

Call Process Update - May 2025

A Call Process update from the Call Committee:

Deacon Michelle Collins, Assistant to the Bishop, is overseeing the Synod's role in the call process at this time as Bishop Zinko is on sabbatical until July 6th.

Deacon Michelle recently presented a potential candidate for the Call Committee to consider. The Call Committee met twice to review and discuss the potential candidate's profile and fit with both of our congregations' profiles. After prayerful discussion and discernment, it was decided to not proceed with this candidate.

We have informed Deacon Michelle of the Call Committee's decision. She accepted our decision and acknowledged the Call Committee's ongoing commitment to our work to prayerfully seek a new pastor for Spirit of Life Ministry.

In addition, we received a Nomination Form from a member at ALL. We have forwarded it to the Synod to determine whether this nomination would be available for call. We continue to welcome any nominations to put forward to the Synod.

We also asked Deacon Michelle about the Availability for Call status of the US Lutheran pastors who expressed interest in coming to Canada as mentioned in the Winnipeg Free Press article on April 3. As of today, the initial interest conversations mentioned in the article have not resulted in potential candidates for MNO congregations. Others who may be considering MNO are still clarifying their availability and are not yet candidates able to be presented to call committees.

If you have any questions or comments, please speak to members of the Call Committee (ALL: Matt, Richard, Eleanor or Candace) or (POP: Janice, Wayne, Mara and Tara). Thank you all for your continued patience, support and prayers for the Call Committee as we continue to seek a new pastor.