

# Candidacy Committee: Upper Susquehanna Synod-ELCA

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

None

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The Synod Fiscal Management Team recently recommended an increase in the application fee (March 2020). Psychological examinations & evaluations cost approximately \$600 each, and other office expenses involved in candidacy, many of the costs are not covered. The committee voted to increase the application fee to \$200 per person effective 1 May 2020. Please note: This issue may be revisited in the future.

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

This was a ZOOM teleconference whose primary purpose was the Approval Interview for Ryan Fitch. Mr. Fitch received glowing reviews from seminary instructors as well as all those concerned with his internship. The committee voted unanimously to approve Ryan Fitch for ordination in the ELCA when he receives a call.

TEEM Competencies Assessment Panels were conducted via ZOOM in March 2020 for Harold "Dutch" Rinker, Carol Johnson, Samuel Leister, and Jodi Ellis. All interviews were positive, and appropriate recommendations for additional experiences were made.

We presently have Victoria "Tori" Callahan, Mindelle "Mindy" Bartholomew, as applicants to be interviewed for Entrance in either July or August.

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

This meeting: 30 April 2020 (via ZOOM)  
Next meeting: 20 August 2020 (scheduled)  
Note: There is the possibility of a meeting in July, but at this writing, nothing has been confirmed.

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

Bishop Barbara J. Collins, Rev. Christine Kirchner, Rev. Erin Bovendam, Rev. Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig (ULS-Gettysburg), Rev. Joshua Reinsburrow, Rev. Paul Baglyos (ELCA representative), Rev. William Henderson, Ms. Susan Burns, Ms. Eileen Stauffer, Greg Lutz, James Girven, ALWL, Ms. Pamala Rhoades, Rev. Ronald Montgomery, Chair.

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