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## Election of the Bishop of North Dakota slated for Feb 7

Next weekend the delegates and the Clergy of All Saints' will be traveling to Fargo to elect the new Bishop of North Dakota. George and I met with the delegates last weekend at a luncheon meeting to discuss the qualities and issues involved in the Bishop selection. We all believed it was vitally helpful to have met the 6 candidates the night before (Friday, Jan. 23), and to have asked them questions. Our questions mostly reflected the same concerns as the Search Committee defined. Here are some of the core qualities we are looking for in a Bishop of North Dakota:

- A Bishop who is a good pastor to lay and ordained folk;
- Who will support and help us continue to develop Total Ministry;
- Who is a good educator and will actively promote and support Diocesan and Congregational education;
- Who is a good conflict resolver;
- Who will overcome the geographical spaces between our Churches with well planned visits;
- Who will support and help us grow both Non Native and Native Ministries;
- And, who will honor and work with lay and ordained folks on both sides of the gay issue, helping to keep us together as a Diocese and as the larger Church.

Please pray for our Delegates, JoAnn and Paul Buriak, Jim and Sandi Myers, and Kathy Fillmore. Please also pray for George and me and, for that matter, all the voting delegation both lay and ordained. ja+