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Online Session

What spiritual characteristics would you like to see in a new Bishop?

- Contagious energy and enthusiasm
- Believes that the Bible and the Prayer Book are what we should be focused on
- Committed to taking a Sabbath rest weekly
- Willingness to meet with spiritual director regularly
- Provides strategic vision (and a plan) for struggling churches; help us work together to meet that vision
- Can help us navigate complexity of our life together with Episcopal Church, while maintaining an orthodox vision
- Warm embrace of every single parishioner so that we all feel like we're working together
- In step with the teachings/ canons of our national church
- Prayerful; quiet; good listener
- Good teacher
- Believes that the gifts of the Holy Spirit (e.g., healing ministry) are still active in the diocese today
- Has a world view – especially of the Anglican Communion and our part in it

What specific talents, skills or gifts should the new bishop have?

- Be present in our parishes frequently
- Has an expressive sense of humor
- A preacher who is articulate; organized; winsome; humorous; engaging; intelligent
- Good communicator – can articulate a vision for the diocese moving forward; healing; strengthening

- Ability to delegate; share the load
- Engaged in the wider world, more than the church and our diocese
- Bishop who leads us as his/her sheep; helps us live a spiritual life; not so focused on the business side
- Believes in the new B012 resolution; strong connection to the national church's position; able to give us space to listen and guide us in these issues
- Willing to engage with people of other faith backgrounds; work together with them, instead of trying to make them Christians
- Demonstrates a genuine interest in all people; makes us feel listened to and cared about
- Good teacher who can help us expand our minds

What do you think the top priorities should be for our new bishop?

- Bring healing to the diocese so we are able to embrace LGBTQ members and their needs in line with the national church
- Help us heal so we can move forward
- Instill energy & excitement in our faith so we can build our churches
- Reach out to young people and families to ground them in the faith to keep them engaged in the church
- Expand the diaconate program
- Help as one body to learn what the Bible teaches; we all have our own views about the Bible – How can we take our cues from scripture regardless of our theological inclinations?
- Take time to spend time with the people of the diocese to listen before acting; not a pre-programmed plan; encourage all people of the diocese to work with him or her
- Include people of all different opinions (all sides) and take them seriously to move the diocese forward
- Allow parishes to call their own leaders without such heavy influence from the diocese
- Someone who is well organized, good with their time, takes care of themselves, outgoing & energized by the job

- We need to look outside the diocese for our next bishop, so that he/she is not aligned with an existing portion of our diocese
- Is prepared to travel in a big diocese
- Cares for spiritual health and wellbeing of members of the clergy; encourages them to interact with each other