



## **SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 MEETING**

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

**1. The committee's meeting began at 7:10 p.m. with prayer — David.**

**2. Approval of September 16, 2019 Minutes — David.**

Minutes for the Meeting of September 16 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 fourth 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. Other Matters**

The committee discussed a number of on-going and coming issues. These include:

- David reported on his request that Rich Kidd follow-up with applicants, whose sermons have now been reviewed and in whom we have a continuing interest, to determine whether they have a continuing interest in Park Street Church. Rich reported that all of these applicants do have a continuing interest in Park Street.
- The committee continued its discussion begun at its last meeting concerning written materials such as an applicant's resume and a letter discussing the applicant's proposed candidacy that it will expect each applicant to submit as he moves forward in the process.
- It also discussed materials that its consultant, Slingshot, might collect from applicants at this stage of the process on the church's behalf.
- The committee also discussed some possible questions for interviews via telephone, video or in person.
- These discussions will continue at the committee's next meeting.

**5. Action Items and Next Steps**

- David will provide the Committee with a set of documents sent to the Nominating Committee to help them select nominees for elder. An incoming Senior Minister will want to be aware of these policies before he accepts the Church's call.
- David will also provide lists of questions used by the prior search committee for reference.
- Margaret will provide a list of questions she found in the book *The Pastoral Search Journey: A Guide to Finding Your Next Pastor*.
- Committee members are asked to look at the Slingshot questionnaire and think about what should be added to it.
- Linda will ask Joy Ahearn whether individuals who receive our prayer email can respond to the email and provide encouragement to the Committee.

- The Committee will next meet at the Wilson House on Monday, September 30 at 7 pm. The focus of this meeting will be finalizing a set of questions for all applicants at this stage of the process

**6. Prayer Requests for Email Prayer Letter, Support the Search**

- Health of committee members and their families.
- Wisdom for the Committee as it formulates questions for the applicants.

**7. Linda prayed as the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**