

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

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by Frank Melnyk (Chairman)

The Search Committee is experiencing two dilemmas. We are trying not to be anxious, and we need to be patient as continue with the task of discerning who the Lord has chosen for the next Christ Church Senior Pastor/Rector.

... Patience/Anxiety - two words that seem to contradict each other - one dictionary describes patience as " the ability to wait for a long time without becoming annoyed or upset." The same dictionary describes anxiety as "being afraid or nervous, especially about what may happen". The Bible has many verses on these two topics: Colossians 3:12 - Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and PATIENCE; And Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in EVERY situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

To date the Search Committee have been given names of individuals who should be contacted to see if they would be appropriate candidates for consideration as our next Senior Pastor/Rector of Christ Church. We have used various methods to find out more about the names suggested, including investigating their individual web pages and reviewing their resumes. Using the Pastor's Profile as our standard we have mailed a letter and a questionnaire to several possible candidates.

We will continue to investigate various resources, such as seminaries, Christian publications and the internet, to find the best possible candidates. However, we have been told that the most successful means is usually word of mouth. We are open to hearing from anyone in the Christ Church congregation who knows of a person who they believe could be God's man to be Christ Church Senior Pastor/Rector.

In closing, the Search Committee Team are humbled to know we are being held in prayer as individuals and as a committee. We thank Carla Batch and her "Band of Prayer Warriors" who meet regularly to pray for us. We also want to thank our clergy and staff, as they continue to serve Our Lord Jesus Christ and Christ Church by proclaiming His Way, His Truth and His Life, during this period of transition.

Yours In Christ,
Frank Melnyk Chairman

Remember, be patient and do not be anxious.....