



UPDATE #3 - 03/06/2023

Summary of the Search and Call Process

I came upon this simple summary of the Search and Call process timeline in one of the resource guides I have been studying and want to share it with you.

There are three distinct seasons for the congregation and Call Committee in the Search and Call process:

- a time of internal preparation before the search
- a time of seeking and selecting new pastoral leadership
- and a time of affirming and welcoming the newly called minister

We have a committee meeting this week and, as a key task in our internal preparation, we will review roles and responsibilities of the leadership positions within the team. The leadership consists of the Chairperson, Recording Secretary, and Chaplain/Spiritual Leader.

- The Chairperson, Robin Long, facilitates the overall process.
- The Recording Secretary, Lynn Wright-Kernodle, maintains careful notes about what happens in our meetings.
- The Chaplain, Clif Karnes, helps keep the search process rooted in God.

We will also be planning our first informal conversation with the congregation. Following Worship on **Sunday, March 19 and March 26**, Committee members will be available in the Parlor to chat, listen, and answer questions as we are able.

We are preparing to schedule small group meetings in April where we will explore our congregational identity and our mission. We will talk about the present and our future. We will ask, “What would God have us do/be/want?” We will provide more information in the coming weeks about these meetings.

Please keep our committee in your prayers and thank you for your support.

Robin Long