



Bishop Search Individual Survey

Survey closes February 28

1. Are you lay or clergy?

2. Please indicate your age

3. Please indicate your county of worship

4. I attend church in Maine

- In the summer
- In the winter
- all year 'round

5. Frequency of church attendance

- Weekly or nearly weekly
- Monthly
- Seasonally (e.g., Christmas, Easter)

6. In which ways are you involved in your church? (check all that apply)

- Member of the Vestry
- Member of an Outreach Group
- Member of A Pastoral Care Committee
- Faith Formation for Children or Adults

Other (please specify)

7. What do we do well in the Diocese of Maine?

	Not well at all	Fair	Neutral	Well enough	Very Well
Outreach	<input type="radio"/>				
Congregational worship	<input type="radio"/>				
Speak to and work for social justice	<input type="radio"/>				
Spiritual development	<input type="radio"/>				
Pastoral care	<input type="radio"/>				
Being open and inclusive	<input type="radio"/>				

8. What are the greatest challenges facing the Diocese of Maine?

	Not a challenge	A little challenging	Neutral	Challenging	A significant challenge
Geography and size of the diocese	<input type="radio"/>				
Economic diversity within (across) the state	<input type="radio"/>				
Processing of social justice issues	<input type="radio"/>				
Aging of the state and church membership	<input type="radio"/>				
Financial strains throughout the diocese	<input type="radio"/>				
Reaching new people in new ways	<input type="radio"/>				

9. What skills and experiences are needed for our new bishop?

	Not important to have	A little important	Neither important nor unimportant	Important	Very Important
Good listener	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visionary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Experience with diverse congregations (spiritual, economic, political)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Embraces and presents the gospel in new and innovative ways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hands-on experience with community organizations and issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to build bridges across the spectrum of individual religious viewpoints	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. What are your hopes and aspirations for our bishop?

	Not important	A little important	Neither important nor unimportant	Important	Very important
To provide outreach to the needy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To educate our youth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To answer questions of faith in older parishioners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To answer questions of faith in younger parishioners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To open more congregations in Maine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Renew our spiritual lives through new forms of worship and music	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To practice radical hospitality to all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. What does the term "Episcopal Diocese" mean to you? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Standing Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> The Bishop
<input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Convention
<input type="checkbox"/> Every congregation in Maine	<input type="checkbox"/> Parochial Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	

12. What impact does the Bishop have in your life as an Episcopalian in Maine? (check all that apply)

- I don't know what a Bishop does
- My only contact or input from the Bishop is during their annual visit to my parish
- The Bishop performs confirmations
- The Bishop is responsible for assisting shrinking congregations in discerning their future
- The Bishop speaks for me on social issues such as political injustice, racism, etc.
- The Bishop has no impact on my life
- The Bishop establishes a theological climate or tone for Episcopalian in Maine

13. What spiritual role does a bishop play in your life? (check all that apply)

- Acts as a role model/leader for our youth
- Encourages us to go out into our communities
- Is a source of guidance (spiritual/practical) for me, members of my family, members of my congregation, my church
- The Bishop visits regularly to celebrate worship and preach at my parish
- Other (please specify)

14. What personal attributes are needed for our new bishop?

	Not important to possess	A little important	Neutral	Important to possess	Very important to possess
Inquiring and discerning heart	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A sense of joy and wonder	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A sense of humor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Deeply spiritual	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. To where is God calling the Diocese of Maine? (Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences)