

Pastor Search Committee Report . June 4, 2017

We want to thank the congregation for your prayers. Many of you participated in the special times for prayer last month. I want to thank Judy Miles for preparing the prayer guides which were so helpful for facilitating our prayers. Prayer is so crucial as we weigh out the many elements that we have to consider for a Senior Pastor. Our one desire is to present to you God's choice for this important position; and that is why we are being so careful as we carry out the responsibility you have invested us with.

In the month of May, we evaluated responses to the extensive written questionnaire that we submitted to our top candidates. The Lord used this to give us insight into the candidates allowing us to significantly narrow the field. In the last few weeks, the top candidates were interviewed face-to-face. Now, we are evaluating references and scheduling follow-up interviews with the remaining candidates, as we near the selection of a single candidate.

Please don't stop praying for us that we can act with God's wisdom, have a clear understanding of God's direction, and a strong sense of unity. This has been a long act of service for us all. It has been an interesting time to think about who we want to be as a church and what is really important to Memorial in the years to come. That being said, we look forward (like all of you do) to finishing this process soon. As we come to the end of this transitional period, please pray without ceasing for our church to have unity, grace, and renewal through this change.

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