

Update from the United Lutheran Seminary Presidential Search Committee,

We wanted to share with the ULS Community where the Presidential Search process currently stands. A letter from the co-chairs was sent to the ULS community at the beginning of May asking for nominations to the Presidential search committee. The committee will be made up of ten members. The committee will include the two co-chairs and a representative from each of the following parts of the ULS community; the ULS Board, the ELCA Churchwide expression, ULS faculty, ULS staff, ULS student body, ULS alumni, and the Urban Theological Institute. Additionally, the Chair of the ULS Board of Directors will serve as an Ex Officio member of the committee. In this process we will be striving to uphold ULS' commitment to seeking a diverse pool of candidates and to assemble a committee that reflects the diversity of our student body, staff and faculty.

At this time, we have received nominations for most of these constituencies and are assembling the working committee.

To facilitate the process of the search and to lead us in best practices, the Board has engaged the executive search company, Academic Search, to steward and advise ULS in this process. Academic Search will lead ULS in advertising the position, reaching out to potential candidates, vetting the backgrounds of those candidates and helping to build the list of candidates the team will interview.

The position will be advertised through Academic Search this summer. The plan is that the search committee will engage with candidates for the position in the fall. The hope is that the name of the new President will be identified by late 2019 or early 2020. The start date for the new President of ULS will depend on the candidate's contractual obligations with their current employer.

Please join us in praying for this process and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we discern who God is calling to serve.

In Christ's Service

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