**Call Committee begins discernment with new pastoral candidates**

Disappointment that a pastoral candidate interviewed during January did not emerge as a good fit for our congregation has been replaced with anticipation and hope as your Call Committee begins initial conversations with two new pastoral candidates. Both candidates have a compelling mix of talents and strengths, and the committee looks forward to learning more about them as discernment continues.

Your caring support continues to be a wellspring of encouragement for Call Committee members as the process of listening for the Holy Spirit’s guidance and identifying a pastor who is a good fit for Immanuel continues. Your prayers, your handshakes and your hugs — along with comments such as “Hang in there,” “Don’t settle,” and “We know our next pastor is out there” — clarify that you stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the Call Committee. Together, we are Immanuel!

As always, the Call Committee members welcome your questions, but please remember that they must keep all pertinent information about contact with pastoral candidates completely confidential. They will continue to communicate as much news as possible.

Please pray earnestly for our new candidates and for all of us as the people of God in this place. Thanks Be To God!

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