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1. Ordination of Pr. Diakonda Gurning
2. Ordination of Deacon Luke Allgeyer
3. Ordination of Pr. Sam Sseba
4. Ordination of Pr. Cindy Myatt



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**Calling to
Word & Service
and
Word & Sacrament
in the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**



**Northwest Washington Synod
Candidacy Committee**



Are You Thinking About A Call?

- + Could becoming a deacon/pastor be part of your future?
- + Are you interested in learning more about serving as a pastor/deacon?

Vocational choices in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are many: musicians, accountants, chaplains, youth workers, nurses, evangelists, office managers, and counselors. Ministers of Word and Service and Word and Sacrament (deacons and pastors) can serve in many of these ways. The ELCA has many needs to fill as we carry out our mission to share the Gospel. We are committed to shouting out the Gospel and bringing a message of hope.

Give Voice To Your Call

Talk to a deacon, youth director, music minister, pastor, or another church leader about your own call as a baptized child of God. The church is calling for ministry leaders. If God is nudging you forward, contact the synod office at a2b@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292.

It is the prayer of this church that we prepare and guide faithful, healthy, passionate, and courageous candidates. The ELCA is committed to providing theological education and spiritual support that prepares gifted people for public ministry.

The candidacy process is a partnership between candidate, synod, seminary, candidacy committee and the ELCA's Congregational and Synodical Mission unit. The synod candidacy committee acts on behalf of the ELCA in discerning with you the rostered ministry to which you are called.

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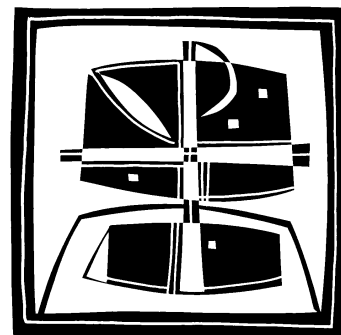
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Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

+ Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman +

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