

# Candidacy Committee of the Upper Susquehanna Synod

**Items requiring Synod Council action or discussion:**

NONE

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The Candidacy Committee conducted an Entrance interview with Harold ("Dutch") Rinker, a preliminary interview with Luke Beaver, and a progress interview with Jodi Ellis.

Harold Rinker received a positive Entrance Decision and will be entering the TEEM process for ordination as a rostered minister of Word and Sacrament. (TEEM is Theological Education for Emerging Ministries.) Rev. Joshua Reinsburrow, Messiah, South Williamsport, volunteered to be Mr. Rinker's Relator.

**Other discussion, actions and decisions of the group, for Synod Council's information:**

Luke Beaver will be a senior at Temple University in the fall semester. He believes he is being called to become a military chaplain in the United States Army. A preliminary interview was conducted because Luke did not yet have a psychological evaluation and other paperwork completed. He needs a decision from the committee by 1 August 2019, so both the Army and Luther Seminary can begin the process of his becoming a chaplain.

The committee conducted a progress interview with Jodi Ellis, who is presently serving St. John's, Leck Kill, as a TEEM minister. Jodi has had some difficulty arranging her CPE (Clinical Pastoral Experience) and may have a possibility of do this at Hershey medical center. She will be taking additional TEEM courses this summer. The committee asked her to continue to sharpen her sermon writing skills, and to bring more depth to her sermons.

Updates were presented for present candidates by their Relators. Reports were given for Karla Leiby, Gary Schaeffer, Ryan Fitch, Megan Fernsler, and Samuel Mailleue. Samuel is presently awaiting a call in Region 9. All of the others are progressing well.

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**Group meeting date(s), last and next:**

Last meeting: 12 April 2019  
Next meeting: 1 August 2019

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**Those in attendance at last meeting(s):**

Bishop Barbara J. Collins, Rev. Paul Baglyos (ELCA deployed staff), Pamala Rhodes, James Girven/ALWL, Rev. Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig/ULS-Gettysburg, Rev. William Henderson, Rev. Joshua Reinsburrow, Susan Burns, Eileen Stauffer, Rev. Erin Bovendam, Rev. Christine Kirchner, Rev. Scott Kershner, Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin, Rev. Ronald Montgomery/Committee Chair.

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