

July 14 E-news update:

On behalf of LMPC's (PNC) Pastoral Nominating Committee (Anna Edwards, Angie MacQueen, Jason Clayton, Becky Hash, Leslie Lindler, Robby Milam and Terry Peace), we are pleased to provide you with an update on the work of our group this summer.

Our task is to recruit and recommend the next Senior Pastor for LMPC and it is a responsibility that is guided by the work of the Holy Spirit and the structure in place by the Presbytery. We want to provide a comprehensive update of our work thus far and will continue updating the congregation in the days and months ahead.

Our committee was elected by this congregation on May 21, and met that evening to elect co-chairs, secretary and treasurer. Anna Edwards and Angie MacQueen are serving as co-chairs, Terry Peace as Secretary and Jason Clayton as Treasurer. Our second meeting was held on May 30 with Dr. Danny Murphy, General Presbyter and Rev. Alice Odell, our PNC liaison for orientation and training.

We revised, reviewed and approved the Ministry Information form (MIF) that was used for the interim senior pastor search, only to be notified on May 31 that there would be a new form on June 5 and we would have to update our information into the new form. We also learned that we are the first church in the Trinity Presbytery going through this process!

We met again as a committee to update the new form, the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP). This is essentially the church's resume that will be made available to pastors searching for call opportunities. On Sunday, July 2, the LMPC Session approved the MDP via email and it was immediately sent to the Commission on Ministry for the next step in the process. This Presbytery committee, Commission on Ministry, will meet on July 27, 2023 for final approval of this document. Once we have received approval from COM, it will be posted and we will hopefully start receiving candidates!

What happens next - Pastors can match with our MDP. We are aware that the PIF (Personal Information Form) will be updated in August so all interested pastors will need to use the new form by the end of August. One of the challenges we anticipate is that we will be working between two systems and forms are not aligned currently. We anticipate that this will make things challenging but it will not slow us down. We are a motivated and committed group! After COM approval, we will be open to receive outside referrals and will follow up with individuals who reach out to us with questions and inquiries. As church members, we hope you will share the opportunity in your Presbyterian minister circles!

For you to know:

- We meet regularly as a committee and are actively pressing ahead.
- The Presbytery and Commission on Ministry have a very specific process and it's important that we follow it accordingly.
- There are lots of acronyms! We will continue to provide as much information as needed to help everyone understand what's what.
- This is an extremely confidential process. We have committed as a group and to you that we will not discuss specific candidates or details of this process with anyone outside of our committee, until it is appropriate to do so. If you have input or comments, please reach out to one of us directly or email PNC Secretary, Terry Peace (terry.peace058@gmail.com).

- We will regularly update the congregation through newsletters, website updates and announcements during worship services. The first update will come on Sunday, July 23.

Thank you for praying alongside us that the Holy Spirit will lead us to the right person who will lead LMPC in the years ahead.

Anna Edwards & Angie MacQueen
LMPC PNC co-chairs