

## **COMMUNIQUE**

**from**

**The House of Bishops**

**October 2018**

The House of Bishops of the Church in the Province of the West Indies, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, met in the Diocese of Barbados from October 2-5, 2018, under the chairmanship of the Senior Bishop of the Province, the Rt. Rev. Errol Brooks.

Our meeting was undergirded by prayer and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. During that time, the House, in fulfillment of its canonical responsibilities, held consultations with the House of Laity and the House of Clergy of the Synod of the Diocese regarding the selection of a Bishop for the Diocese. The House of Bishops came to listen, learn, and then lead the process of selecting a bishop, cognizant of the historical, ecclesial, cultural and spiritual realities of the diocesan and national context, and of the need for reconciliation and healing within the life of the church and in its relations to the wider society.

Members of the laity and the clergy shared their views on a vision for the Diocese, how they will seek to participate in the realization of the vision, and the qualities that they would like to see in the next Bishop of the Diocese. We have taken serious note of these concerns as they will assist us in our decision-making process.

The House of Bishops has established a framework and timetable to select a Bishop and we hope, God willing, to complete this task before the end of the calendar year.

We are aware that this is a matter of concern for the entire Province and have assured the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Barbados of the earnest prayers of the rest of the Province. We ask that all continue to pray with the people of the Diocese of Barbados that a Bishop will be selected by God's grace.