



SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2019 MEETING

Present: David Rix (chair), Jason Abraham (via video), 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 August 6, 2019 Minutes — David

Minutes for the Meeting of August 6 were presented and approved after corrections by the Committee.

3. Review of Applicant Sermons — Committee

Members of the Committee discussed their individual reviews and evaluations of the sermons preached by each of the individuals in first applicant cohort. For their reviews they used the criteria agreed upon at the August 6, 2019 meeting of the Committee. Agreement was reached on next steps for each of these applicants.

4. Continuing review of Applicant Sermons – Committee

A second cohort of applicants along with a set of each of their sermons was identified. The Committee will review these sermons, using the same criteria used for the first cohort. These reviews will be discussed at the Committee's next meeting scheduled for September 3rd.

5. Update on Prayer Support – Linda

At the Committee's August 6th meeting, it agreed to develop an email list – **Support the Search** – of people who desired to pray for the Committee and its work. Linda reported that she is working with Joy and Mike Ahearn, and they with Julie Boyd, to create a process for sending an email message to this list after each Committee meeting. Once the process is in place, a Committee member will send Joy a list of prayer requests shortly after each meeting and Joy will arrange for the prayer requests to be sent to this mailing list. The list of prayer requests will also be posted on the Senior Minister Search home page.

As an example of such a prayer list, Margaret shared a list of prayer requests she recently sent to her network: pray for the new senior minister, pray for the committee and for its consultant, Richard Kidd, and for individual committee members.

The committee also identified two specific prayer requests to be sent to the email list once it's in place:

- Pray that the **whole** church will pray for the search process.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will be working in the heart of the new senior minister, even now.

6. Other Matters

The Committee's next meeting will be on September 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Margaret's home. The principal items on the agenda will be a review of sermons preached by applicants in the second cohort of applicants. Additionally, the Committee will review the minutes for the committee's meeting on August 20 and discuss the next steps in the search.

7. Meeting Review — Linda

- Linda will follow-up on developing the email prayer list.
- All members of the Committee were encouraged to urge others in the congregation to make a commitment to pray on the Prayer Calendar.

8. Richard closed the meeting with prayer at 8:50 pm.