



March 19, 2009

Deadline Tuesday, March 31st, 5:00pm

Dear Member of Trinity,

This is a very exciting and important time for our congregation. It's time to CALL a new permanent pastor! For many of us, this is a first-time experience, and for all of us, this is a first-in-a-long-time experience!

The Church Council has appointed a Call Committee to lead us through the process under the direction of the Regional Vice President of the Northwest District, Rev. Ty Miles. As per the Trinity Constitution, "the Call Committee is to request names of nominees from members of the congregation and from District and Synodical officials....the Committee is to choose no more than five and no less than three, and present the names of these nominees, together with pertinent information....to the General Assembly."

The Call Committee will provide leadership in the process that follows the calendar posted on the backside of this letter. By beginning at this time, the Call Committee hopes to be able to bring a recommendation of 3 to 5 pastoral candidates to the congregation at the Sunday, June 21st (Father's Day), time TBA, General Assembly.

The first important step for you is to provide your input through the Congregational Self-Study. This Self-Study is provided by the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod to help Trinity best identify the type of person who should be called to be the next permanent pastor. This Self-Study is due at the church (drop off in narthex box, bring to the office, e-mail to CALL@trinityportland.org or place in postage-paid envelope enclosed) no later than 5pm on Tuesday, March 31st. Copies may be made for additional members of your family. The document is also posted on Trinity's website at www.trinityportland.org.

We are thankful to those who have volunteered to serve on the Call Committee: Allison Hoelter, Linda Tatum, Judy Boyer, Johnnie Driessner, Jim Riedl, Mark Duin, Rose Kuhnau, Sheryl Reinisch, Wayne Trosino, Angelica Ek Juarez, Tom Grunow, and Judy Lorenz. Please keep these people, the whole congregation, and the entire process in your daily prayers that God will send His Holy Spirit to direct our hearts and minds towards the permanent Pastor He already has in mind for Trinity!

In His Name,

Judy Lorenz
For the Call Committee

Tom Grunow
President

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Pastoral Call Process Calendar
(bold print requires Congregational action)

January 2009 - Announcement for Call Committee Volunteers in bulletins

February 8 - Appointment of Call Committee by President Grunow

March 8 - Church Council meets with Call Committee Co-chair & Rev. Ty Miles

March 17 - Orientation Meeting of the Call Committee with Rev. Ty Miles

March 19 - Congregational Self-Study mailed out

Tuesday, March 31: Congregational Self-Study due to Trinity by 5:00 pm;
Call Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

March 31-April 4: Call committee reviews surveys and summarizes results

Sunday, April 5, 1:00pm: Congregational Information Meeting with Rev. Ty Miles; based on self-study results, request submission of candidate names

Sunday, Apr. 19 - Candidate names due to Trinity office by 5:00 pm.

April 20 - Submit slate of candidates to District Office

May 8 - Receive list and bios of candidates from District Office

Sunday, May 10 - Publish names in bulletin requesting feedback from congregation by Sunday, May 24th, 5:00 pm

May 12 - Call Committee to review information from District regarding entire list of candidates, with goal of narrowing list to about 10-12 at this meeting

May 13 - Rev. Ty Miles will contact 10-12 candidates; information packet sent

May 16-25 - Call Committee interviews the 10-12 candidates by phone

May 26 - Call Committee to reduce list to 3-5 candidates; Rev. Miles contacts

June 1-13 - Personal or video interviews at Trinity of 3-5 candidates; congregation has opportunity to meet candidates TBA

June 14 - Biography information of candidates published in bulletin

Sunday, June 21 - Congregational Meeting & Special Call Worship Service begins TBA; elected Pastor is phoned; Call papers signed and sent

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