

APPENDIX B: Letter from Candidates

(Please indicate: Confirmation; Reception; Reaffirmation)

Please send responses to me one week prior to visit

Dear child of God,

I am looking forward to meeting you during my visit to your church in a few weeks. It is an important time in your life; it is an important moment in our life as the body of Christ. In order to enrich our meeting, I am asking for your help. I will not have a lot of time with you. So I am asking that you write me a brief letter prior to my arrival. The questions below are suggestions to stir up thought!

1. Tell me a bit about your spiritual journey, what brings you to this day?
2. Why the Episcopal Church?
3. What was one of the most interesting things you have learned during your preparation?
4. What is one thing that still concerns you, baffles you, makes you wonder about this tradition?
5. When I am with you, what is one question or issue you would like me to address in our brief time together?

As stated these are simply suggestions. This is not a test or a prerequisite. It is a way to deepen my connection with the good people that are joining our church. I will read each letter and hold it confidentially. Be honest. Include your name. Please write the letter as you would like, but do write one. It only needs to be 1-2 pages. I look forward to being with you. Congratulations on this very significant step on your spiritual journey.

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