

Quotable Questions

Clergy, lay leaders and chaplains supported by this episcopacy took an online survey in which

they were given an opportunity to submit their questions for prospective candidates.

Below is a random sampling of those questions, revealing some of their concerns.

Have you had any active military duty as a chaplain?

Are you prepared for the travel/time required to meet with all the members of this federal ministry group to support them in their ministry and interaction with members and endorsers from the many denominations connected with federal service?

How does the bishop resolve and support the “struggle” of peaceful conflict resolution versus war and violence while advocating for - and taking care of - those chaplains and service members who in many ventures of the church are understood as war mongers or supporters as opposed to freedom and peace-enablers?

How would the bishop counsel a service member struggling with this same internal conflict?

Who are you spiritually?

How would you undertake the role of shepherding the shepherds?

How are they fed spiritually so they can feed others? What are their spiritual practices?

Strategic thinking - where do you envision this chaplaincy to be in 2016?

What is the biblical paradigm of resolving conflicts? Or what is your spiritual locus when it comes to conflict transformation?

What is your understanding of modern chaplaincy?

A modern understanding of spirituality?

An understanding of both military and hospital chaplaincy?

Ability to write and speak publicly?

How can I support you in your new work as Suffragan Bishop?

Are you willing to visit each federal prison and VA hospital to show support on par with that shown to active military?

How do you intend to encourage more Episcopal clergy to respond to God’s call to serve in this ministry?

How shall you care for the wellness of the chaplaincy family?

What are your thoughts on the role of spirituality and spiritual care, and particularly Episcopal chaplains as healing resources for service members and their families struggling with combat/operational stress injuries and illness?