



Who We Are as the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Many of you know us as individuals, but we would like for you to know who we are collectively as we work together through the search and nomination process. We hope the following will give you insight and help form your prayers.

We are keenly aware of the importance of this process to the congregation and to Trinity moving into the future. We are relying on your prayer partnership in our search. In turn, the PNC is actively praying for the congregation's patience and trust—for not being discouraged or anxious—but for being excited and anticipatory for yet another opportunity to see God at work.

We believe that prayer is our most powerful tool in this nomination process. It is how we will discern the leading of the Holy Spirit, how we will remain patient as we wait upon the Lord's decision to be revealed to us. Prayer is also our means of putting on the armor of God for protection against the enemy who would love nothing more than to disrupt Trinity's strong witness for Christ. To that end, the PNC is asking the congregation to join us as prayer warriors.

This is a time of listening for the guidance of the Holy Spirit...of trusting in the promises, power, and provision of God.

This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.” (Isa. 48:17)

“I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.” (Isa 42:16a)

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.” (John 16:13a)

As members of the PNC, we are SEEKERS:

- We seek discernment and wisdom.
 - ...let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance. (Prov 1:5)
- We seek patience and perseverance.
 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, (Heb 12:1)
- We seek to listen and be faithful.
 - Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. (Ps. 86:1)
- We seek to dwell in hope and trust.
 - For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. (Ps. 33:4);
 - Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. (Ps. 36:5)
- We seek to remain grateful and give thanks.
 - Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (Lam. 3:22-23)
- We seek to rely on God and His promises.
 - Life will be brighter than noonday, and darkness will become like morning. You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety. You will lie down, with no one to make you afraid, and many will court your favor. (Job 11:17-19)

- We seek protection for this process—in the name of Jesus Christ we deny Satan and his demons any access to this work.
 - o Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Eph. 6: 10-17);
 - o They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; (Rev. 12:11a)

As members of the PNC, we are BELIEVERS:

- We believe that God is faithful and a promise-keeper.
 - o For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- We believe that He is compassionate and cares deeply for His people and this church.
 - o For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Ps. 100:5)

As members of the PNC, we are EXCITED AND GRATEFUL TO GOD.

- We are grateful for all that the Lord has accomplished at Trinity, and we acknowledge that without the Lord, we would be laboring in vain.
 - o By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; (Prov 24:3)

As members of the PNC, we BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER:

- We are praying that each one of us, as members of the PNC, comes without pre-conceived notions or biases. We pray for open hearts and minds to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
 - o For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Pet 1:5-8)
- We believe that God has already chosen the next Lead Pastor and is now guiding this search so that Trinity may continue to grow in faith and obedience. And we also believe that God is already stirring the heart of the one for whom we are searching and making that person’s heart open to this calling.
 - o Trust in the LORD with all you heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will direct your paths. (Prov. 3:5-6)

