

**Directions to Episcopal House,  
31 Mulberry Street, Newark, NJ**

The Commission on Ministry will hold a one-day conference for people who are considering another form of lay ministry or ordination to the Diaconate or Priesthood. The conference will be held at Episcopal House on Saturday, February 9, 2013 from 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon.

Those expected to attend are the people discerning their next steps in ministry (called Aspirants), their rectors and one or more members of their Discernment Committees. Individuals who want to attend by themselves for information and exploration are also invited. Those considering ordination should have already contacted the Commission on Ministry.

The role of the Discernment Committee is very important at the early stage of the process. We have found that this conference helps the Committee members understand better what is expected of them, their subsequent meetings with the Aspirant and the report they will submit to the COM at the completion of their meetings.

**New Jersey Turnpike - North or South**

Turnpike exit 15W (or 15E) to Route 280 West. Drive approximately two miles to Exit 15, marked "Route 21/Newark". At this exit, jug handle onto Route 21/McCarter Highway south (toward NJPAC, New Jersey Performing Arts Center) - continue south on 21 until you come to the NJPAC on your right - turn right onto Center Street - make the first left onto Mulberry Street. Episcopal House will be on the left side of the street. Parking is available.

**Garden State Parkway - North or South**

Follow GSP to exit 145 - follow signs to Route 280 East (Harrison/Newark) - take exit 15 for Route 21/McCarter Highway south - continue south on 21 until you come to the NJPAC on your right - turn right onto Center Street - make the first left onto Mulberry Street. Episcopal House will be on the left side of the street. Parking is available.

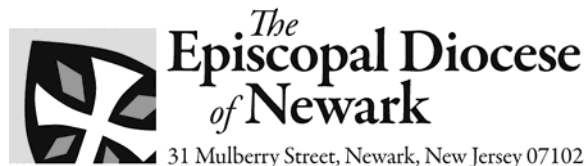
**Route 280 East Bound**

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*You can also follow the public transportation directions provided for NJPAC at <http://www.njpac.org/joomla/visitor-info/directions/58>*

**For more information:**

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**Episcopal Diocese of Newark's  
Commission on Ministry  
proudly sponsors a  
Conference on Discernment for  
ALL God's People**

**God is Calling...  
How will YOU  
Answer?**



This conference, hosted by the Commission on Ministry, will provide an overview of the discernment process, consideration of the various ministries of lay persons as well as deacons and priests, and models of Christian discernment.

**Saturday, February 9, 2013**

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## WHAT IS DISCERNMENT?

Discernment has been defined as “the Christian practice of seeking God’s call in the midst of the decisions that mark one’s life” and “a process of intentionally becoming aware of how God is present, active, and calling us as individuals and communities so that we can respond with increasingly greater faithfulness.”

*From The Way of Discernment  
by Elizabeth Liebert*

Therefore, discernment is a practice that ALL God’s people need to engage in—it is not reserved just for those seeking ordination.

All individuals who wish to consider whether they are being called to the ordained life of a priest or deacon will spend a period of intentional discernment with a community of others. More and more lay people are seeking to discern God’s call with no expectation or intention of seeking ordination. They are simply looking to better understand God’s role and presence in their lives and in the decisions they make.

The process of discernment can be thought of as a tree. We are rooted in our faith and exist as a community of God. As we discern how we will live into and realize our fullest potential, we then branch out in different but equal directions.



***Anyone seeking to enter the process toward ordination is EXPECTED to attend this conference. The aspirant or sponsoring priest needs to contact Bernie Poppe no later than December 1, 2012 973.762.1319***

## SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

8:45 am	Registration and Gathering
9:00 am	Welcome Bishop’s Address
9:15 am	What is the Ministry of a Deacon?  What is the Ministry of a Priest?
9:45 am	Break
10:00 am	The Discernment Process
11:15 am	Q & A
11:30 am	The Importance of Continued Discernment
11:45 am	Q & A
The conference will conclude by 12 noon.	

## Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one of the following:**

- I am attending as an individual.
- I am attending as part of a  
Discernment Committee

*Please indicate for whom*

**Registration:** There is no cost for this conference as we will be concluding prior to 12 noon and lunch will not be served

**PLEASE REGISTER BY  
February 1, 2013**

Please send this registration form to:

Kitty Kawecki  
Discernment Conference  
31 Mulberry Street  
Newark, NJ 07102

Or register online at

<http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/form/registration-discernment-day-2013>