

Report from Office of Vocation Minister



Well another year has passed in the life of the church; and what a year it has been for us all. Lent has felt like it has lasted a life time and yet I continue to see signs of hope all around me. The adaptability of my colleagues who are in pastoral ministry has been inspiring. Being able to join worship across the country and even the world in ways that we might have done before has been wonderful. I'd also like to thank Northern Spirit and Prairie to Pine Regions for inviting me to preach at regional worship events, it was a great honour to join with you in praise of God.

The work of the Office of Vocation has also continued through this past year in new ways. No longer does my suitcase sit permanently half-packed ready to go to the airport for my next flight. Rather I have been engaging my work, as so many of you have done, online. The new routine has given me more time to chat on the phone or via email exchanges with the ministry personnel in the three regions I work in, which has been a real blessing.

God is continuing to call forth new leaders for the church as the candidacy board continues to interview with inquirers and candidates via zoom. I would like to thank all of the members of the board for their willingness to adjust to this new way of working, although I think we have all agreed that we cannot wait to have an in person meeting again. What we have been missing, is the palpable joy we experience when someone is approved after an interview, and sharing a cup of coffee or meal with these future leaders in the church.

Completed Promise Interviews: 9

Completed Suitability for Candidacy: 5

Readiness for Supervised Ministry Education (SME): 8

The Office of Vocation continues to work in the areas of credentialing and mandatory training to ensure we have excellent qualified clergy for a long time to come.

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