

Reception or Transfer of Anglican Clergy

The Bishop of Anglican Diocese of the South may receive the transfer of duly ordained clergy from another ACNA diocese, or receive the orders of clergy from another Anglican jurisdiction. Upon examination of orders, he may also receive ministers who were ordained in historic succession, but are not currently resident in an Anglican jurisdiction.

FOR ANGLICAN CLERGY SEEKING RECEPTION

Reception and/or Licensure of Anglican Clergy

Clergy already ordained in the Anglican Church in North America or GAFCON churches will follow the transfer/reception track described in this customary. After letters are received, ADOTS needs to confirm a place of ministry within the diocese, as well as an affinity with our focus and mission. We typically asked candidates for reception to meet with local clergy and with the Dean of the convocation. This process helps build relationships and collegiality. The Bishop makes the final decision.

Checklist for Reception

Forms and guides are available on our website at
www.adots.org/canontotheordinary

BEFORE CONSIDERING RECEPTION

The Canon to the Ordinary will set up meetings with Bishop or Bishop's representatives such as the regional Dean and/or a local Rector. Please contact him and begin a process of discussion and relationship building. This will also include conversations about your ministry, your relationship with your current Bishop and Jurisdiction, and reasons for considering a transfer. During this time, it is helpful if you fill out our Ministry Application to help us get to know you.

REQUEST PROCESS

- Ministry Application and Bishop's Questions
- Request Letter Dimissory from your Bishop
- Copies of Deacon and/or Priest Ordination Certificates
- Complete our Background Check, or Evidence of Recent Background Check
- Completion of MinistrySafe or Evidence of SMP training
- Completion of Keeping our Sacred Trust or evidence of CMP training
- Receipt of SMP Policy Page
- Approval by the ADOTS Bishop to transfer

PREPARATION AND RECEPTION

- Letter Dimissory from your Bishop received at ADOTS
- Public presentation of the Oath of Conformity and Obedience

Licensure of Clergy

The Bishop of Anglican Diocese of the South may license clergy for specific ministry within ADOTS, if they are duly ordained clergy in good standing from another ACNA diocese, or another Anglican jurisdiction, or who were demonstrably ordained in historic succession.

Licenses are issued for a one year period, and are specific to a place and type of ministry. The report for the previous calendar year is due to the Bishop by the end of January. A guide for writing this report is provided on the Canon to the Ordinary section of our website under guides.

Checklist for Licensure

REQUEST PROCESS

- Ministry Application and Bishop's Questions
- Request a Letter from your Bishop: of Reference and Permission to be Licensed
- Approval of the Rector or Ministry Leader at your place of ministry
- Copies of Deacon and/or Priest Ordination Certificates
- Complete our Background Check, or Evidence of Recent Background Check
- Completion of MinistrySafe or Evidence of SMP training
- Completion of Keeping our Sacred Trust or evidence of CMP training
- Receipt of SMP Policy Page
- Approval by the ADOTS Bishop

PREPARATION AND RECEPTION

- Letter of Reference and Agreement from your Bishop Recieved
- Letter of License issued

RECEPTION, TRANSFER, AND LICENSE