

Name: The Rev. Jen Crompton

Order: Clergy

Congregation: St. Benedict's Los Osos and SLO Episcopal Campus Ministry

Nominated for: Commission on Ministry

Please tell us why you feel called to serve and what you can contribute to this particular body.

I am strongly called to continue building on the current and future needs of all baptized persons within our diocese, having recently been through our discernment process and spending over a decade in Higher Education search committee processes. I am passionate about both approaches and walking alongside all folks as they discern the next step in deepening their spiritual journey. Before answering the call to ordained ministry, I was significantly involved in the staff recruitment process and policy and procedure creation. This role would be an excellent combination of my previous secular work and current pastoral care context.

Please give some brief background on your church activities.

I am currently serving as the Community Trailblazer for the Diocese, where, with my team, we are working to take The Church outside the walls. This model of ministry is also proving useful in my Campus Ministry setting as we attempt a more mobile ministry approach, taking our work to the students. Outside of my ministry work, I am involved with the Advent Retreat Planning Group and the Deanery Study Group. During Seminary, I was actively involved as a member of our Community Organizing Team and served as the Student Ombudsperson, which liaised with the campus administration and students. Before going to Seminary, I was a part of the Bishop Search Committee and an active member of my congregation as the Deanery representative.

What is the most pressing issue facing the diocese in the next 5 years and how would you work to address it if elected?

I think our most pressing issue in the next 5 years will be continued concern over shrinking resources and increasing needs. Human and fiscal resources. My hope now and moving into the future would be to build a more extensive network of partnerships across the diocese. Sharing resources and building networking into every workshop and discernment opportunity we have would be important to how we move forward together. Keeping this at the forefront of who we recruit and how we connect to each other is also important. The ministry needs of the future look different than they have in the past. Discerning and communicating what we will need moving forward is critical work I'm very excited to do in community with others.