

CANDIDATING WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
01:00p.m. - 04:00p.m.	Candidate and wife arrive [They are greeted by several Search Committee members; taken to/met at hotel/motel]
05:00p.m. - 06:30p.m.	Dinner with Chairman/Vice Chairman of Elders and wife at a nearby restaurant [This keeps the candidate close to his room for the first evening—a nice gesture for those who just traveled]
07:00p.m. - 08:30p.m.	Dessert Fellowship with Search Committee and spouses [This is an informal gathering complete with “ice-breakers” and other “humorous” things to start out on a lighter note; for instance, committee members could share 3 things about themselves, 2 of which are true, and the audience must guess which one is <i>not</i> true; this time would end with prayer for the weekend]

SATURDAY

10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	Search Committee conducts in-depth interview with candidate and wife [This is the time for those “special” questions to be addressed which were “left over” from the initial interview]
12:00p.m. - 01:00p.m.	Lunch with <i>Alliance Women</i> leaders and participants at the church
01:00p.m. - 03:00p.m.	Rest time for candidate and wife back at motel
03:00p.m. - 05:00p.m.	Tour of Area —an elder/congregant leads candidate and wife on a tour of the area including points of interest, real estate, etc.
05:00p.m. - 06:00p.m.	Informal pizza party with youth and youth leaders at church
06:00p.m. - 07:00p.m.	Rest time for candidate and wife back at motel

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- 07:00p.m. - 08:00p.m. **Candidate and wife meet with treasurer** and finance committee to go over financial package, etc.
- SUNDAY**
- 09:00a.m. - 10:00a.m. **Candidate teaches a Sunday School class** (to be selected by elders—this could be a “combined adult class”)
- 10:30a.m. - 11:45p.m. **Candidate preaches in morning service** [If he is comfortable with leading the service, this would be appropriate]
- 12:00p.m. - 01:30p.m. **Church-wide luncheon with candidate and wife followed by an “Open Forum”** [This is an opportunity for any member or adherent to ask the candidate and his wife questions; Elders should be prepared to intervene on the candidates behalf if an “inappropriate” question were to be asked]
- 02:00p.m. - 03:00p.m. **Final meeting between the Search Committee and the candidate and wife** to ask any final questions and gather any other information that may be needed; at this time, the chairman/vice chairman of the elders informs the candidate and his wife that the Search Committee will be meeting the next night to make a decision, and they will contact the District Superintendent to let him know how the decision turned out, and then the District Superintendent will call the candidate to issue a formal call (assuming there is a formal call)
- 03:00p.m. **Candidate and wife depart**
- 06:00p.m. - 08:00p.m. **Search Committee members conduct “phone polls”** to get feedback from the congregation
- MONDAY**
- 07:00p.m. **The Search Committee meets for prayer, discussion, and “the big decision;”** in either case (yes or no), the chairman/vice chairman of elders calls Superintendent with the decision of the Search Committee

TUESDAY

07:00p.m.

D.S. informs the candidate and his wife of the decision; if the church wants to call the pastor, the pastor can then responds "yes" or "no" and inform the D.S., and then D.S. let's the church know candidate's response to the call.