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VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT PROGRAM 2008 MEMBER OF THE CLERGY LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Thank you for your willingness to write a recommendation on behalf of _____
Nominee's Name

The information you provide to the Commission on Ministry is critical. You bring a unique perspective that may complete and confirm a picture of a priest in the making, or may help to prevent a costly mistake. We ask you to be honest and thorough. We need a frank appraisal of this person's present gifts and skills and of needed growth as well, with **specific examples** to help us understand. A picture of a perfect person is neither helpful nor credible. Please attach your answers to this form.

Please read the "Recruitment" section of the *Process for Exploring Ordained Vocations* booklet very carefully, and use it as a guide in answering the following questions.

1. How long have you know the applicant, and under what circumstances?
2. What evidence have you seen that the applicant is called to ordained ministry, rather than to disciplined and committed lay ministry?
3. Has the applicant shown evidence of strong leadership? How, and in what circumstances? How would you describe the person's style of leadership? Please be specific.
4. What unusual gifts, skills and experience does the applicant bring that might be useful in a rapidly changing, increasingly diverse, missionary Church? (Examples: proficiency in a language other than English, time spent in a culture or class different from one's own.)
5. Does the applicant have any life stressors or impending life changes that may impact his or her participation in this process? (Examples: family illnesses, wedding plans.)
6. What areas do you see in which this person needs particular care and guidance for further development during the postulancy/candidacy period? Are there any serious considerations, which might prevent the applicant from serving well as an ordained leader? Have you discussed these matters with the applicant?
7. Can you attest to the applicant's status as a confirmed communicant in good standing?

Name: _____
Please print.

Signature _____ Date: _____

*** Please note Vestry Letter of Support must accompany this recommendation.**

Please send to Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, ATTN: Ieasha Barrow Cornelius