Process For Selection Of Elders

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1. When the Moderator desires to appoint an Elder, the Moderator informs the Governing Board and Council of Elders of the intention to enter into a selection process.
2. The Moderator arranges for publication of a Call for Applications.
    a. The Call for Applications shall include the timeline.
    b. The Call for Applications is to remain open for a minimum of six (6) weeks.
    c. The Call for Applications is to be published simultaneously in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and German. It can also be published in additional languages, as determined by the Moderator.
    d. Applications are to be submitted to the Office of the Moderator.
3. The Moderator reviews the applications with the Council of Elders to identify potential appointees.
4. The Moderator informs the Council of Elders of the decision and submits the names of potential appointees to the Governing Board for approval.
5. Potential appointees are required to participate in an intensive training prior to appointment.
    a. Current members of the Council of Elders are to be invited to participate in the training.
    b. The cost of the training, including travel, food, and accommodation, will be borne by UFMCC.
6. Following the training, the Governing Board presents the potential appointees to General Conference for affirmation.
7. Appointees who have been approved by the Governing Board and affirmed by General Conference are considered to be Elders as of a date determined by the Moderator.
8. The Moderator determines the place and time to conduct a Rite of Blessing for a newly-appointed Elder.