

# NWOS Discernment Path Companion Guide



A quick reference list for pastors walking the discernment path with a parishioner.

	Walk together...	Pray together...
<b>Stepping onto discernment path</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Engage in conversation about ministry <input type="checkbox"/> Take spiritual gifts inventory/discuss results <input type="checkbox"/> Provide opportunities for using gifts	Psalm 25:4
<b>Step forward</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Have coffee or lunch together, pray <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss shared ministry experiences <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss individual ministry experiences	Philippians 4:8
<b>Explore further</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Do "Called to Lead" Bible Study together <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a discernment retreat <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage meeting with a spiritual director	Proverbs 3:5-6
<b>Shore up footing by offering educational opportunities for consideration</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Growing Faith - Diakonia Lay Education <input type="checkbox"/> Seminary Education Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Verify ELCA membership	Joshua 1:9
<b>Invite others to walk the path with you</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact synod to indicate interest <input type="checkbox"/> Fill out discernment information form <input type="checkbox"/> Set up appointment for conversation	Isaiah 55:3a

- <https://nwos-elca.church> - NWOS Synod Website
- <https://nwos-elca.church/candidacy/> - Candidacy Info on NWOS Website
- <https://www.elca.org> - ELCA Website
- <https://growinginfaithohio.org> - Diakonia Website
- <https://nwoscares.org/people/> - Spiritual Direction Information
- [https://nwos-elca.church/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Called\\_to\\_Lead.pdf](https://nwos-elca.church/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Called_to_Lead.pdf) - Bible Study
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