

May 13, 2009

Dear Presidents and Deans of Convocations,

The Transition Committee needs your help, and we write so early to be sure this item gets on your agenda. We need each convocation to identify and recruit some people to serve as moderators at the Walkabouts.

The job of the moderators is to collect, collate, rephrase as necessary and present (ask) questions to the nominees at each of the Walkabout sessions. The Rev. Rob Voyle, our consultant, will help train these moderators in ways to extract the essence of the questions coming from the gathered participants, and to elicit the fullest possible answers from the nominees. Moderators should be people who possess good communication skills, people who are willing and able to attend the training (yet to be announced), and people who can remain reasonably objective during the discharge of this duty.

We anticipate needing 4 moderators at each of the 5 sessions, for a minimum of 20 moderators. The Southern, South Coast, and Central Convocations will need to recruit 4 moderators each for their respective Walkabouts.

Meanwhile, the Portland metro area has two Walkabouts planned—one on the west side and one on the east side. The Columbia, Metro East, Sunset and Willamette Convocations are responsible for recruiting moderators for those two Walkabouts, or 2 moderators each, respectively. While those who wish to interact with the Nominees may attend either or both of the Portland area meetings, we would ask Metro East and Columbia convocations to provide the 4 moderators for the East side Walkabout at St. Aidan's and for Willamette and Sunset Convocations to provide the 4 moderators for the West side Walkabout at St. John's.

The following is the schedule for Walkabouts, so that potential moderators can know when their help will be needed:

Portland Metro Area- Western

Monday, October 26, Hour to be announced
St. John the Baptist, Portland/ Oregon Episcopal School

Southern

Tuesday, October 27, Hour to be announced
St. Mark, Medford

South Coast

Wednesday, October 28, Hour to be announced
Emmanuel, Coos Bay

Central

Thursday, October 29, Hour to be announced

St. Thomas, Eugene

A Fall Gathering of Priests and Deacons

(at Oregon Garden Resort, Silverton)

Thursday, October 29 - 30

Meeting with nominees on Friday, October 30, Hour to be announced

Portland Metro Area- Eastern

Friday, October 30, Hour to be announced

St. Aidan, Gresham

We look to have the moderator team named and in place, ready for training in September or early October. Your convocation's picks for moderators should reach Mr. John Davis (carol7884@msn.com) or the Rev. Mary Piper (shaggysntrout@aol.com) by August 8, 2009.

Please let us know if we can answer questions about this important facet to our search process.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Scott Dolph, Coordinator of Communications for Transition Committee