

Search Committee Election Sunday April 30th

On April 30th church members will have an opportunity to vote (online or in person) on the composition of the seven-member search committee. The candidates are (in random order) Ruth Friede-Cornell, Susan Thomson, Carolyn Gremminger, Bis Thornton, Gillian Redfern, Tom Shindell, Wendy Erisman, Celeste Padilla, Peggy Morton, and Thomas Medina. For more information about these candidates, click [here](#). Voters will rank the candidates from 1 to 10, where your most preferred candidate is at the top. The ballot will look similar to this:

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* 1. Please rank candidates from 1 to 10 (1 most favored; 10 least favored). If there are two or more candidates you like equally, just pick one to list first. After you have finished ranking, please click done to submit your vote.

☰ Gillian Redfern	⬆️ ⬇️
☰ Celeste Padilla	⬆️ ⬇️
☰ Peggy Morton	⬆️ ⬇️
☰ Tomas Medina	⬆️ ⬇️
☰ Susan Thomson	⬆️ ⬇️
☰ Bis Thornton	⬆️ ⬇️
☰ Tom Shindell	⬆️ ⬇️
☰ Wendy Erisman	⬆️ ⬇️
☰ Ruth Cornell	⬆️ ⬇️
☰ Carolyn Gremminger	⬆️ ⬇️

Done

The order of the candidates on your ballot will likely be different, however, because they start in random order. You can click and drag candidate boxes to sort them according to your preferences. Alternatively, you can use the arrows on the right. Once you have them in order, click on the green “Done” button to register your vote. Your responses will be anonymous.

We will have an informal meeting at 1:30 on April 30th in the church sanctuary to facilitate voting for anyone who would like assistance or who does not have an email address registered with the church. Later in the afternoon, we will distribute via **email** a link to all church members eligible to vote who did not vote in person. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please be sure to have an up-to-date email address registered with the church.

To practice ranked-choice voting, we've set up a mock election [here](#): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VZLSY5Z>. In this pretend election you are selecting fruits for a salad. To provide your input you rank fruits according to your preference. When you are done, click on the green done button to register your vote. We anticipate that ranking 6 fruits will be easier than ranking 10 people, but both can be challenging. What should a person who likes cherries as well as nectarines do? Know that small differences in rank ordering will not affect the election much, but big differences will. So, put cherries next to nectarines in any order and move on.

If you have questions about our process, please contact Kelly Raley rkellyraley@gmail.com or any other member of the [board of trustees](#).