

## DESELECTION GUIDELINES FOR WEEKEND PRESENTING COUPLES

- I. REASONS FOR DESELECTION – Any of the following are sufficient reason for a couple being deselected from the loving task of a weekend presenting couple:
- A. Repeated unwillingness to participate in Communion on the weekend, if it is being offered.
  - B. Repeated refusal to accept reasonable direction from the Area Presenting Couple Coordinator or from Clergy or Admin Presenters on the weekend.
  - C. Conduct causing dissension with weekend couples or presenting couples.
  - D. Consistent refusal to participate in non-presenting couple community activities.
  - E. Failure to participate in weekend presenting couple activities.
  - F. Failure to be a communing member of a Lutheran Church.
  - G. Failure to begin writing talk within three (3) months after their Deeper Weekend and completion of those talks within one (1) year after their Deeper Weekend. (This is assuming that workshopping delays do not prevent the completion).
  - H. Failure to accept a weekend assignment for a period of one (1) year if a weekend is available.

## II. PROCEDURE FOR DESELECTION

- A. A petition for deselection may be initiated only after the presenting couple in question has been notified of the problem area and given reasonable time to correct it.
- B. Deselection may be initiated by:
  1. Petition of any two (2) or more experienced presenting couples (i.e. those presenting couples who have given at least three (3) weekends) who have also given a weekend with said presenting couple.
  2. Petition of the said presenting couple's Area Presenting Couple Coordinator, Area Lay Contact and Area Clergy Contact Couple – all three.
  3. Petition of the presenting couple's District Presenting Couple Coordinator and any two (2) of the following: said presenting couple's Area Presenting Couple Coordinator, Area Lay Contact Couple or Area Clergy Contact Couple.
  4. Petition of said presenting couple's District Lay Executive, District Clergy Executive and District Presenting Couple Coordinator – all three.
- C. A petition for deselection of a presenting couple shall be sent to the following:
  1. The Area Presenting Couple Coordinator.
  2. The Area Lay Contact Couple.
  3. The Area Clergy Contact Couple.
  4. The District Presenting Couple Coordinator.
  5. The Regional Presenting Couple Coordinator.
  6. The couple in question.
- D. The petition shall include the specific grievances concerning said presenting couple and an indication that the couple has been notified of the grievances and has not corrected the situation.
- E. The said presenting couple will remain a member of the presenting couple community until a decision has been reached concerning their status but they should not be assigned to present a weekend in the interim.
- F. If six (6) of the following ten (10) people agree, then the said presenting couple shall be deselected or retained as they agree:
  1. The Area Presenting Couple Coordinator.
  2. The Area Lay Contact Couple.
  3. The Area Clergy Contact Couple.
  4. The District Presenting Couple Coordinator.
  5. The Regional Presenting Couple Coordinator.

(In the case that not all five couples listed above can be involved in the deselection, the District Executive Lay and/or Clergy Couples shall fill in as necessary.)

- G. The presenting couple who is being considered for deselection shall be notified in writing, with a copy to the Regional Presenting Couple Coordinator of the outcome of the petition within sixty days of the date of the petition. All efforts shall be pursued in a spirit of mutual respect and loving concern for all of the couples involved.