



In Search of Our New Bishop

The Episcopal Diocese of Montana

Exciting News for April

The Nominating Committee will share a retreat with all the applicants for bishop of our diocese during the first week of April.

The Committee is completing their work of reviewing the applications and interviewing those who have applied for the vocation as our bishop. They will provide their recommendations to the Standing Committee.

After Easter the Standing Committee will then announce the slate of candidates chosen for consideration as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Montana.

A final petition period of two weeks will be open for others to be considered.

In the May edition, the slate of candidates will be published.

THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT

Each of us as Baptized persons are called to be faithful and prayerful in our explorations and decisions for the good of our local churches and for the great company of the Episcopal Church in our world.

Discernment is the conscientious attention we put forth, the insight we use to appreciate, the wisdom we bare to evaluate and examine the life of another, and our keen perception about the motives and convictions of those willing to be called to ministry. The religious gift of discernment helps us trust the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us as we invest ourselves in appreciating the commitment of another. At the heart of it, this is the joining of our work and acumen with the grace of God to discover the vocation of bishop among us.

Discernment Synonyms

insight perception perceptiveness sagaciousness sagacity sapience wisdom

CALANDAR OF 2019 EVENTS

Sun 21 April	EASTER SUNDAY
Sun 14 – Fri 19 July	WALKABOUTS - 5 State Locations
Fri 26 July	SPECIAL ELECTION CONVENTION TO ELECT THE BISHOP – Bozeman
Sat 27 - Sun 28 July	DIOCESAN CONVENTION – Bozeman
August – November	CONSENT BY EPISCOPAL BISHOPS AND STANDING COMMITTEES
Sat 7 Dec	CONSECRATION OF NEW BISHOP – Helena
Sun 8 Dec	SEATING OF NEW BISHOP AT ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL – Helena

discern vb [ME *discernen*, fr. MF *discerner*, fr. L *discernere* to separate, distinguish between, fr. *dis-apart* + *cernere* to sift – more at DIS-, CERTAIN] *vt* (14c) **1a** : to detect with the eyes, **b** : to detect with other senses than vision **2** : to recognize or identify as separate and distinct : DISCRIMINATE **3** : to come to know or recognize mentally *vi* : to see or understand the difference

discernment n (1586) **1** : the quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure : skill in discerning **2** : an act of discerning *syn* DICERNMENT, DISCRIMINATION, PERCEPTION, PENETRATION, INSIGHT, ACUMEN means a power to see what is not evident to the average mind. DISCERNMENT stresses accuracy (as in reading character or motives of appreciating art); DISCRIMINATION stresses the power to distinguish and select what is true or appropriate or excellent; PERCEPTION implies quick and often sympathetic discernment (as of shades of feeling); PENETRATION implies a searching mind that goes beyond what is obvious or superficial; INSIGHT suggests depth of discernment couple with understanding sympathy; ACUMEN implies characteristic penetration combined with keen practical judgment.

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate

Answers to the BISHOP QUIZ

What is the name of the pair of cloth flaps attached to the rear of a bishop's miter?

lappets ('*infulae*' or '*fanones*')

Who was the first Episcopal bishop in Montana?

Bishop Daniel S Tuttle (1837-1923)

Youngest man ever chosen as bishop 1867, in Montana 1867-1886, in Missouri 1868-1903 and was Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church from 1903-1923 one of the longest serving bishops in the Anglican Communion

Prayer For A New Bishop

Loving God, raise up for the diocese of Montana a shepherd who will lead with compassion, with courage and with comprehension of the needs of all your people, that we may be led by a bishop who is committed to ministering from the mountains to the plains, from cities to rural areas always remembering the poor, the marginalized, and those with no voice. Amen.

“Episcopal Bishop-Spotting” by Bishop Daniel Martins (2018)

...I offer these observations for the benefit of electors and candidates trying to discern their possible vocation to the episcopate. They are predicated on the assumption that, aside several priests in the church at this moment, there is a future bishop waiting to be discovered and liberated to act according to that vocation, just as within some blocks of marble or wood, an artistic masterpiece lies waiting to be discovered and liberated by the right tools in the hands of a skilled sculptor...

A SPECIAL REQUEST OF ALL READERS

What **question** would you like to ask of the candidates for bishop of our diocese at our public forums?

Please submit your question to Jill Sallin <admin@diomontana.com> by May 10th.

All questions will be considered. Thank you.

Please refer to the Diocesan website: www.diomontana.com

Choose “Bishop Search” for more information & documents