**Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh**

**Congregation Visitation Planning Form**

It’s important the Bishop’s Office receives this form at least **two weeks prior to the visit.** Additionally, please send a draft of any proposed service leaflet(s) a week prior.

Rector or Priest/Deacon-in-Charge: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Phone Number: (For emergency use): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Visitation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Desired Arrival Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Depart After: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Worship Plan**

The Bishop will plan on preaching unless otherwise noted.

Service Time(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Liturgy:

€ BCP 2019 € Standard Text € Renewed Ancient Text € BCP 1979 Other:

Lessons:

Old Testament: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Psalm(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Epistle: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Liturgical Color (red is customary for confirmation): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Bishop Vesting: □ Formal – Cope and Miter □ Informal – Rochet and Chimere

List anything which would be helpful for the Bishop to emphasize in discussion or announcements.

**Confirmations, Receptions, Reaffirmations**

There will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ confirmations, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ receptions, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reaffirmations.

***Please include a one-page testimony from the confirmand.***

Please complete the attached list including full names and submit with the Visitation Form.

The Bishop will bring the completed certificates on the day of the Service.

If you question whether an individual should be confirmed, received or reaffirmed, an explanation is on p. 4.

**Outreach Opportunities**

How can the Bishop help your congregation reach out to your surrounding community (e.g. prayer walking, evangelistic or apologetic meeting, etc.)

**Awards at the Discretion of the Rector**

**Award for Exemplary Service** – One person per category

This award recognizes people who have consistently exemplified Christ-like service in the congregation or in the broader community in ways fitting their age and stage of life.

Child: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teen (ages 13-19): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Adult (ages 20-up): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Award for Excellence in Scripture** – One person per category

This award recognizes people who have so consistently “heard, read, marked, learned and inwardly digested” the Scriptures that their lives have been transformed by God’s Word.

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**St. Philip Award for Proclaiming the Good News –** One person per category.

This award recognizes people whom God is using to declare the message of the Gospel. Their proclamation of the Gospel may take many forms. It is important, however, that it includes words.

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**Other Recognitions / Celebrations / Blessings:**

**Other Special Requests:**

**Confirmation / Reception / Reaffirmation List  
Return to Bishop’s Office with Visitation Form, and one-page testimony from confirmand.**

Church\*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Rector: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Bishop Officiating: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*For those who have come for confirmation, or reception from another congregation, please note that congregation with the person’s name.

Anglicanism requires a public and personal profession of the Faith from every adult believer in Jesus Christ. Confirmation by a bishop is its liturgical expression. Confirmation is evident in Scripture: the Apostles prayed for and laid their hands on those who had already been baptized (Acts 8:14-17; 19:6; 2 Timothy 1:6-7). In Confirmation, God, through the bishop’s prayer for daily increase in the Holy Spirit, strengthens the believer for Christian life in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Grace is God’s gift, and we pray that he will pour out his Holy Spirit on those who have already been made his children by adoption and grace in Baptism.

At the direction of the Bishop, and after public reaffirmation of their baptismal promises, those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions (including those confirmed in other traditions) are *received* into the Anglican Church with prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

Confirmed believers who are already members of this Church (including those received from other traditions as above, those returning to active Christian discipleship after lapse, and those experiencing a renewal of Christian commitment or significant life transition) may also *reaffirm* the pledges made to Christ and his Church with prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

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| **Name of Person** | **Confirmed** | **Received** | **Reaffirmed** | **Age** | **Denomination of Baptism or Adult Profession** | **Date**  **(if known)** |
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