

Call Process Task Force Report

December 14, 2009

To say it has been a busy month for the Call Process Task Force may be somewhat of an understatement given that 68 nominations for committee members were received and considered. The Task Force spent two long evenings earlier this month praying, discussing and discerning God's will for the members of the Senior Pastor Call Committee.

In considering all nominees, the Task Force followed the guidelines for the formation of a Call Committee provided by the Lower Susquehanna Synod. A major requirement is that the committee should represent the widest possible diversity of the entire congregation. To this end, the Task Force was very intentional in the development of a preliminary slate of nominees that includes a mix of our members in terms of age, sex, service attended and areas of ministry involvement.

During the executive session at the December 14th Council meeting, a list of 22 names will be presented as the slate of candidates from which the Call Committee will be formed. With the approval last month of Jeff Weaver as chair of the Call Committee, there are eight (8) remaining positions on the committee to be filled. It was felt to be imperative that the pool of candidates be several times larger than the number of committee members to allow for those who may choose not to serve.

The Call Process Task Force has completed the ranking of the 22 candidates within each of the various demographic groupings that should be represented on the final Call Committee. Approval of these names as a group will provide the needed latitude in forming the final committee membership to include each of the demographic groupings.

Following approval of the preliminary list of nominees this month, individual contacts will be made by the Call Committee Chair. It is expected that a final recommendation for eight Call Committee members will be presented for approval at the January 2010 Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

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