The Discernment Team provides advice to Bishops in their task of discerning those to train for ordained ministry through the provision of Stage 1 and Stage 2 panels in the new Shared Discernment Process and running Candidates' Panels. We also train Bishops' Advisers for their work at a Panel and Diocesan Directors of Ordinands for their work with candidates.

**Shared Discernment Process**

New webpage content about the Shared Discernment Process is under development and will be available here soon.

**Candidates Panel – Information and forms for DDOs**

For DDOs needing to send candidates to Candidates Panel (rather than through the Shared Discernment Process), a list of forthcoming Candidates Panel dates, the Candidates Panel Booklet, and various Candidates Panel paperwork/forms are available below.

- [Candidates Panel Dates 2023 and 2024](#) (43.04 KB)
- [Candidates Panel Booklet](#) (364.55 KB)
- [Candidates Panel Proforma](#) (53.5 KB)
- [Candidates Panel Data Protection Form](#) (46.23 KB)
- [Candidates Panel Form for Ministers of other Denominations and Ministers of other Anglican Provinces (to be used in place of SP1/SP2 and BAP registration form)](#) (40.59 KB)
- [Incumbent Reference](#) (73 KB)
- [Lay Reference](#) (76 KB)
- [Occupational Reference](#) (48 KB)
- [Educational Reference](#) (45.5 KB)
- [Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults form](#) (540.14 KB)
- [Ethnic diversity form](#) (42 KB)
- [Statement of Financial Position](#) (40.5 KB)
- [Registration Form for those changing Category or Focus of ministry during IME2](#) (89.5 KB)
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