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## Discerning “The Next Right Pastor”

In the last two weeks, our open position has been posted on the UCC Opportunities site. We have been working closely with our Conference Associate Minister, Rev.

Warren Casiday. He has been quick to turn around Ministerial Profiles to us from candidates who have requested contact with our church. Ministerial Profiles are basically resumes in a standard format across the UCC.

As we receive Ministerial Profiles, the Call Committee is reviewing and ascertaining our interest in setting up initial interviews. Our first interview with each candidate will take place via Zoom. We expect to continue to receive Profiles over the course of weeks and possibly months as we discern “the next right pastor for our congregation.”

I had a mentor and friend in the congregation share with me recently, “I am completely confident there is a person out there who will be absolutely right for our congregation.”

Your kind words, your support, your encouragement mean the world to all of us on this committee. Some of you have shared your own experience with serving on search committees, some of you have shared your experience as a member of previous churches going through a call process. Some of this was positive and some fraught with ups and downs. Regardless, every interaction I have had has been uplifting and reassuring. We are wholly (holy) connected and with unwavering faith in God’s guidance; every one of us contributes to the success of this search and call process, the transition we will experience, and the future we create together.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

—Robin Long