



## 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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Congregational worship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speak to and work for social justice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spiritual development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pastoral care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being open and inclusive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic diversity within (across) the state	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Processing of social justice issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aging of the state and church membership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial strains throughout the diocese	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reaching new people in new ways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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)

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| <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 Episcopalians 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)