

Clergy Orientation and Conferences Guidelines

Clergy Orientation

All Clergy under the authority of the Gulf Atlantic Diocesan are expected to participate in an orientation meeting as soon after arriving in the diocese as possible. The orientation meetings will be scheduled at least once each calendar year and typically coincidental with a clergy conference to minimize travel time and expense.

Topics to be discussed are as follow:

DNA of the Diocese and Province; how we got where we are; alphabet soup & Unity Taskforce Synod

Constitution & Canons

Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and other diocese leadership committees

Deans & Deaneries

Ministries Overview – A4D, Camp Araminta, Dynamos, Intercessory Prayer

Liturgical Guidelines

Catechism & Lay Catechists

Clergy Background Investigation Bring-ups (5 year cycle)

SMCAP – MinistrySafe Certification Bring-ups (2 year cycle)

Clergy Receptions and Transfers

Congregations in Search

Congregation Typography of Group Size

Church Planting Alliance

Clergy Leadership Training Institute (CLTI)

Clergy Coaching

Discernment Process for Ordained Ministry

Diocese Office; Meeting Planning and Logistics

Diocese Database

Congregation Leadership Updates and Synod Delegates

Annual Congregation Report

Website

Diocese Budget

Clergy Compensation & Benefits

Diocese Review Committee (DRC)

Clergy Conferences

All Clergy under the authority of the Gulf Atlantic Diocesan are expected to participate in all clergy conferences unless there is a legitimate reason to request an exception from the Bishop. Conferences will be scheduled at least once each calendar year and typically twice. One is normally coincidental with the annual Synod in November to minimize travel time and expense.