

Senior Pastor Search Team

JANUARY 2017 UPDATE

Activities

Your Senior Pastor Search Team (SPST) continues to be humbled by and thankful for your prayers and support as we continue the work you've entrusted to us. We continue to adhere to the process described to you in previous updates. We're also thankful for the many names of godly men that members of our congregation have suggested to be our next Senior Pastor. All potential candidates are being researched, using a variety of means available to us. It has been incredibly encouraging for our team to experience unity by and through the Holy Spirit during the discussions that occur after we finish research on each potential candidate. The unity being experienced, we believe, is a testament to the power of prayer.

Since our last update, by God's grace, we have been able to accomplish the following:

- 1) The team facilitated another update/Q&A session during Sunday Bible School for all communities.
- 2) The team has received dozens of recommendations from across the congregation and denomination. We continue to diligently research each potential candidate across the agreed upon criteria.
- 3) The research and vetting sessions have allowed us to narrow the field of potential candidates. We are excited about a small group of men, and we've moved into a deeper level of research, which includes making contact and having discovery conversations with them.

As we enter into the new year, we have moved into Phase IV (Interview, Selection & Calling) and will be planning another rostrum update in the coming weeks. Please continue to lift the team members up in prayer as the Lord puts them on your hearts.

Prayer

Answered Prayer:

- ✓ Praise the Lord that He has graciously granted the SPST the ability to have fruitful work and progress, even during a busy holiday month
- ✓ Thank Him for an increasing joy for what the Lord is doing through this process.

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Prayer Requests:

➤ **For the SPST:**

That we would continue to be faithful to our roles, to pray, to research with focus and depth, to attend meetings, and to encourage one another.

➤ **For Christ Covenant Church:**

For growth in love for the Lord and His church, and that we would be faithful to pray, to encourage, and to support the work of the SPST and Session.

➤ **For the Candidates:**

That the men we are researching and engaging will have wisdom, insight, and trust God in the process. And that God will reveal a clear internal and external call to the man whom He would have come to Christ Covenant Church.

Exhortation:

We give thanks to you all with this exhortation: "...walk in a manner worthy... eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:1-3)