



## **Petition Application for the IX Bishop of Bethlehem**

Thank you for participating in this petition process. Petitions for candidates to be considered for the position of Bishop must be received by Thursday February 15, 2018 by downloading the form, completing it, saving as the last name of petitioner and emailing to the Standing Committee (email address to be posted on February 8, 2018).

Please provide the following as an application to this process:

- The petition form with the 10 required signatures
- A cover letter
- A completed copy of this application form
- A current resume complete with at least three references (Clergy and Lay)
- An updated OTM profile
- Written responses to the 3 essay questions listed below

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred? \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay Questions:** Please reflect and respond to the following questions. Please limit each of your responses to a maximum of 500 words.

**Identity**

What invigorates you, and what concerns you in your ministry? How does this relate to your sense of call to be considered for the office of Bishop in the Diocese of Bethlehem?

## **Leadership**

We all bring strengths and weaknesses to our ministry as leaders. Please tell us about some of your strengths and give us some examples of how these gifts have strengthened others in ministry. Tell us about some of your weaknesses and give us some examples of how you have worked with others to strengthen ministry, despite your weaknesses.

## **Adaptability**

We are a diocese of small congregations who are continuously challenged to be adaptive to changing contexts and diminishing resources. Tell us about an experience where you and those you have led demonstrated adaptability in order to pursue the mission of the church?