



Dear Christ Church Family Member,

We want to update you on the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Sr. Pastor search and to also ask for your help.

SPRC met this week to discuss a variety of topics related to the search. Kirk Bailey, Chairman of SPRC, has outlined the detailed process for our search. We have begun the process of selecting the search committee, and we will update you as those details become available. We have finalized a "Pastor Profile" that states high level theological, preaching/teaching, pastoral, ministry and leadership requirements for our Pastor. Now we are refining our list of specific criteria, which the search committee will use to filter candidates.

During our recent Administrative Board meeting, we heard very clearly that the Board and our congregation want input into the search criteria, so we are asking for that input now.

Specifically, we are asking you to:

1. Pray! As one member of SPRC said, "Unless we are constantly praying, we will not know God's will." We know God has someone in mind for our next Sr. Minister. We need to be faithful to ask Him to show us who that is. **I encourage each of you to attend our church-wide prayer service led by Maxie Dunnam on August 4 at 6 p.m. in Wilson Chapel to pray for the Dodsons, our search and our church.** This is the most important thing any of us can do right now.
2. Proverbs 15:22 tells us that plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed. We want to receive input from as many people as possible so we can develop a comprehensive list of criteria that our congregation believes is essential in their Sr. Minister. We have developed a very brief questionnaire for you to complete and add any comments you may have. **Here is how you can participate:**
 - A. If you have **Internet access**, please go to our website at www.cumcmemphis.org. On the home page, look for a link entitled "Pastor Search Input." Please click that and complete the survey online to register your input.
 - B. If you would rather fill out a **paper form**, please use the one enclosed. It is exactly the same as the form online. You can mail it back to us, drop it in a collection plate at a worship service, or drop it off at the Seabrook Welcome Desk when it is complete.
 - C. We welcome collective input from Sunday school classes or small groups who develop their input together. Individual input is encouraged as well. **We need all input by August 15.**
3. **Continue to be faithful to support our church with your prayers, presence, gifts and service.** SPRC has been encouraged by the feedback and suggestions we have already received from many members. We are at a critical time and the church's health depends on you.

We will compile all of the responses and present them at our next Administrative Board meeting on August 23. As always, our Board meetings are open and you are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your input.

In His Service,

Jack Morris
Administrative Board Chairperson

Kirk Bailey
Staff-Parish Relations Chairperson

David May
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