

Bishop's Visitations

Most Sundays the Bishop visits one of the congregations in the Synod.

The Pastor and/or the congregation Council should provide information on its programs and congregational life ahead of time, so that the Bishop may fully enjoy and participate in the Sunday worship life of the congregation.

Bishop Graham's visits are first and foremost pastoral visits. As such, it is appropriate for the bishop to preach and/or preside at the Eucharist when invited to be with a congregation on a Sunday morning.

Making a Request for a Visit by the Bishop

Please make your formal request by post or by email to:

The Rev. Richard H. Graham, Bishop
Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod, ELCA
305 E Street, NW
Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20001

aacland@metrodcelca.org

The Pastor and/or the congregation will need to provide the following information when requesting a visit by the Bishop.

Will you want the Bishop to:

Preside?

Preach a Children's Sermon?

Lead a Q&A after the worship service?

Lead a Bible Study?

Please include the time(s) of your worship service(s) and any special events that are planned for the day.

Please plan to submit your proposed Order of Worship to include the readings for the day at least a week ahead of time so that the bishop may properly prepare for his time with you.

The bishop expects to wear alb and stole during the service. If you wish him to wear cope and mitre please make this request when requesting the bishop's visit.

Please reserve a parking space for the Bishop near the entrance to the church.

The Bishop looks forward to having opportunities for informal conversation with members of the congregation during his visit.