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## **ALL SAINTS' BEGINS PROCESS WITH NOMINEES FOR LAY AND ORDAINED MINISTRY**

Tuesday, evening December 8, 7:00 p.m., marks the first meeting of Lay and Ordained Ministry Nominees. Rector Jackie will discuss with them the process of licensing and ordination. Our Bishop, local guidelines for Lay and Ordained Ministry and the National Canons will be the our guides for the process.

For the Deacon nominees, names for discernment groups will be submitted to the vestry. They may include or exclude names as they see fit.

Next, the groups will be formed and receive instructions from Rector Jackie. The discernment groups meet 4 times ... 3 times with the nominee and once with the vestry in report. If Nominee, Rector and 2/3 Vestry majority agree to support further discernment on the Diocesan level, a letter from the vestry is drafted and sent to the Bishop. An application letter is sent at the same time, which includes a description of the discernment process.

From that point the Bishop may, upon his decision, admit the individual(s) as a postulant(s). The lay ministry nominees will be scheduled for a time discussion for ministry discernment questions and a discussion of their training needs for individual licensure. Please note that education and training sessions for both Lay and Ordained Ministry nominees will follow in the coming weeks.

Please join me in daily prayer for all of our nominees. God bless them as they enter a time of discernment of God's will for their lives, for All Saints, and for The Diocese of North Dakota. ja+

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