

A Letter from the Search Committee



Dear Congregation,

As South Church's Pastoral Search Committee, we're excited to announce that the candidate we've nominated to serve as our next pastor will be visiting the weekend of January 20-21st - and we hope you'll join us in welcoming her.

At the beginning of our process, the committee laid out a series of desired qualifications and competencies to ground our search. We decided we were looking for a person of spiritual depth, who's relationally oriented, and committed to engaging our community - and they should be naturally empathetic, curious, and an expert facilitator. In our candidate, we have found someone who satisfies those criteria and exceeds any reasonable expectations for who we might've found.

She brings multiple decades of experience in pastoral ministry, along with impressive educational qualifications. As a committee, we found ourselves using words like "dynamic", "energetic", and "creative" when reflecting on our interactions with her. Her references called her a "collaborative,

creative, and conscientious leader” and someone who would “thrive in an urban church” like ours. She has an uncanny ability to seamlessly move between light joyfulness and quick laughter during times of celebration - and a quieter pastoral posture, when that’s what the moment calls for. In all situations, we have found her to be exceptionally *present* and attuned to God’s movement.

Beyond her role as pastor, she’s also a wife to her husband and mother to two adult children. She’ll be visiting us from the Midwest, where her current congregation is based.

On both Saturday, January 20th, and Sunday, January 21st, there will be ample opportunity to spend time with both her and her family. On Saturday at 6PM, Faith Formation will be hosting a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall - where congregants will have the chance to spend informal time with our special guests. Please RSVP for the potluck on the church website so we have enough food and seating. Then, on Sunday at a combined 9AM service, she will lead us in worship. A church meeting will be called directly after the service to vote on confirming the candidate’s call. Afterwards, the Guild will be hosting a coffee hour/ reception.

This is an exciting time of transition in the life of our church, and we hope you’ll join us Saturday evening and Sunday morning (January 20th and 21st) to participate in the festivities.

-The Members of the South Church Search Committee



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