

## **The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)**

The PNC was elected by the congregation. It is responsible for nominating a minister to the congregation for election as our next pastor. Over a number of months, possibly as many as eighteen, the PNC will journey through the search process, seeking to hear the call of Christ. It is important to remember that the PNC does not work, or make its recommendations, in isolation. The PNC works closely with the Session and the Committee on Ministry. Additionally, the PNC will work in conjunction with the Finance Committee and the Staffing Taskforce. As they conclude their work, the PNC will be able to begin their process.

The PNC will prayerfully begin to answer the question: “Who is God calling to be the next pastor in this chapter of Southminster’s life and ministry? We ask for your prayers as we discern Christ’s call.

### **PNC Process – A Quick Overview**

A brief summary of the PNC’s responsibilities include:

Completing the congregation’s “church information form” and submitting it to the Session and the Committee on Ministry for approval.

- Receiving and evaluating the “personal information forms” from prospective pastors.
- After interviewing and examining the prospective pastors, selecting a nominee to present to our congregation.
- Obtaining presbytery approval, and finally, presenting the nominee to our congregation for a vote.

### **How to contact the PNC**

The PNC is always available to answer questions, provide input and listen. Here are several ways to contact the committee:

- E-mail us at : [pnc@southminsterchurch.org](mailto:pnc@southminsterchurch.org)
- Write to us and leave your correspondence in the PNC mailbox in the church office or mail it directly to the church
- Talk to one of the committee members during one of the regularly-scheduled “coffees” in Nelson Hall or approach us anytime on Sunday mornings

### **Where to Find Information on PNC Progress**

The PNC will make every effort to keep the Southminster congregation informed of its efforts during the pastoral call process. We will continue to communicate throughout the process via:

- Church bulletins
- “Minute” updates during the service
- Scheduled coffee hours in Nelson Hall after the service
- *Visions* newsletters

- Church website
- E-mails
- Letters
- Bulletin board in the narthex area
- Banner in the narthex area
- Materials in the church library

## **PNC COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Don Elliott (co-chair):** Married, with two adult children. Retired in 2008, most recent job was at Apple, where his job title was the best in the world. Ask him about it! Spouse Gerry is the Handbell and Childrens' Choir Director at Southminster. Don has served on Session multiple times, and is a member of the Chancel Choir, Finance and Property Committees. Served on the Music Task Force.

**Linda Melton (co-chair):** Married, with two adult children. Recently retired from Kettle Moraine School District where I was Coordinator of Gifted Education and Writing. I have been a member of Southminster for 12 years. My recent committee involvements included serving on the session, participating on the Interim Search Committee, chairing the Congregational Life Survey process and the Task Force on Worship Attendance.

**Stacy Blank:** Married with two children ages 10 and 8. Spent 15 years in Corporate Communications until I "retired" to be a stay-at-home Mom. Now work very part-time at Hillcrest School as a Reading Aide. I have been a member of Southminster for almost 3 years. I have been a member of the Communications Committee and currently teach 4/5 year-old Sunday School.

**Kevin Koehne:** Married, with two children. A son (21) and a daughter(14). I am a partner in a company that develops software for hotels. I've been a member of Southminster for about 20 years. My current involvement is with the Youth Ministry team as the director of the youth musical. In the past I've have been a member of various task forces, been a member of the stewardship committee, been a Deacon and I currently sing in the choir.

**Claire Kohlmann:** Married with two children ages 3 and 6. Prior to staying home with my children, I worked as a structural engineer in North Carolina. I have been a member of Southminster since 2008. I have spent two years as the 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday School teacher and I am on the Personnel Committee.

**Leslie Williams:** Married, with three adult children. She will retire in June 2011 from a job in environmental health with Waukesha County. Spouse Charlie has been retired for 6 years. We have been members of Southminster since 1978. Leslie is an elder and member of the choir with an interest in "Care for Creation" and Sustainability initiatives. She has also served on the Stewardship and Property Committees and taught adult education.

**Dan Benischek:** Married with a two-year-old daughter. I am the director of Customer Experience for Briggs and Stratton focusing on customer relationships and support. I also teach economics and management in the evenings at Carroll University. My wife Rebecca and I have been members of Southminster since we moved to Wisconsin 6 years ago.