



TRANSITION UPDATE FROM EXEC TEAM

Brothers and sisters,

June 29, 2016

We are now almost a month into our transition season. Even though Don just sent out an update about our transitional worship schedule on behalf of session, we wanted to continue our rhythm of sending a communiqué from the Exec Team (Don, AmyRuth, and Chris) on a bi-weekly basis. No big news to report, but a few updates:

#1) Our Preaching Gap

By now you have likely gotten the letter (or heard Don read the letter in worship) from session regarding our worship schedule. In short, we are in the process of resuming the 11:00 Traditional Worship service. If you haven't read that letter, please do (it is available in the Connection Center). Our worship leaders have some work to do to get that service back up and running so we don't know exactly when that service will re-start – we are targeting the first Sunday in August, but an announcement will be made when we know for sure.

#2) Our Transition Team

On June 21st our session appointed a Transition Team to oversee the consultation phase of our transition. As we announced at our Congregational Meeting we have come to an agreement with ECO to have Dana Allin and others from ECO help us conduct a comprehensive evaluation of our church. The Transition Team will work closely with ECO's team in facilitating this whole evaluation process.

The Transition Team will also be a communication point for everyone during our transition. Anyone in the congregation who has a question or thought about our transition can be in touch with the Transition Team (transition@bonpres.org). Also, the Transition Team will make sure that we as a congregation hear updates and are kept informed on our process. At the end of our consultation this team will also make a recommendation to session on next steps. (Note: this is not a governance team that will make policy decisions nor is it a search committee that will conduct a pastoral search.)

We are so thankful that the following brothers and sisters have agreed to serve our church by laboring on this team: Rev. Chris Macky (chairing the team), Mary Bruning and Brandon Mann (elders), Cathy Lasater and Ross Jenkins (deacons), and Deanna Feltz (covenant partner). We will be putting together a sheet that has the photos of these brothers and sisters so that you can get to know them. (On that note, we're also working on updated photos of all elders and deacons so that we all know who our elected leaders are.)

#3) Frequently Asked Questions

Remember all those questions you wrote on orange cards at the congregational meeting? Remember sending an email to transition@bonpres.org? We are compiling those questions (and answers) for our first "FAQ Sheet". Watch for that to be completed and distributed at some point in the next month.

Grace and peace from your Exec Team!

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