This week the Zion Call Committee met on Wednesday, October 27th and will meet again on Friday, October 29th at 11 AM. We ask that the members of Zion pray for the committee, and our entire congregation, as we meet.

During the Wednesday meeting (October 27th) the committee decided to offer an initial interview to each of the three candidates that were referred to Zion by the Synod. We will attempt to conduct all three initial interviews next week (November 1st – November 5th).

Our meeting this Friday (October 29th) is a practice interview session. The members of the committee are developing questions for each candidate, and we will refine our note sheets, score sheets, and practice conducting a Zoom-hosted interview.

3rd Reminder . . . At this point in the call process, members of Zion may nominate ministerial candidates. These names should be directed to the Call Committee Chair using the oﬃcial CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATION FOR CALL form that is posted below. To keep our process moving, we ask that all nominations from members of Zion are completed before November 10th. The nominee must be a person on the ELCA clergy roster, or an approved and available seminary graduate assigned to the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA. Nominations from members of our congregation will then be submitted to the Synod Oﬃce for consideration along with other potential candidates. If the candidate is on the clergy roster of another synod, our Bishop’s Associate (Pastor Rebecca) will need to obtain clearance from the Bishop of that Synod.

The following is from the Synod Call Manual:

**Under NO circumstances is it appropriate for a member of the Call Committee to make direct contact with a prospective candidate except to schedule the oﬃcial interview once the Call Committee selects that candidate for further inquiry**. If a possible candidate contacts the congregation directly, please refer them to the Call Committee Chair and the Synod Bishop’s Associate.

Here is the Congregational Nomination for Call form:

**CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATION FOR CALL Form**

**I nominate: (name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**who is currently serving as (position, congregation, city) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Please keep the following facts in mind when considering a nomination:**

All Congregational nominations must be submitted in writing, using this nomination form. NO nomination may be made from the floor at the call vote meeting.

After a rostered leader has served three years in his/her present call, he/she is eligible for nomination for other positions/congregations.

Interim ministers serving our congregation during the next months are not eligible to be considered for our call, unless stated in their Letter of Call or ministry contract.

Nominations must be received by the church oﬃce no later than November 10th, 2021.

The Synod staﬀ will be able to better evaluate the nominee's qualifications with the information requested below. (Use other side of sheet, if necessary)

**NOMINEE**

**Known strengths of this nominee:**

1.

2.

3.

**Reasons why I feel he/she should be nominated for Call to our congregation:**

1.

2.

3.

The information on this form can be provided to Adam Sitler in any format (email, phone call, handwritten, etc.). Adam will ensure that the form is complete and appropriately submitted to the Synod. Additionally, members of Zion can complete a form and drop it off with Pat in the church office. There will be a stack of forms on a table in Danielson Hall which are available for members to pick up and complete.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me via phone (360-936-8821) or email (asitler@hotmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Sitler

Call Committee Chair