



St. James the Apostle

Episcopal Church

St. James Episcopal Church
Coquille Oregon
Online Adult Forum
Bishops and Elections
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It's almost time to elect our new bishop! It's a pretty exciting time, but the delegates and clergy don't get to have all the fun! Electing a bishop is the work of the whole diocese, and that includes you yourself. Whether its discussing the candidates, considering and learning about the roles of bishops in our church, or just praying for those in authority, everyone is included in our election process. So let's get started.

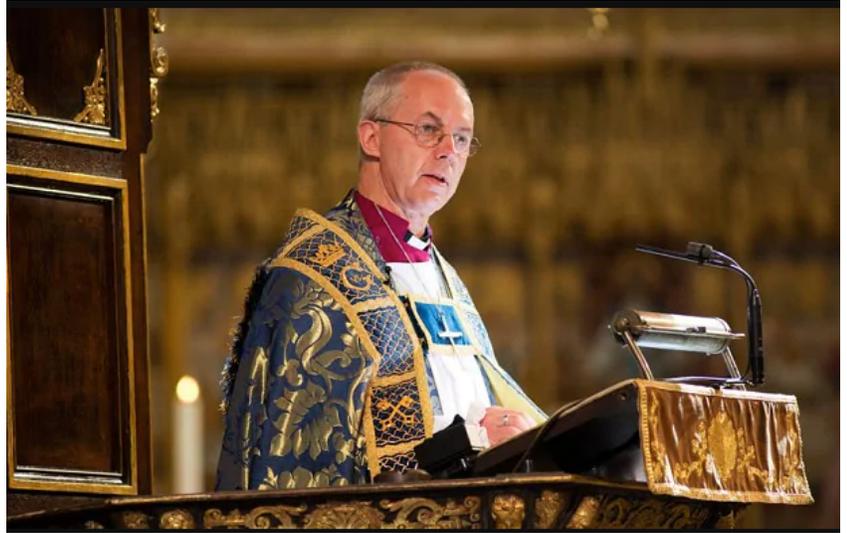
Wait, what's an online adult forum?

Normally, St. James meets on Wednesday nights to share a meal and to learn about God and the Church. With the pandemic, however, meeting isn't a great option, so we're trying something new. Each week, beginning August 2nd, Father Tim will post a set of resources, questions, and suggestions for prayer around our search for a new bishop. He'll also post a weekly meditation and invitation to join in. While we won't be able to meet up in person, we'll all be able to continue to study and grow in Christ together.



Okay, that's cool. What sorts of things will we be doing?

Father Tim will begin each week with a document much like this one. It will have five parts:



- Prepare - suggestions for ways to turn your heart, mind, and spirit more fully to God.
- Turn - a prayer, often simple, to the Holy Spirit to begin.
- Learn - some resources and materials to look at or listen to. These all have to do with bishops, either the candidates themselves or bishops in our Church.
- Pray - a prayer to take on that week. These are often from the Book of Common Prayer.
- Reflect - some invitations and suggestions for reflecting on what you learned.

You can take on any or all of these parts whenever you want throughout the week. Want to spend all week with a particular prayer? Cool. Only have an afternoon to spare? That's fine, too.

What are the topics?

Beginning July 26th (the last Sunday in July), there will be six weeks of topics. These topics include include:

- August 2nd - Leaders and bishops in Scripture
- August 9th - Our candidates
- August 16th - What is an Episcopal Bishop?
- August 23rd - The Electing Convention

- August 30th - Reflecting on what you learned

What will I need?

Not much. You'll need access to the internet first of all, but you'll also probably want a nice Bible to thumb through. If you have a Book of Common Prayer, awesome, but if not, the whole thing is online (and Father Tim will link to what you'll need). Other than that, nothing more than a earnest desire to learn more about God and about our Episcopal Church.

