



UPDATE #18

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Interviews Have Begun

It's been a few weeks since I provided an update. The news this week is we continue to do our work. We are in the thick of it. We are receiving ministerial profiles from our associate conference minister on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. The benefit of having Rev. Warren Casiday review these candidate profiles and conduct the criminal record check before sending them on to us is that he has already done some of the vetting for us. While we will do our own due diligence, Rev. Casiday's expertise and candidate insight provides a foundation for our review process.

We have begun interviewing potential candidates. Our initial meetings are being conducted via Zoom regardless of physical distance from Greensboro to provide each candidate with the same opportunity to connect and communicate effectively with our committee. There are five of us conducting these interviews as Laurie Shaw has had to step away from the committee work due to some pressing time commitments. We are setting up our initial meetings in a conversational manner while still "interviewing" and gaining some insight into the candidate and most importantly, the fit of that candidate for our church and the fit of our church for that candidate.

Prior to our first conversation, candidates receive the link to our website and to our Sunday services. I encourage each candidate to study our website and listen to one of our services as the start of "getting to know us." I have received some very positive feedback regarding the information we provided in advance of the first meeting.

In the very midst of this work, our committee continues to remember we are serving this church and our congregation. With great faith and lots of prayer, we open our hearts and minds to receive spiritual guidance. We feel your prayers and thank you for keeping us feeling supported.

—Robin Long