This was a very busy week for the Zion Call Committee due to the committee interviewing three candidates. The interviews were on Monday (November 1st) and Thursday (November 4th). Additionally, we will hold a final interview for the third candidate on Friday (November 5th). We are fortunate to have three excellent candidates who present varied leadership styles, temperaments, skills, and abilities. We will meet next Monday, November 8th, at 10:30 AM to discuss the interviews and decide if we want to offer a second interview to any of the candidates. We ask that the members of Zion pray for the committee and our entire congregation as we meet.

A few members of the congregation asked me if we will have an opportunity to watch any of these candidates preach. One of the positive aspects of the COVID pandemic is the proliferation of on-line worship. Therefore, we have had an opportunity to view multiple worship services from all three candidates and incorporate their worship leadership style into our decision-making process.

Final 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. November 10th is next Wednesday, so this is the final opportunity for members of the Zion Congregation to submit a nominee.

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.

Here is the Congregational Nomination for Call form:

**CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATION FOR CALL Form**

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

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

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**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