

**Application for the Reception of Clergy  
Reformed Episcopal Church**

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*Please print clearly. While all statements on this application will be treated with confidentiality, copies will be made for each examiner. Answer all questions, using additional sheets of paper where necessary.*

Date of application \_\_\_\_\_

Application Fee: \$200 (background check \$175 / administrative fee \$25) (Make check payable to:  
Church of the Holy Communion)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (home) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Address (work) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephones (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (fax) \_\_\_\_\_

(email) \_\_\_\_\_

Completed application along with \$200 application fee (check payable to the Church of the Holy Communion) should be forwarded to:

The Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton  
Church of the Holy Communion  
17405 Muirfield Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75287  
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Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**Status sought:**

Postulant for Holy Orders     Reception as Deacon     Reception as Presbyter

Birth Date (day/month/year) \_\_\_\_\_ Hometown (city and state) \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year graduated \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ Years attended \_\_\_\_\_ Year graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

College Honors \_\_\_\_\_

Sports/Fraternity \_\_\_\_\_

Seminary \_\_\_\_\_ Years attended \_\_\_\_\_ Year graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced Degrees (what degrees, where?) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Military Service**

Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge type \_\_\_\_\_ Date of discharge \_\_\_\_\_

Rank or Rating at Separation \_\_\_\_\_

**Home**

Marital status \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's education \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's vocation \_\_\_\_\_

Her avocation, interests, activities \_\_\_\_\_

Your wedding anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been divorced? \_\_\_\_\_ Legally separated? \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names (put ages in parentheses) \_\_\_\_\_

Children's education and grade level \_\_\_\_\_

Children's interests and/or activities. \_\_\_\_\_

**Health**

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Current health status \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last complete physical \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's name & Office address \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been or are you now being treated for any of the following:

Hypertension \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment \_\_\_\_\_ Completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Heart disease \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment \_\_\_\_\_ Completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Sexually transmitted disease \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment \_\_\_\_\_ Completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Drug addiction \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment \_\_\_\_\_ Completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Alcoholism \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment \_\_\_\_\_ Completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been diagnosed as suffering depression or a nervous disorder? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_

When was it made? \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor's name \_\_\_\_\_

What was the course of treatment? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever seriously entertained suicidal desires or intent? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been counseled for spousal abuse? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any physical or mental disabilities that might serve to particularly challenge you in ordained ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Interest**

Are you a member of a service or social organization (*Kiwanis, Rotary, country club*) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you politically active? \_\_\_\_\_ For whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the charge? \_\_\_\_\_ Convicted? \_\_\_\_\_ Jail time? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you active in your community? If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_

**Business**

In what professions did you labor before seeking ordained ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently employed? Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Name & phone number of manager \_\_\_\_\_

**Ecclesiastical (please include dates, where possible.)**

Baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_ By whom? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Current parish membership (*church name, address, phone no.*) \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been under church discipline, or excommunicated? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attempted to enter into Holy Orders through other Anglican jurisdictions or otherwise?

If so, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional (only for those ordained)**

Ordained Deacon (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Ordained Presbyter (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Ordained by whom \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet, please detail the process of preparation and examination for ordination.

**Current Parish (include denomination)**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your title or position \_\_\_\_\_

Member of lay leadership \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving? On good terms? \_\_\_\_\_

Date installed \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Parish (include denomination)**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your title or position \_\_\_\_\_

Member of lay leadership during your incumbency \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving? On good terms? \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of incumbency \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Parish (include denomination)**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your title or position \_\_\_\_\_

Member of lay leadership during your incumbency \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving? On good terms? \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of incumbency \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Parish (include denomination)**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your title or position \_\_\_\_\_

Member of lay leadership during your incumbency \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving? On good terms? \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of incumbency \_\_\_\_\_

**Doctrinal (only for those ordained)**

*Please answer all questions on a separate sheet of paper as completely as possible. Please type your answers.*

1. Distinguish the orders of ministry. In the course of your discussions, note the number and functions of the orders.
2. What brought you to the Reformed Episcopal Church?
3. What is your position on liturgical worship? Which of the following Prayer Books best represents your ideas on liturgical worship (1662, 1785/6, 1928, 1933 REC, 1979, ASB, AAPB), and why?
4. Please articulate your views on the Lord's Supper.
5. Please articulate your position on the Sacrament of Baptism. Do you believe in infant baptism? Are your own children baptized?
6. What are your views on the inerrancy and infallibility of Holy Scripture? What is your position on verbal inspiration? What is the authority of the Church regarding the Scriptures?
7. How do you understand the Creation account in Genesis chapters one and two?
8. How would you assess your familiarity with the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion? Do you embrace the Articles of Religion? Are there areas of reservation or disagreement, and if so, where and why?
9. Summarize your position on the doctrine of the church. Compare and contrast episcopacy with other forms of church polity.
10. What are your views on clerical attire? Include a discussion of both the use of the clerical collar, and liturgical vestments. What is your present practice?
11. What is your position on the gifts of the Spirit?
12. Are you willing to conform yourself to the traditions and customs of the Reformed Episcopal Church so long as they are not contrary to Holy Scripture?