

# The Episcopal Diocese of Maine

Transition Committee



Dear Friends,

Several have asked about tickets (which we are now calling reservations) and seating during the May 3 consecration of the Rev. Stephen Lane at the Cathedral.

The groups of people listed below automatically receive invitations. **Note that we still need everyone who plans to come to RSVP as indicated in the attached materials to confirm their reservation.**

For organizational purposes those who automatically receive reservations are in three distinct groups: Family members and friends Stephen Lane, those not in the procession and those in the procession.

- **Family members** will be seated as a group in a prearranged area in the front of the nave.
- **Those NOT in the procession** have reservations to attend but do not have assigned seating in any particular area or place. Like those who attend from congregations, these will have general seating in the cathedral, chapel, and upper and lower parish halls, done on a first-come basis.
- **Those in the procession** are asked to go to gathering areas as listed below by 10:00 am on May 3. Because they are in the procession, they will be seated in a specific area as a group. Those who have more than one affiliation (for example a member of the clergy who serves on the standing committee or a member of diocesan council who is on the search committee) need to decide which group they will be with for the service **and give that information when they RSVP.**

Group	Gathering Location
Diocesan Priests and Deacons, non-resident and ecumenical Clergy, Seminarians, Postulants <sup>1</sup>	Sunday School Rooms (undercroft)
Bishops, Dignitaries, Special Guests Deacons helping in the service	Loring House
Diocesan Staff, Council, Standing Committee, Search, Transition, Trustees, Convention deputies	Sunday School Rooms (undercroft)
Acolytes, readers, chalice bearers, other liturgical helpers	Emmanuel Sacristy

I hope this helps clarify questions. I look forward to your participation in this wonderful celebration of our ministry together in Maine.

In Christ,

The Very Rev. Benjamin Shambaugh, Dean

<sup>1</sup> Note that per request of both Stephen Lane+ and +Chilton Knudsen, the clergy will process and be seated together in the nave in a “cross formation.”