

UPDATE #6  
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### April Meetings with the Listening Sub-Committee

We had some lively dialogue in our gathering the last two Sundays after Worship as we discussed the process of calling a new Pastor. Folks shared questions, concerns, and thoughts with us. We will take all this back to our committee meetings to consider as we move through the call process. One question came up several times that I will try to address here: “What will happen with Paul’s position?”

Simply put, Paul’s position will be examined and possibly re-imagined in time. Just as it has over the last many years, the position Paul holds has been adapted and redefined as needs of the congregation, the community, and the Senior Pastor have evolved. While his focus continues to be on providing pastoral care and support, Paul is also managing the building maintenance and our robust rental business.

Paul is working closely with the Board of Management to share his experience and bring board members up to speed. Several members have stepped up to take on specific responsibilities. We will need to see if we are able to sustain the level of care for the building and renters as has been established.

The Call Committee’s responsibility is to search for our new Pastor. Church Council and Board of Management will be evaluating the administrative needs of the building and rental responsibilities. Our new Pastoral leader will participate in determining how we move forward with additional staff.

Next up are the April meetings with the Listening Sub-Committee. Just a reminder that these meetings are the time for us to consider our past, evaluate our present and imagine our future. For example, who are we? How do we see ourselves as a congregation? Where will God lead us in our future?

Each small meeting will be led by a facilitator with specific questions to consider and discuss. **As these are limited-space groups, please sign up individually (not as couples) and, for now, please sign up for one meeting only. Click [here](#) to sign up.**

If you are not available these dates or you are not comfortable attending in person, please [email the Call Committee](#) or call the office and leave a message (336-274-5378). We will be in touch with options to ensure you have an opportunity to participate and share your thoughts.

—Robin Long