

APPENDIX B:

PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

- To "ELECT" is to choose or call forth. In electing persons to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the offices of the Pastoral Council is important that we do so in a spirit of prayer so that we can discern the persons who are best able to respond to God's call as spoken through us.
- The election process should take place each June during the council meeting. All persons should be informed of the election and encouraged to attend and participate.
- The Chair reads a Scripture passage which focuses on the call to leadership (Jeremiah 1:1-8).
- The duties of the offices are then read by the Pastor. The members of the Council then name the persons they wish to nominate for this office, with a brief explanation of persons' qualifications for this office.
- The nominees inform the Chair if they will accept or reject the nomination.
- The nominees may then be asked to explain how they will serve if elected to the office. The explanation should be brief and include the qualities they will bring to the office as well as the time per month they can devote to these duties.
- After all nominees have spoken there may be questions from other council members. After the discussion is finished a vote will be taken.