

# Transfer & Reception

The Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Christ Our Hope (DCH) may receive the transfer of duly ordained clergy from another ACNA diocese, or receive the orders of clergy from another Anglican jurisdiction. Upon examination of orders, he may also receive ministers who were ordained in historic succession, but are not currently resident in an Anglican jurisdiction.

## FOR ANGLICAN CLERGY SEEKING TRANSFER OR RECEPTION

Clergy already ordained in the ACNA or in GAFCON churches will seek transfer or reception by following these guidelines. After letters are received, DCH needs to confirm a place of ministry within the diocese, as well as an affinity with our focus and mission. The Bishop makes the final decision.

## BEFORE CONSIDERING TRANSFER OR RECEPTION

The Canon to the Ordinary will interview each applicant for transfer or reception, as will the Bishop. Please contact the DCH Canon to the Ordinary, Ben Bowman ([bbowman@adhope.org](mailto:bbowman@adhope.org)) to begin the process and set up the interviews. This will include conversations about your ministry, your relationship with your current Bishop and Jurisdiction, and reasons for considering a transfer. During this time, it is helpful if you fill out our Ministry Application to help us get to know you.

## **Checklist for Transfer or Reception**

Forms and guides are available on our website at <https://www.adhope.org/credentialing-documents>

- Contact Ben Bowman ([bbowman@adhope.org](mailto:bbowman@adhope.org)) to request Reception or Transfer
- Interview with Canon to the Ordinary
- Receipt of Ministry Application
- Receipt of letter of transfer from your bishop
- Receipt of copies of certification of deacon and/or priest ordination
- Completion and receipt of DCH background check, or provide evidence of a background check completed within the past five years
- Completion and receipt of Ministry Safe and Understanding Clergy Sexual Ethics courses (online sexual misconduct prevention tutorials), or provision of documentation showing completion of the same. Contact [bbowman@adhope.org](mailto:bbowman@adhope.org) for login info for both courses.
- Interview with DCH bishop
- Receipt of signed Oath of Conformity and Obedience
- Receipt of approval to transfer from the DCH bishop
- Certificate of transfer issued