

News from Your Ministerial Search Committee

Our Congregational Record – the document candidates peruse to decide if they’re interested in being our next Senior Minister – is now posted on the church website for you to read. It’s an extensive, candid profile of ourselves that we spent many weeks writing and re-writing, using input we received from you through the focus groups and survey.

For us, the New Year starts with a bang! – we dive right in to reviewing all the applications from candidates who have read our Congregational Record and expressed interest. It will be a busy and intense few weeks as we read and evaluate their ministerial profiles. Once we narrow down prospective candidates to ten or so, we will schedule individual Skype interviews with these selected candidates and send them a link to our Packet.

What’s the Packet? In the old days, it was a physical packet that search committees sent to candidates, all about their church and the surrounding area. Now – although it’s still referred to as a “packet” – it’s actually a website. Yes, believe it or not, we have built a special website – distinct from our church website, though with many links to it – as a show-and-tell to candidates. Rob Zuckerman and Charles and Jenny Klein put in countless hours designing and building this beautiful site – they did a spectacular job. We’ll be posting a link to it on the church website for you to see very soon – watch for it.

After the interviews we’ll further narrow down the candidates to our top four. We’ll invite each of those “pre-candidates” to personally and privately meet with us, and we’ll hear them preach at a nearby “neutral pulpit.” Finally by early April we’ll select our top choice. That final candidate will visit the congregation for ten days in late-April and will preach on two successive Sundays, after which you – the congregation – will vote whether to call that minister.

We’ll keep you informed of our progress. Please feel free to speak with any of us if you have any questions.

Your Ministerial Search Committee

Jim Cooper, Charles Harrington, Linda Hudson, Kristen Leddy, John Mason, Carrie McEvoy, Catherine Onyemelukwe, Anita Pfluger, Kathy Roberts



Please join us for the ‘hottest’ event of the new year? A portion of the proceeds will benefit the church.

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