



SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES (v.1) OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 MEETING

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

1. The meeting began at 7:15 pm with prayer — David.

2. Approval of August 20, 2019 Minutes — David.

Minutes for the Meeting of August 20 were presented and approved 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 the second 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

An additional list of applicants, bringing the total number of applicants to 13 was provided to the committee by Rich Kidd, the church's search consultant. Committee members will identify, by September 8, sermons preached by each of these applicants for subsequent review by all the committee members. Current plans call for the committee to review the sermons preached by applicants in a third cohort at its meeting on September 16. Sermons preached by a fourth cohort will be reviewed on September 30. The same criteria used in the review of the prior two cohorts will continue to be used in these reviews.

5. Update on Prayer Support – Linda

At the Committee's August 6th meeting, it agreed to develop an email list – **Support the Search** – of individuals who desired to pray for the Committee and its work. Linda reported that her work with Joy and Mike Ahearn and Julie Boyd, has been productive and expects the first message to the list will be sent soon. 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.

Two specific prayer requests identified to be sent to the email list once it's in place and to be posted on the Senior Minister Search homepage are:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to quicken the heart of our next Senior Minister and to prepare his family for this new calling.
- Pray for protection for each of the committee members and their family members: David Rix, Jason Abraham, Jim Bruce, Leslie Liu, Linda Herman, Margaret Sloat, Richard Ibekwe and our professional recruiter-Rich Kidd.

6. Other Matters

The Committee's next meeting will be on September 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Jim's home. The principal item on the agenda then will be a review and discussion of sermons preached by applicants

in the third cohort of applicants. After that, the Committee will meet on September 23 to begin development of an action plan to follow after the sermon reviews are completed, and on September 30 to review and discuss sermons preached by applicants in the fourth cohort.

7. Meeting Review — Linda.

- Linda will continue to support Joy, Mike, and Julie as the email prayer list comes into use.
- All members of the Committee were encouraged to continue to urge others in the congregation to make a commitment to pray for the search and record their commitment on the Prayer Calendar.
- Each Committee member was reminded to review their applicant's sermons, select three for review by all Committee members and provide a list of sermons and URL's to David no later than Sunday Evening, September 8.

8. Jason closed the meeting with prayer at 9:45 pm.