

MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Over the course of the summer, one of the Search Committee's primary tasks will be to learn more about the needs and hopes of our church and congregants so that we can recommend the right ministerial candidate next spring. We'll be asking for your input in a few different ways, and we trust that you will be keen to provide it!

- ***Congregational Survey*** – We will be asking everyone to complete a survey NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1st. Those of you who use email to communicate with the church will receive an email invitation to complete the survey on-line. The members of the telephone tree will receive a hard copy in the mail. If you have not received your invitation or copy of the survey by the first week of July, please contact Beverly Horton to receive it and accept our apologies for missing you in our initial distribution.
- ***Circle Meetings*** – The Search Committee will continue to host circle meetings after Sunday services throughout the summer. Specific dates are: July 5, August 9, September 13. Babysitting will be provided. Please join us to find out where we are at in the search process and to engage in discussion that will expand our understanding about the congregation's hopes for settled ministry.
- ***Internet-based discussion forum*** - We are exploring ways of establishing an interactive on-line discussion forum, and will let you know when we have this figured out.

Of course, we also need to provide you with information on an ongoing basis. The church's website now has a webpage dedicated to the ministerial search process. Over the summer, we will be populating the website with information such as minutes from circle meetings and interesting search related info. Also, the Search Committee will have its own bulletin board in the church, which we will use to keep everyone current about the search process.

In closing, we would like to thank everyone who came out to our first circle meeting in early June. You told us what things a new minister would really love about our church. And you also told us what issues or challenges we face that potential ministers should know about. There was a great discussion about the appropriate role for our new minister. Look out for the minutes of this discussion on our webpage on the church's website.

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