

Trinity Downtown
Special Voters Meeting
August 20, 2017

Approved Congregation 12/10/17

The Meeting/Call Service began at 12:30pm.

Tim Norris, the Senior Pastor Call Committee Chairman explained that the Call Committee had been meeting since the fall of 2015. He briefly reviewed the call process:

- We began with sixteen names on the original list. Reverend Ken Green, the Circuit Counselor, contacted everyone on the original list. With that step completed, the list was reduced to nine names. Reverend Kallesen was added later. All ten of those candidates are on today's ballot.
- The Call Committee interviewed all the candidates at length. After completing all the interviews the Call Committee met, and the list was reduced to five. The Call Committee then proceeded with more in-depth interviews with the remaining five candidates.
- After these interviews, the Call Committee met and arranged for Reverend Braun and Reverend Kallesen to come to Trinity for personal visits. Both of them toured the campus, met the staff and had opportunity to interact and get information on Trinity Lutheran Church and School. The Call Committee also scheduled Town Hall Meetings for Reverend Braun and Reverend Kallesen and their wives, so the members would get an opportunity to meet them and ask questions of them.
- The Committee then met to make a decision on which candidate they would recommend to the congregation today. Tim informed the voters that they struggled with the decision. After lengthy discussion and prayer, the decision was made to recommend Reverend Kallesen.

The voters were asked to complete their ballots, and the ballots were collected to be counted by members of the Call Committee. The results were as follows: Reverend Kallesen – 65 votes, Reverend Braun – 11 votes, Reverend Ratcliffe – 1 vote, Reverend van Sliedrecht – 1 vote.

Ted motioned that we make the vote a unanimous vote to place a call to Reverend Kallesen. Mike Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.