

Southern Ohio Candidacy Report-2020

What is Candidacy? In the ELCA, simply entering seminary does not put one on the road to rostered ministry. The reason for this is based in our theological understanding of call. A call comes from the church. Even though a person might have an inner sense of call that leads them toward ministry, it must be confirmed by the church. Therefore, we have a group of people, called a Candidacy Committee, who represent the church, gathered to accompany a candidate through these stages while at the same time the candidate works to complete seminary. There are three main steps in Candidacy: Entrance, Endorsement, and Approval.

Currently in the Southern Ohio, we have 30 candidates and applicants at some point in the process. This does not count the 3 candidates we celebrate with who received a call last year. There are 4 currently approved and awaiting call this year.

In Christ,
Rev. Stephen K. Kimm
Chair, Southern Ohio Candidacy Committee