

WHY THE DAC UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED THIS PROCESS FOR THE DS SEARCH:

- Desire to have entire process wrapped in prayer for many months as the search progressed.
- Give you, our CCD clergy and laypeople, a voice in a profile for the next DS to guide the DAC.
- Conduct formal conversations between the DAC and final candidates before creating the ballot for District Assembly.
- Give our DS nominees a profile of the CCD so they can assess their fit and pray for God’s will.
- Desire to expand on who can make nominations, including CCD clergy & laypeople, regional stakeholders in other districts and our universities, etc. The role of DS is a national search.
- Provide additional time for everyone involved to pray before the ballot is presented to the District Assembly for a vote.

PROCESS TIMELINE

August 9	Dr. McKain announced his retirement to be effective at the upcoming 2024 District Assembly.
August 19	The DAC met with GS Dr. Carla Sunberg to outline the DS search process. Prayer & Communication and Process Teams are formed.
Aug 20 - Oct 2	The Process Team gathered information and input to create a district profile designed from feedback received via a district survey, focus groups, and listening sessions.
October 3	The DAC met with Dr. Stan Reeder (Director - USA/Canada Region) to finalize the district profile.
October 5	The DAC sent the district profile and a link to the nomination form across the district. Dr. Stan Reeder sent the profile and nomination link across the USA/Canada Region.
October 20	The link for DS nominations was closed.
October 29	The USA/Canada regional office reported 96 submissions, resulting in 60 unique candidates.
November 14	Biographical information received by DAC members for 60 nominees.
November 20	A straw ballot was submitted by each DAC member to the USA/Canada regional office to register choices for consideration.
November 21	A DAC meeting held to pray and discern a list of 10 candidates. A final list of 12 candidates was determined and submitted to the Board of General Superintendents for approval.
December 17	The Board of General Superintendents approved the final list of 12 candidates as it was submitted.
January 1-30	The DAC continues to pray for discernment of 2-3 names from the final list of 12 candidates that meet the qualities of the District Superintendent profile.
February 6	The DAC met for prayer and selected 3 candidates to be called for interviews.
February 27	The DAC met with 3 highly qualified leaders for interviews.
March 7	The DAC met with 4 additional highly qualified leaders for interviews.
March 12	The DAC met for prayer and discernment, and 2 candidates were selected to present to the District Assembly.

THE WORK OF THE PRAYER & COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

- Informative updates were sent to the district via e-mail on the following dates: September 13, October 5, October 18, November 7, November 29, January 17, February 20, and March 20.
- Team members presented on the process and provided updates at the following district area gatherings: North/Northwest (January 20), Central (January 27), South/Southwest & Chicago (February 24), Hispanic (March 2), Southern (March 16).

Motion presented to the District Assembly:

MOTION 1

The District Advisory Board makes a motion to the Chicago Central District Assembly to approve their recommendation that the District Advisory Committee serve as the Nominating Committee.

The report of the Nominating Committee to the Chicago Central District Assembly for the express purpose of electing the next District Superintendent:

MOTION 2

The Nominating Committee, having been appointed by the Chicago Central District Assembly for the election of the next District Superintendent, and having interviewed seven candidates nominated by individuals from the DAC, other regional representatives, and reviewed by the Board of General Superintendents, recommends two names be placed on the ballot and that a write-in line also be placed on the ballot.

MOTION 3

The Nominating Committee further recommends that time for prayer for the Spirit's discernment be held prior to the execution of the ballot.

RATIONALE FOR BALLOT WITH TWO CANDIDATES

- Offering two candidates provides the District Assembly with a choice, allowing consideration of diverse leadership styles, experiences, and perspectives.
- Presenting two candidates empowers District Assembly delegates to make informed choices which strengthens ownership of the leadership selection process.
- Our two candidates were chosen from a pool of exceptionally qualified nominees. The DAC is confident that these individuals epitomize the qualities we seek in our next DS: the ability to articulate a compelling vision that motivates and guides people toward essential change, adeptness in presenting the theology of our denomination, leadership effectiveness in managing existing teams, strong relational skills, fostering a culture conducive to strategic church planting, and financial proficiency.

CCD Advisory Council Members

Dr. Carla Sunberg (Jurisdictional General Superintendent), Dr. Stan Reeder (Director - USA/Canada Region), Barry Huebner (DAB Secretary), Heidi Taylor (District Treasurer), Rev. Cindi Schimmelpfennig (NDI President), Lynne Utter (NMI President), Mary Schweigert (Prayer & Communications Team Chair), Rev. Tina Burton (Process Team Chair), Rev. Doug Ward, Randy Hird, Rev. Amy Kilpatrick, Rev. Hector Alfaro, Cheryl Seymour, Rev. Brian Utter, Terry Kochersperger, Rev. David Morris (NYI President)