inquirer and their Vestry.

After receiving the final written report from the inquirer's discernment committee, a letter of support from the vestry sent to the COM and the Bishop is necessary for the inquirer's entry into the process for Holy Orders or WISE Lay Ministry.