

CANDIDACY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Candidacy Committee of the Southeast Synod met virtually on August 19-20, 2021. Agenda items included...

Business Topics –

The importance of boundary training. All candidates and ordained clergy are required to complete boundary training, which includes segments on both racial and gender justice. This effort is being coordinated throughout Region 9.

The Committee discussed the need for a new Region 9 Manager. This position is focused on coordinating and communicating the candidacy process at the synod, region, and national levels.

A discussion took place regarding the stipend for internships and how best to support candidates in this part of the process.

Continuing conversations took place regarding the two-pronged charge of the Committee to function both as a gatekeeper for the Church and to walk along side the candidates in their discernment process.

Bishop Strickland led conversations about the new Definitions and Guidelines resource and the revised First Call process.

Candidate Decisions –

7 different panels met with individual candidates – 5 were Approval for Ordination panels and 2 were Developmental panels. (A Developmental panel seeks to assist candidates in some aspect of their candidacy journey and requires no vote by the Committee) All 5 Approval for Ordination candidates were approved unanimously by the Committee.

2 candidates were removed from the Candidacy process.

Updates for 21 candidates were discussed by the committee.

(Note: the 3 major parts of the Candidacy process remain Entrance into Seminary, Endorsement for Internship, and Approval for Ordination)

The next meeting of the Candidacy Committee is scheduled for November 11-13, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted

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Chair

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