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## A Sense of Connectedness

I am writing this on Sunday afternoon following the second of four listening sessions scheduled this month. Our sessions are providing the committee with your priorities, values, and what we hold dear here. As I have shared, these conversations are vitally important to the work the Committee members have been preparing to do . . . to search for our new pastor.

These sessions proved to offer far more than information gathering. Something wonderful happened which I did not anticipate. In our conversations, our sharing and listening to one another, and sitting around the circle, a sense of our connectedness was palpable. Many shared that this space is our home, our safe place, where we feel welcomed and loved. This time together in person was a gift and I clearly felt the Spirit in the space with us.

Please share in this experience with us. There are two more sessions scheduled and both are open for signing up.

- Thursday, April 20 - 6 pm
- Sunday, April 30 - 12:20 pm

Members and non-members are invited and encouraged to participate. Click [here](#) to sign up for one of two sessions. You will receive a reminder email a few days in advance with the questions we will be exploring during the session. Please refer to the E-news from last week to view the discussion questions in advance.

If you are not available these dates, or you are not comfortable attending in person, please email [searchcallcucc@gmail.com](mailto:searchcallcucc@gmail.com) 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.

While the listening sessions are going on, the Call Committee continues our work toward preparing the Profile, working with Julie and Paul to create a Scope of Work and job description, updating the website to announce Julie and Paul's retirement, and collecting information for potential candidates explaining the open position, our church, our city, and other relevant information. We continue to move closer to a date for posting the position. I'll continue to keep you updated this month on our progress.

—Robin Long