

SOP: Calling a Minister

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When a Search Committee has identified a candidate for a Ministerial opening, the Committee will arrange an appropriate venue to present the candidate to the Congregation. If the opening is for Senior Minister, it shall include leading worship, including giving a message or sermon. There should be an opportunity for the congregation to ask questions of the candidate.

The week after this opportunity, a congregational meeting will be called immediately after Sunday worship. Proper call of the meeting (two consecutive weeks from the pulpit) shall be given. All members shall receive written notice of the meeting either through the newsletter or by mail.

The Search Committee will move that the candidate be called to fill the opening. (Motion by a committee, requires no second). After discussion, a written ballot will be taken. A 3/4 majority vote will result in calling the candidate to fill the opening.

The Chair of the Search Committee will notify the candidate of the results.