

Southeast Michigan Synod  
2023 Synod Assembly  
Candidacy Committee Report

I am honored to share a portion of an email I recently received from one of our ELCA seminary staff members, “If I could clone a candidacy committee it would be yours. You **all** do such intentional accompaniment and the candidates, and the Church will be better for it.” I emphasized the word “all”, for the honor is not mine alone but belongs to the whole committee, as well as our internship sites and supervisors, and synod staff. It is a blessing to work with all who share their gift and passion for this ministry of raising up new leaders for Christ’s church.

This past year has been one of great joy and deep sadness, as we celebrated candidate advancements, and grieve over the loss of two of our candidates to cancer.

2022 Actions and Decisions

Candidate Approval: Janice Locke, Dylan Pyeatt, Carm Yero, Charlie Martin,  
Dan Quagliata

Ordinations: Janice Locke, Dylan Pyeatt, Charlie Martin

Reinstatement: None

Candidate Endorsement: Matthew Jewell

Candidates on Internship: Katie Butler, Amy Cooley-Higgs, Stephanie Newman

Candidate Entrance: Robert Brannon

Candidacy Withdrawals: None

Candidate Deaths: Lorie Gladyness, Enoch Carlton

Candidacy Committee Members: Rev. Branden Hunt, Rev. Jack Eggleston, Deacon Karen Ludwig, Ms. Christine Ritter LLM, Dr. Robert Thompson, Rev. Kate Zywicki

Representing Trinity Seminary: Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson

Representing the ELCA Region 6: Rev. Cherlyne Beck

Candidacy Director: Rev. Denise Russell