Issue 1
July 27, 2018

# MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

## THE CALENDAR:

**September 7**
Survey Opens

**September 9**
MSC Sunday

**September 24**
Survey Closes

**October**
Cottage Meetings

**October/November**
Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop

## THE STATS:

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| Days Until We Call Minister | 282 |
| Meetings | 6 |
| Volunteer Hours | ≈ 250 |
| Emails | 225 + |
| Money Spent | $150 |

## THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN: And so we begin...or began.

Your Ministerial Search Committee began its work in earnest, as you can see from our stats so far.

**RETREAT & WORKSHOP.** In early June, we met for a retreat with Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs, co-minister at Unity Church in St. Paul and our search coach. During the retreat, the committee shared personal information (team building!), agreed on procedures and rules for our weekly meetings, and began outlining a timeline for the search process. We then travelled to Kansas City for a workshop led by UUA Transitions Director Rev. Keith Kron. There, we were reminded of the very prescriptive nature of the search process. There's no need to be concerned that we're making it up as we go along. The UUA has made hundreds of pages (that's not an exaggeration) of materials for us to follow. *Closely* follow.

**ROLES.** We each volunteered (or were volunteered) to serve in specific roles for the search:
**Patty Notch**—Chair | **Greg Nichols**—Vice Chair and Negotiating Team Representative | **Hilary Hippen-Leek**—Secretary | **Margaret Schultz**—Treasurer and Board Liaison | **Darin Jensen**—Packet Editor | **Chelsea Hayes**—Survey Coordinator | **Tim Wilson**—Neutral Pulpit Coordinator

You can find descriptions of each of these roles on the search committee's new webpages.

Please watch the Intercom, the church's website, and your email for regular updates on our committee's progress and processes. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the committee for information. While the committee is committed to maintaining appropriate confidentiality, we're happy to provide you with all the information we can.

## THE SURVEY: What is this survey I've heard about?

The congregational survey is an opportunity for every member of our congregation to express needs and wishes for our future ministry. We'll be using Survey Monkey (and printed surveys upon request) to best facilitate this task. If you're not familiar with Survey Monkey, don't worry, we'll provide detailed instructions and we plan to have computers available on the relevant Sunday mornings so we can help in person. We will use the data from the surveys to inform our next task: cottage meetings. These will be relatively small group meetings in member homes and at church to further discuss the information gathered from the surveys. All of this information we'll be gathering will be used for two primary reasons: (1) it will be provided to potential ministers so they might get a sense of who we are, and (2) it will help guide our committee as we review applications, interview pre-candidates, and recommend a candidate for the congregation's approval. It is very important you participate in the survey and in a cottage meeting. More details to come.

## THE COMMITTEE: What is guaranteed to make you smile?

Patty Notch | Chelsea Hayes | Hilary Hippen-Leek | Darin Jensen | Greg Nichols | Margaret Schultz | Tim Wilson

- Patty Notch: Lily, my greyhound
- Chelsea Hayes: babies in church
- Hilary Hippen-Leek: service dogs
- Darin Jensen: Hilary's long, witty emails
- Greg Nichols: Phoenix in February
- Margaret Schultz: morning coffee on my porch
- Tim Wilson: pancakes