

Gifts Discernment Committee
Ardie Goering, Chair

In our work, we seek to bring qualified and committed nominees who reflect the inclusion of persons that God has created to gather in Western District congregations. We strive towards balance of gender, ethnicity, age, race, theology and geographic homes. We also work to represent as many congregations as is possible. We are aware that barriers, such as busy schedules and language differences, exist to keep us from the fullest inclusion.

We are fortunate to be a bilingual committee and we benefit from the richness of experiences this brings to our time together. Lester Caceros very ably provides Spanish/English translation. A grant from the Schowalter Foundation funds the interpreter's service.

Covid-19 affected our work as we paused from asking people to serve at the height of the initial crisis in spring. When resumed, we noticed some people faced more uncertainty as they contemplated our calls. As the months progressed, we saw how coronavirus increasingly brought distress to our committee members and families.

We have prayerfully considered each of our nominees and ask for your support and prayers now and in the coming year.

Members: Eldon Epp, Ardie Goering, Alberto Parchmont, Rachel Voth Schrag, Eric J. Jantzen, Dwight Mueller, WDC Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider, staff liason