

*A Day of Discovery
A Program for Discerning Ministry
in the Episcopal Church*



May 13, 2017
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
St James Episcopal Cathedral
4147 E Dakota Ave, Fresno, CA 93726

Day of Discovery is designed to help Episcopalians broaden their understanding and appreciation of the four groups of ministers in the Episcopal Church. Participants will discover new arenas for ministry as well as see and experience the complementary relationship between all ministers of the Church.

Some people limit their definition of discernment as primarily an activity to find THEIR ministry, THEIR career, or THEIR place. This program, on the other hand, will define discernment as primarily a lifelong process of perceiving, listening, and responding to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Most of all, ***Day of Discovery*** is designed to help people Discover and Appreciate the Mission and Ministry of Christ, how the Episcopal Church expresses that ministry, and how each person fits into that expression.

What is Day of Discovery?

Day of Discovery is a day for relooking at the mission and ministry of Christ and how the Episcopal Church expresses that ministry through lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. It is a day to rediscover and appreciate the daily work and ministry of every Baptized member of the Church. It will help you begin a simple process of discernment that will affirm what you do every day as ministry, as well as open new avenues of service. We believe that all Baptized members perform the ministry of the Church, regardless of place or Order, at worship, at home, at work, and in the community. Believing this and practicing it daily are often worlds apart.

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Day of Discovery is based on the assumption that God is present in the whole of life and that Christian ministry is a response to that Presence. To bridge the gap between belief and practice, this conference will introduce **Context for Ministry**, a 12-week program designed to help you discover a deeper call into the life of ministry in the Episcopal Church, whether lay or ordained. At the conference:

You will learn:

- To see the Church as a *Circle* flowing from the ministry of Christ through lay persons, Bishops, priests, and deacons.
- To affirm and appreciate what you do on a daily basis, sharing in Christ's Ministry.
- To appreciate the unique ministry of each of the four groups of ministers: lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons according to the 1979 BCP.
- To use **Context for Ministry**, a 12-week program for discovering your place in the ongoing ministry of the Episcopal Church.

Context for Ministry A Twelve Week Process of Discernment

- To *discover and appreciate* the Ministry of Christ as Mark described it.
- To *discover and appreciate* how the four groups of ministers in the Episcopal Church (lay persons, bishops, priests and deacons) express the Ministry of Christ.
- To *learn a process* for using the Baptismal Covenant as a Plumb Line and standard for future daily ministry.
- To *discover* the “needs, concerns and hopes” of “the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely” within and beyond the local Parish.
- To *design and implement* a ministry project based on those needs and in line with the Baptismal Covenant.

The **Day of Discovery** costs \$10.00 per person which includes a light lunch and workshop material.

Context for Ministry, If you decide to take the 12-week, follow-up ministry discernment course, there is a \$50.00 fee.

REGISTRATION FORM

Send registration application and with \$10.00 registration fee to:

The Diocese of San Joaquin 1528 Oakdale Road, Modesto, CA 95355

Please make check made payable to the Diocese of San Joaquin.

Name: __

Email: __

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