

Call Committee

The Call Committee work continued throughout the year. We met 1-2 times per month, and every meeting includes prayer, bible study and discussion of action items and results. We kept busy with profile revisions in the wake of the two resignations (Pastor Doug in August and Pastor Dave in February) and for changing the call to a Solo Pastor in February, due to our declining attendance.

We continued to be supported by our Call Process Coordinator from the NALC, who helped us with our profile revisions and ideas for keeping our call process active throughout the year.

We tried posting our profile and position description on the Churchstaffing website for one month. This yielded about 10 candidates whom we reviewed individually and discussed as a group. None of them were a strong enough fit for us to proceed.

Three other candidates submitted their profiles and were reviewed. One took another call, one opted out after we changed the call to Solo Pastor, and one came to Noblesville for an exploratory visit at the end of May.

Throughout the year, Mark Heckman has been actively networking with other pastors he knows outside of the NALC, and exploring potential for one or two to respond to our call. One of them is planning to visit us for a week, to preach and to lead us in a workshop about (???) in June.

In January, we hosted a visit from a Pastor and his wife, with whom we have been in occasional contact over the previous year. While the conclusion was for him to remain in his current call, we learned a lot from meeting and talking with them.

In February, we met with the Executive Committee and then joined the Council in a meeting with Pastor Jess Abbott, who is the Dean assigned to our call process. This was in response to Pastor Dave's departure, and us understanding our next steps overall preparation needed for the changes to come. We continued to work with Council on the search for an Interim Pastor, which resulted in Pastor DJ joining us as Interim Pastor.

In late March, we received another pastor profile which then led to the interview steps of multiple Zoom calls and the visit in May. At the time of this writing, we are not sharing the name due to the need for privacy about him responding to a call.

The Committee continues to meet and pray together. We are all looking forward to discerning God's will and eventually welcoming the one whom He calls.

Kristen Wells, Committee Chair

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