

Are you an active member of our church who might have a lot to offer for our Pastor Nominating Committee, the group who will meet for the next 6-12 months as they carefully move to call another installed pastor? Or do you know someone else you'd like to nominate? Before you decide whether or not to allow your name to be put on the ballot, or nominate another person, please consider these aspects of what is being asked of those people who will serve on it:

- This committee needs to be representative of a cross-section of our congregation. At the same time, all committee members must be willing to discern for the good of the whole and not just for a part.
- This may be one of the most important tasks a person will be asked to perform as a church member. Although a pastor is only one person in the whole of the leadership of the congregation, they will and do affect much of its tone and direction. We believe that God will lead this congregation to the person who can best provide that ministry if we listen well enough to all the ways God speaks to us.
- This Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) will use the information provided by a number of sources to be able to clearly identify the current composition of our congregation and our neighborhood, and the patterns discernable for their on-going changes for the next 10 years.
- On March 29, 2009 the congregation has already set out some of the visions they saw God revealing for this church as it moved into the future and you will have access to all of those notes.
- The presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) liaison to our church will meet with the PNC periodically and assist them all along the way in their process, which is clearly outlined for them.
- A person elected to the PNC will be one of only 5-7 members, and together they will make up a microcosm of the whole congregation, so the full involvement of each person is very important. Although unforeseen circumstances may always alter a person's availability to see this work through to its end, if someone says 'yes', he or she will need to make room in their life for this to have a high priority in their commitments. Most PNCs meet 2-4x a month for 6 months.
- Everyone's view will be important; and equally will their willingness to prayerfully and respectfully hear and consider the views of others. We pray that this will be an exceptionally meaningful, spiritual, and rewarding experience for all involved as they assist our church at this critical time.

If you desire to nominate yourself or another member, please answer the questions below and send it back to Bev Whatley [bevnewmexico@comcast.net](mailto:bevnewmexico@comcast.net) or give to Rev. Mary. Before nominating another person, please check ahead of time to make sure they would be willing to serve if elected. If you have any questions, contact either Bev Whatley 239-7439 or Rev. Mary 265-7628.

1. In what ways have you/they already served the church here or elsewhere?
2. What specifically do you feel you/they have to contribute in representing the congregation on this committee?

**Nominations are desired by April 21** so we can determine who to put on the ballot. If more names are received than we can use, the Nominating Committee will strive to achieve the widest representation possible.