

Update on the Search Process for a New Minister

With Rev. Will's term with us ending this summer, the Search Committee has been working diligently to receive and review applications for a new minister. After carefully reviewing the applications, the Committee made a recommendation to be considered by the Session. Their recommendation was a clergy couple (two ministers who would share a 1.5 position). After prayerful discussion and review of these candidates, the Session has supported the Search Committee's recommendation and has extended an invitation for them to visit Zion and preach for the call on **February 11th, 2024**.

Following that service on February 11th, there will be a congregational meeting held, where it will be decided whether we extend a Call to these ministers. Only those who are professing members are eligible to vote, but those who are adherents in our church will also be able to sign the Call to indicate their agreement and support. The Call would then be taken to Presbytery, to seek their approval.

Please make every effort to join us on **February the 11th or watch online**. It is very important that we have as many of the congregation here as possible to be a part of this process of discerning God's will for our congregation.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please feel free to reach out to one of the Elders or our Interim Moderator, Rev. Paula Hamilton (revmom28@gmail.com). At this time, in following our denominational guidelines, we are not permitted to share the names of the candidates in advance, but they are eager to meet you next weekend. We will be hosting a Meet and Greet and will confirm a time which will be announced on the church website as soon as possible.

We are very grateful for all the time, prayer, and dedication the Search Committee and Session have put into this Call and are confident that they have made strong recommendation.