

## **More about Discernment**

Our nomination and appointment practices are founded on the concept of spiritual call, and the understanding that the Holy Spirit moves through each of us helping us to use our God-given gifts for God's purpose. This process is used by the General Council. Discerning involves paying prayerful attention to the ways in which God may be calling us, or those we know, to serve God's purpose. There is no one way to hear a call—the Holy Spirit moves through each of us in unique ways.

You are invited to consider carefully and prayerfully the work of the church at this time, and the Available Positions. Ask: Who is God calling to lead and serve through these roles?

## **Do You Know Someone With the Skills and Gifts to Serve?**

Throughout the scriptures, we encounter leaders being raised up through the discernment of others. If you know someone you believe may be being called to serve in a Conference role, share your discernment with them. Sharing may be especially important if the person you believe is called would not put his or her own name forward due to personal or cultural values of humility.

If your nominee also feels this call, he or she is asked to submit an application to the Nominations Committee.

## **Is God Calling You to Share Your Gifts by Serving the General Council?**

All of us are called in some way, and to each of us the Spirit has attributed gifts to serve. As you consider the work of the church at this time, ask whether God might be calling you with your gifts to lead and serve through one of these roles?

If you think that you may be being called to serve, discern this possibility with others who know you well. Invite them to consider prayerfully with you whether this may be a calling for you at this time; whether the church is in need of your gifts in this role. If your sense of call is confirmed, please submit an application to the Nominations Committee.