

Congregational Call Meeting ~ Sunday, November 30, 2025
(Approved by the Congregation on February 22, 2026)

1. **Call to Order/Welcome** – Call Committee chair, Chris Hoelter, called the meeting to order at **11:33 am**
2. **Opening Prayer** –Northwest District Circuit 8 Visitor, Pastor Phil Brandt, lead the congregation in an opening prayer.

3. Introduction of the Call Committee -

The Call Committee was introduced and recognized for their work. Jim Riedl, Judy Lebrun, Lanny Afrank, Paul Brandt, Jan Gaylord, Edgar Burgos, and Steven Burgos.

4. Introduction of the Candidates – The three candidates for Trinity’s Pastor call were introduced.

- a. Rev. Dr. Scott Geminn
- b. Rev. David Murillo
- c. Rev. Martin Schultheis

5. Motion to Accept the Slate of Nominees

The motion to accept the slate of nominees was made by the call committee. Arlyce Riedl seconded the motion. The floor was open for discussion about the call and the candidates.

Members of the Congregation and the call committee spoke about the candidates and the needs of Trinity. Several specific areas were mentioned as key needs of Trinity;

- Importance for a Pastor to have a family and school connection
- Capable of supporting a Bi-lingual congregation.
- Provide for the needs of an aging congregation

Steven Burgos was asked to help translate and solicit questions/feedback from the Spanish language members. Feelings were shared about the importance of having a Pastor that is able to communicate and connect with English and Spanish speaking members.

A statement was made have the congregation reflect on their expectations of a new pastor. The congregation cannot expect the new Pastor to fix all of our issue. It will

reply on the work of the congregation to support him through this process and work together.

The question was called and the Motion to approve the slate of candidates was approved by voice vote.

6. **Election of Pastor-elect** – A prayer was shared by Pastor Brandt before the congregation voted. Pre-printed ballots with the names of all three candidates were passed around. Members of the call committee collected the ballots and took them to the fellowship hall to tally the votes.

Pastor David Murillo received more than the required 2/3rd majority of the votes counted.

Fred Kramer made a motion to record the vote as a unanimous vote. The motion was seconded by Bob Boyer. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Call Committee Chair, Chris Hoelter, will contact Pastor Murillo and complete the required call document for him to review and consider.

7. The meeting was closed (12:25 pm) with the singing of the Doxology.

Respectively submitted by

Chris Hoelter, Secretary pro tem



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7. **Closing Doxology:** All rise and sing

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*