



## **The Bishop Search Committee is Listening... Come and Share your Voice!**

The Search Committee for the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina wants to hear from you! As part of the search process we create a diocesan profile that will articulate who we are as a diocese and where we believe God is calling us to go in the coming years. We will share this profile with the wider Church and prospective bishop candidates, and your input is an important part of its creation.

Over the next few weeks you will have the opportunity to participate in an online survey as well as listening sessions. The **Survey** is available in both English and Spanish and can be accessed **NOW through March 9**. It includes a variety of questions about our diocese now, and even more about what we hope for in the future, including what qualities and gifts you think are important for our next bishop to have. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share your thoughts. The link to the survey is provided below.

The **In-Person Listening Sessions** are open for anyone to attend, even those who may also be participating in one of the virtual sessions. **Virtual Sessions** will take place on Zoom and many are designated for particular affinity groups or clergy roles within the diocese. There will also be two Zoom sessions for Laity who are not able to attend an in-person session. There will also be a session for diocesan staff. These listening sessions will be forward-looking and conversational, during which you'll be invited to share your answer to these five questions:

1. Tell us about something exciting in your worship community and your wider community, and tell us about a challenge in your worship community and your wider community.
2. In what ways has the diocese been a blessing to you or your parish?
3. What opportunities and challenges face our diocese and bishop in the next five years?
4. Jump ahead to ten years from now. What accomplishments do you hope the bishop will have led us to?
5. Is there anything you'd want to make sure our new bishop knows about our diocese?

**In-Person Session:** We have made every effort to schedule the in-person sessions in locations within one hour of the surrounding churches. They are as follows:

### **March 1, 2025**

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| ● St. Stephen's, Goldsboro          | English           | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. |
| ● St. James the Fisherman Shallotte | English           | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. |
| ● St. Peter's, Washington           | Spanish & English | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.   |

### **March 8, 2025**

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| ● Christ Church, Elizabeth City    | English | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. |
| ● Christ Church, New Bern          | English | 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.   |
| ● Holy Trinity, Fayetteville       | English | 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.   |
| ● St. Andrew's on the Sound, Wilm. | English | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.   |
| ● La Sagrada Familia, Newton Grove | Spanish | 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.   |

## Virtual Sessions via Zoom

- Youth of the Diocese - Monday, March 10 @ 6 pm
- Campus Ministry Participants - Time to be Scheduled
- Laity of African Descent - Time to be Scheduled
- Laity unable to attend in Person - Thursday, March 13 @ 10:30 am
- Laity unable to attend in Person - Tuesday, March 11 @ 6 pm
- Active Priests Session 1 - Thursday, March 6 @ 2:00 pm
- Active Priests Session 2 - Tuesday, March 11 @ 10:30 am
- Active Deacons - Thursday, March 13 @ 6:00 pm
- Retired/Inactive Clergy (Priest & Deacon) - Thursday, March 6 @ 10:30 am

So we can plan for each session, please register using the link below. If you have questions about the listening sessions or the process in general, please contact us at [admin@decbishopsearch.com](mailto:admin@decbishopsearch.com).

Access Survey: [Bishop Search Survey - English](#)

[Bishop Search Survey - Spanish](#)

Share your Voice: [Register for Listening Sessions](#)