

The Commissioning of the Search Committee

Members of the Search Committee and the Wardens come forward.

Celebrant Brothers, sisters, and siblings in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. We take this moment to commission these persons in the name of God and of this congregation to serve as members of the rector search committee.

Wardens I present to you these persons to be commissioned as members of the rector search committee.

Celebrant You have been called to represent this congregation in discerning together whom shall serve this congregation as our next rector. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this ministry, perform it faithfully in prayer, love, and hope?

Candidates We will.

Celebrant Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of this ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidates We will.

Celebrant Will all of you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these people in their service?

People **We will.**

Celebrant In the Name of God, I commission you as members of the rector search committee.

Let us pray, O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all inspiration: Enlighten with your grace the members of this ministry team; and so rule their minds, open their hearts, and guide their deliberations, that in their work they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace & Announcements

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **And also with you.**

The People exchange a sign of peace with one another and sit for the announcements.