



UPDATE #25

The Process from this Point

In the eNews this week, our Moderator, Jamie Anderson, is sharing [process steps and procedures for our upcoming Congregational Meeting](#). We follow Robert's Rules to "assist an assembly to accomplish the work for which it was designed" in conjunction with our Constitution and By-Laws.

We are only a few weeks away from meeting our pastoral candidate, Rev Amelia Fulbright. I have tried over the months to keep you updated on the committee's process and progress. As we work through some final details, I would like to share them with you. If we vote to welcome Amelia as our next pastor on October 22nd, she will return to Austin, Texas with her family and begin the process of relocating. Her first day at Congregational is planned for Tuesday, December 5th.

The church will provide Amelia and her family with the benefits we currently provide along with some coverage not previously available. We will provide health, vision, and dental coverage along with life insurance and disability. There is paid vacation, parental leave, personal and sick leave, and sabbatical leave. All these benefits are standard offerings through the UCC Pension Board and recommended by the Southern Conference.

Amelia currently has Privilege of Call in the South-Central Conference and will work through the process of gaining standing in the Southern Conference. Our associate conference minister, Rev Warren Casiday, will provide support in this process.

Julie, Paul, and Amelia will work together as Julie and Paul share their knowledge and experience with Amelia and prepare for their retirement. The time frame will be determined as we get closer to the end of the year.

Our committee is looking forward to introducing you to Amelia and her family. Please plan to attend the Open House on Saturday, Oct 21st from 1pm – 4pm and the Congregational meeting on Sunday, Oct 22nd, following Worship. I encourage you to reach out to any one of the committee members if you have questions prior to our Congregational Meeting. We will do our very best to answer your questions and listen to your comments. Your support and positive feedback have been overwhelming...we are most appreciative!

-Robin Long