



## ***Steps in the Candidacy Process in the Sierra Pacific Synod Synod 2A...***

Candidacy is a process, one that runs in parallel to Seminary work needed or required, for those seeking rostered leadership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America...

The Candidacy Committee in the Sierra Pacific Synod is a team of Rostered and Lay volunteers who make the final determination, using Churchwide standards, on a Candidate's readiness for rostered ministry in the ELCA. This Committee makes individual decisions at three different times in the course of the Candidacy process: **Entrance**, **Endorsement** and **Approval**.

Those who are affirmed at all three stages are then ready to serve as a **Minster of Word and Sacrament** as a Pastor, or as a **Minster of Word and Service** as a Deacon. The first step in this process is the **Pre-Entrance** segment, listed as Pre-Entrance Components on the Candidacy page!

For those interested in exploring Candidacy, but not sure about proceeding at this time, we do have people available to walk with individuals under consideration of or in discernment about Rostered Ministry in the ELCA.

Be sure to look at our Candidacy page -- <http://spselca.org/index.php/candidacy/> -- for information about Candidacy and upcoming Candidacy Committee meeting dates.

