



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH *in*
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Discovery Day
Saturday, March 6th
10:00 AM to Noon
Via Zoom

How does God want you to serve?

Each of us is called to the one ministry of Jesus Christ. Discovering the specific gifts and the specific ways to respond to God's call is the purpose of Discovery Day.

Join us and learn about a variety of paths for ministry. You just might discover the truth of Myra Scovel's words from her poem, "The Wind of the Spirit."

Put yourself into the path of the wind, Nicodemus.
Bright leaves will dance before you.
You will find yourself in places
you never dreamed of going;
you will be forced into situations
you have dreaded
and find them like a coming home.

Why Attend?

- To seek understanding and discover resources for navigating the vocational process for lay and ordained leadership especially in the context of Shaped by Faith.
- To meet the Bishop, Commission on Ministry members and other church leaders; hear their stories and discover the needs for ministry in the Diocese of Central PA.
- To be in community with others who are learning more about the possibilities in God's call.

It is the faith community that calls forth leadership from its midst, choosing those who have the needed gifts for the unique situation of every opportunity for Ministry.

What you need to prepare:

- Each attendee has a candle to light to remember their baptism
- Each attendee has done at least preliminary work to identify their spiritual gifts.

For those who have not had an opportunity to do so, <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and%20Synods/Faith-Practices/Spiritual-Renewal/Assessment-Tools>

If vocation [ministry] is where our deepest gladness meets the world's deepest joy, to quote theologian Frederick Buechner, then identifying our spiritual gifts, what gives us deep gladness, is a beginning step in discernment.

Meeting Agenda:

Words of Welcome and intro: A focus on Baptismal Ministry: All orders

Prayer

Discerning Ministry

Shaped by Faith and Call

Discerning Paths for Ministry

- a. Lay Ministry
- b. Deacon
- c. Priest

Steps toward Ordination

Commission on Ministry Resources –Ministry of all the baptized

Resources for formation and sharing our stories (two presentations on finding what gives deep gladness)

Questions

Next steps