



## **SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2019 MEETING**

**Present:** David Rix (chair), Jason Abraham, Jim Bruce, Linda Herman, Richard Ibekwe, Leslie Liu, and Margaret Sloat.

**1. The meeting began at 7:05 pm with prayer — David.**

**2. Approval of July 30, 2019 Minutes — David.**

Minutes for the Meeting of July 30 were presented and approved as distributed to the Committee.

**3. Sermon Evaluation Criteria — Committee**

The Committee returned to discussions begun at its last meeting about the criteria – focusing on content, delivery/style, and application – it will use to evaluate sermons preached by applicants for Senior Minister. After discussion and several minor changes, the Committee agreed to use this revised criteria for its initial review of applicant sermons.

**4. Process for Reviewing Applicant Sermons — Committee**

Prior to the meeting, a set of three sermons for each applicant, selected from each applicant's online collection of sermons, were identified. Before the Committee's next meeting (August 20), each member of the Committee will review all three sermons for each of a subset of the applicants. This review will use the criteria discussed earlier in the meeting. At this next meeting, members will share their evaluations from the sermon review and a next set of applicants will be selected for review. (This process is expected to continue until all of the applicant sermons are reviewed.)

**5. Update on Prayer — David**

David reported that more people have made a commitment to pray by signing up on the online [prayer calendar](#) and urged committee members to continue to encourage others to take a moment and sign up. The Committee expects the practice of calling attention to the Prayer Calendar at each of the Sunday Services and urging congregants who have not yet committed to regularly pray for the Committee to do so will continue. Also, a poster/calendar will be placed in either the Welcome Center or the Ockenga Lobby providing congregants with a non-electronic means to make a commitment to pray regularly for the search.

The Committee also agreed to develop an email list of people who desire to pray for the Committee. Once the list is in place, at each of its meetings the Committee will identify a set of prayer points to be emailed to the list with the request to pray.

David also noted, based on the number of times the Committee's Minutes and the Search Status webpages are being accessed on the web, that there is significant interest in the Committee's work.

**6. Other Matters**

We will next meet on August 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The principal items on the agenda will be a review of the applicant sermons reviewed by Committee members and assignment of the next set of applicant sermons to be reviewed. Additionally, we will also review the minutes for the committee's meeting on August 6.

**7. Meeting Review — Linda.**

- Linda will follow-up on developing the email prayer list.
- Urge everyone to make a commitment on the Prayer Calendar — All.

**8. Leslie closed the meeting with prayer at 9:00 pm.**