

# PASTORAL TRANSITION NEWS & INFORMATION

*Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.*  
~ Daniel 2:20-21

January 31, 2021

Happy New Year! We made it to the year 2021, and as Pastor Holley indicated during his first sermon of the year, we must "Go on!" We look forward to the year 2021 being one of celebration; praising God for all that has been accomplished under the leadership of Pastor Holley for the past fifty years and joyfully welcoming the Shepherd God has chosen to lead us into the future.

For just about a year now, the Pastoral Transition Committee (PTC) has been pressing forward to what lies ahead. Our pastoral search process has four phases, and we are currently in phase 2. We fulfilled all that had been envisioned for phase 1 and have made great progress towards achieving the goals established for phase 2.

Phase 2 of our pastoral search began on November 1, 2020 at the launch of the [PTC Webpage](#), allowing access to the job posting materials and application submissions. Since the launch of the PTC webpage, we have received completed applications and other expressions of interest from potential candidates. We had initially targeted January 31, 2021 to close out phase 2 of our pastoral search. However, to further expand awareness of our search for a Senior Pastor and allow the appropriate amount of time for application submissions, and subsequent screenings and evaluations, we have set a new phase 2 targeted completion date of February 28, 2021.

Below depicts the revised timeline for our pastoral search, milestones reached and our vision of the path ahead. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your continued prayers and support as we move along on this journey.

## *The Pastoral Transition Committee*

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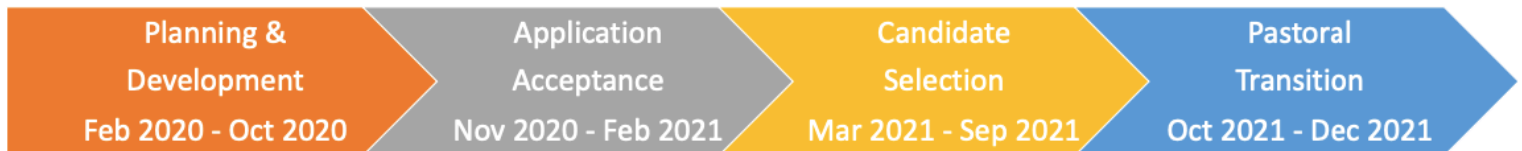
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#### Milestones Reached

- Distributed church survey, collected responses and compiled results (see PTC news on webpage)
- Composed church profile
- Prepared job description
- Developed job application



#### Milestones Reached

- Launched PTC webpage
- Posted job opening
- Received completed applications

#### Progress Ongoing

- Applicant screenings and evaluations
- External job postings and notifications



#### Just Ahead

- Send applicant status notifications
- Conduct initial and second interviews
- Bring final candidates onsite to preach and teach
- Execute membership voting process



#### On the Horizon

- Offer and acceptance of position
- Celebrate outgoing Senior Pastor's retirement
- Welcome new Senior Pastor and family
- Collaboration between outgoing and new Senior Pastor