

Candidacy Committee

Stephen M. Wood, Chair

Purpose: The role of the Candidacy Committee is to walk with people as they live in God's Amazing Grace as they discern a call to rostered leadership within the ELCA. We seek to be ministry focused as we interview and work with individuals to see how they can contribute to the mission of the church through the shape of their call. The committee seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we make decisions and guide people's formation processes so that they may be equipped and empowered to be mission directors within the ELCA.

Changes in the committee: The committee welcomed 1 new member: Rev. Steve Rye

Some Changes in Candidacy: There were a couple of items addressed by the Unit for Vocation and Education that impact candidacy. The requirement of 3 years of parish ministry prior to doing specialized ministry (mission development & redevelopment) has been eliminated. Seminaries and Candidacy committee are asked to help identify people who have gifts and the potential for these types of calls. Additionally, there has been discussion about the use of CPE within the candidacy process. The assignment process is being looked at and may be tweaked in the upcoming year. The diaconal formation event has been moved from the summer to January.

Thanks: The committee is thankful to the other partners in this process. These other partners are: Marilyn Smith (Region 6 Coordinator) who represent the ELCA and the Unit for Vocation and Education; Dr. Don Huber (Seminary Rep) who represents the seminary on the committee; and Dr. Bill Gafjken (Assistant to the Bishop) who is our synod staff person and puts in many hours to help the committee and candidates navigate the entire process.

Statistics: {NOTE: it is impossible to have complete statistics for the committee as the numbers can change daily, below are the numbers for the committee on March 1, 2008.}

Total people seeking candidacy via I-K Synod:	61
People who have inquired about candidacy:	52
People entranced:	6
People endorsed:	10
Postponements:	1
Denials	1
People approved (August 2007/January 2008):	9 (1-Reinstatements; 7 –Pastors; 1-Associate in Ministry))

(This is the break out of the 61 people in the candidacy process)

Ordained Track:	51 (1 person in TEEM process)
Diaconal Track:	3
Associate in Ministry Track:	6
Reinstatement to Roster	1

Members of the committee: Rev. Jane Aicher, Barb Atwood, Rev. Bill Andrews, Rev. Martin Bornhoeft, Rev. Bill Gafjken (Synod Director of Candidacy), Rev. Joyce Gerwing, Kaye Hill, Dr. Arlin Jansen, Sr. Vanette Kashmer, Dr. Donald Huber (seminary rep.), Marsha Metzger, Rev. Al Rider, Rev. Steve Rye, Rev. John Santoro, Marilyn Smith (Region 6), Rev. Stephen Wood (chair)