

**Diocese of Southern Virginia
Questionnaire from the Bishop's Search/Nominating Committee
October 2018**

Please answer the following questions thoughtfully and prayerfully as we seek to develop an overview of "Life in Our Diocese".

The initial "demographic" questions are required, to help us ensure that the different areas within our Diocese are represented in the responses to this questionnaire. None of the remaining questions are mandatory but we hope you will respond to as many as possible. Please note that some of the comments and "stories" shared through responses to this questionnaire may be used within the Diocesan profile as we seek to present a living "snapshot" of life in this Diocese to potential nominees for Bishop.

Parish _____ City : _____

Age: 16-21 _____ 22-35 _____ 36-50 _____ 51-65 _____ 66 and over _____

Gender: _____ Race: _____

Laity: _____ Priest: _____ Deacon: _____

1. What makes your parish special? Share two or three things about your parish that have special meaning for you. Please give an example.
2. Describe a time when your parish and the Diocese worked well together
3. How has a bishop best served your parish? Please give specifics.
4. Over the last decade, the Episcopal Church has supported and encouraged diversity through a variety of programs and outreach. Please describe how this is reflected in your parish
5. What is your parish doing to connect with diverse cultures in your community?

6a. Please check the following diocesan ministries with which you are familiar. .

College Ministry
Youth Ministry
Chanco
Prison Ministry
Repairers the Breach
Health Ministry
Outreach Ministries
Addictions and Recovery

Latino Ministries

ECW

Other _____

(see <http://www.diosova.org> for details on each Ministry)

6b. Share how one or more of these ministries has affected you

6c. With which of the above ministries is your church involved? How has this affected your congregation and community?

7. Describe ways your parish is currently reaching out to serve the broader community

8. What do you consider unique about the Diocese of Southern Virginia? Please explain.

9a. Where is God calling us in Southern Virginia? What makes you discern that?

9b. What do you see as the greatest opportunity/challenge facing our Diocese?

9c. What do you see as important directions for this Diocese over the next 10 years? Why?

10. If you could ask each candidate one question what would it be?

11. What are three things you might pray about for this Diocese?

12. What else do you feel is important to share?

Thank you for taking time to complete this questionnaire.