

CALL COMMITTEE

Update #1

We received more than two dozen nominations for the Call Committee, both from Council and church members. The Officers reviewed the nominations in depth and with much consideration. We reflected on each nominee's qualities and attributes as recommended by the UCC (see below).

As we shared in our in-person gathering a few weeks ago, the committee is to be made up of 5-7 members and intentionally reflect the diversity of the congregation. All persons on the committee should be full members of the congregation and it is recommended that ordained members do not serve on the committee.

There are a number of personal qualities and attributes to consider in the selection of Call Committee members. Individuals should have:

- a passionate commitment to Christ's church
- a positive attitude
- a capacity to approach the task with openness rather than a pre-determined agenda
- a sense of integrity and respect for others
- an ability to be absolutely confidential
- a capacity to listen, to participate in a group, and to come to consensus

In addition, an individual under consideration for the Call Committee should be:

- an active supporter of the church as demonstrated by worship attendance, financial support, and participation
- trusted and respected by the congregation
- willing and able to make this responsibility a very high priority including commitment of time and talent for the period of the Call Committee process

Last Tuesday, February 7, 2023, the Council members came together to review the slate of nominees and voted unanimously to elect the following members to the Call Committee:

- Amber Alexander
- Bill Guill
- Clif Karnes
- Laurie Shaw
- Lynn Wright-Kernodle
- Robin Long, Chairperson

The elected members have accepted the call and we are currently planning our first meeting in February. Shortly thereafter, the work on the Church Profile will begin to take shape and there will be opportunities for input. This is only the first step in our collective journey and there is much more to come. Please read the weekly E-News for updates.

—Robin Long