

Community Church

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February 23, 1978

Mr. James Bouick
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Dear Jim,

Thank you and the Executive Committee for your time and assistance in working out a process for the Ecclesiastical Council that will examine Stacy Cusulos, Jody Parsons, and Loey Powell here on March 12. As you suggested, I have written down the order of the day we discussed with you at lunch on February 15.

It is my understanding the candidates will meet with the Credentials Committee on March 10th, and then appear before the Council on March 12. The process we arrived at in our meeting with you is as follows:

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| 2:30 PM | Arrival and Registration |
| 3:00 | Call to Order |
| | Welcome from Board Chairperson, Community Church |
| | Credentials Committee Report |
| 3:15 | Each candidate shares a written personal statement describing her faith journey and defining the primary ingredients of her personal faith. After each individual has shared her personal statement, then the candidates will present their collective paper which affirms their theological perspective and deals with the issues required by the Church and Ministry Manual. |
| 4:30 | Break |
| 4:45 | Candidates are examined over both their personal statements and the collective paper. |
| 6:00 | Council members discuss their responses to the candidates and vote on each candidate individually. |
| 6:30 (or later, if need be) | Adjournment, and a light supper will be served. |

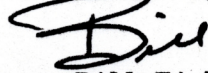
As I indicated to you in my last letter, Jim, the request from Community Church is that the Golden Gate Association meet in Ecclesiastical Council to examine the candidates for the purpose of determining whether each person meets the requirements for ordination in the United Church of Christ. We are requesting the Association to ordain each of them and, therefore, we are not asking that a "collective" be ordained.

We here at Community Church are hopeful the Executive Committee will affirm the collective process which has led these persons to request ordination in our Association. The dialogue we have had with them has led

to new growth in our Christian faith. We believe their understanding of, and experience in, community is integral to their vision of ministry. In going through the steps which have led the candidates and the congregation to this place, we have found that a process which includes: their personal statements, the collective paper, and dialogue with the candidates has enabled us to answer the questions our denomination asks of its candidates for ordination. I have included a copy of Reverend Robert Richter's letter which reports the Conference Church and Ministry Committee's recommendation for ordination and also affirms the collective process that was developed.

If I can be of further help to the committee, please let me know.
Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bill Eichhorn

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