**Call Committee continues discernment with pastoral candidates**

Your Call Committee hit the ground running as the year began — by Jan. 11, the team had completed initial interviews with all four of the candidates they received Dec. 14 from the synod.

As a result, at least one highly qualified pastoral candidate will visit Kansas City for a second interview during late January or early February.

Like you, everyone on the Call Committee prays that we soon can bring this process to a close by welcoming a new pastor. But we have learned that the Holy Spirit has neither calendar nor clock! That’s why everyone on the committee is so deeply grateful for your caring support as the process of listening for the Spirit’s guidance and identifying a pastor who is a good fit for Immanuel continues.

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 candidates and for all of us as the people of God in this place. Be joyful! Be hopeful! Be Immanuel!

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