

**Southeastern Synod Candidacy Committee (SESCC)  
January of 2019**

**Recommended Actions(s) Synod Council Consideration:**

**To continue to support the Lutheran Foundation Events (LFE), the SESCO would like to make the following requests:**

**Meeting Dates This Year:** List the approximate dates on which your group has met (either in person or by conference call) or plans to meet during the current fiscal year (February – January). **Meeting Dates This Year: Our scheduled meeting dates for 2018 & 2019 are as follows: November 8 – 10, 2018; April 11 - 13, 2019; August 22 - 24, 2019; November 7 – 9, 2019.**

**Activities:** Describe what your committee / task force is specifically focused on doing this year, including, if relevant:

- Accomplishments

**Our statistics as of November 2018 as follows:**

**10 awaiting call**

**49 in process (Entranced or more)**

**45 prospectives**

**104 Total**

**Beginning in 2018, the SESCO has really been focused on improving our team process. We began this effort in April with the implementation of the electronic candidacy file, which tremendously improved access to our candidates' records. Use of the electronic candidacy file has continued with our August and November meetings with ongoing refinement.**

**In August of 2018, we began implementing the candidate status form to allow us to track where each candidate is in the candidacy process in one place (i.e. the electronic folder). This will facilitate seamless communication of information when members transition from the committee, in addition to allowing us to always know where each candidate is within the process. This candidate status form will serve as the foundation for regular contact between committee members and their regular contact with candidates.**

- Future plans: **We will continue to work on improving our committee process by refining the electronic candidacy file. Similarly, we will continue to work on refining the candidate status form.**

- Favorable conditions enhancing the group's work: **In April of 2018, Dr. Everett Flanigan, the director of LTCA, has continued to work with our LFE subcommittee in addition to serve as a consultant to the SESCC. This committee has worked to enhance the curriculum for Lutheran Formation Events. Dr. Flanigan has worked to include our TEEM students within this program.**

**The SESCC welcomed the following new members to the committee who began their term of service at our November 2018 meeting: lay members, Anne Fottrell, Teryn Connelly, and Charlotte Dibble; Pastors Drew Lewis and Bonnie Lanyi.**

- Unfavorable conditions hampering the group's efforts  
**The difficulty we have in finding call opportunities for our minority candidates continue to impede our work as committee.**
- Anything else to help the Synod Council understand the work of the committee/task force:

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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