

Welcome from the Co-Chairs of the Ministerial Search Committee

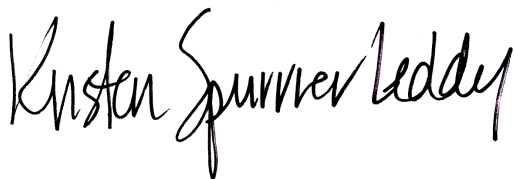
Dear Ministerial Candidate,

Greetings! After months of turning inward and looking at ourselves, we can certainly say that our whole committee is very happy to finally be talking to you. This next step of communication with the exchange of packets is a most exciting phase of this Search process because it involves connection. We hope that with the information provided in our packet you will be able to understand who we are and determine whether or not your ministry and our congregation fit together.

Like you, we have been involved in a process of exploring our values, our challenges and our hopes, and then trying to capture that understanding and present it honestly and openly. We hope that you will come to understand our gifts as a congregation, how we have grown and matured over the past 65 years, and our vision for the future. In this packet you will learn more about our congregation, its members, our programs and the communities in which we live. Through images of us, samples of our programs and worship, and the findings of our recent congregational surveys and focus groups, we hope you will gain a deeper appreciation of our congregational life.

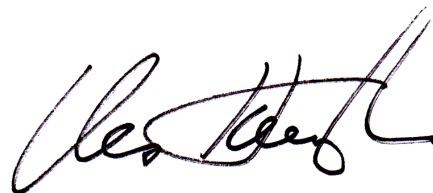
Our Search Committee of nine committed lay leaders wants most of all to find a minister who will want to be a part of our congregation, who will see our challenges as challenges they themselves would be interested in solving, who would find joy and contentment through the quality of our programming and in getting to know us individually. This minister would be happy helping others find the spiritual journey that is right for them as individuals, and would be able to make progress in their own spiritual journey by doing so.

As you review our packet, we invite your communication. As co-chairs of the Search Committee, we encourage you to be in touch with us either by phone or by email as we continue this exploration of connection.



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