

PSC ANNOUNCEMENT SUMMARY

First update provided by the Pastoral Search Committee on Sunday 9/29

INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members

- Matt McCloskey
- Robin Curry
- Don Lenhart
- Eric Tessier
- Brittany Dávalos
- Hayden Randall
- Monica Biel
- Jake Turnbull
- Jennifer Taylor
- Richard Heerma
- Tanya Ewing

COMMUNICATIONS

1. We acknowledge the vote for the slate of the PSC was not unanimous, and with that, there may be concerns, questions, and frustrations within the congregation. We want to be a committee that intentionally values listening to the body and incorporating your voices into the search process.
2. Practically, there are two ways we aim to hear your thoughts. The first is more informal: every member of the committee is committed to offering ourselves up to conversation with you all. Whether that's over a cup of coffee or chatting on Sundays, we are here to process and chat with you. The second method is more formal: we will have a link to a Google Form recurring in the Crosstalk emails where you can submit your comments. These will only be viewed by the

committee members.

3. We will also be providing monthly announcements on our progress to the congregation at Sunday services.

PROGRESS AND UPDATES

1. The committee has met twice as of 9/29. Over the next six weeks, we are walking through the “preparation” stage layed out for us by MGI. This involves creating documents describing our church and type of pastor we are looking to hire, reading a book designed to teach us how to evaluate sermons, better understanding the current dynamics and needs of our church, etc.
2. What we will be sharing with you all: the stages of search committee work we are engaged in; our hope is that you have an understanding of how the search process works and where we are in that process.
3. What we will not be sharing with you all: the personal identification of the people we are interviewing. Many of the men we will talk with will currently still be serving in a call and have not communicated to that church their intent to pursue a different call. We want to honor this and protect their confidentiality.

PRAYER

1. We want to prioritize prayer throughout this process. We believe prayer is an act which demonstrates that we as a church depend on God in this search process—not ourselves.
2. Would you commit to thinking of one practical way you can consistently pray for the search process? Thank you!