

Elder Update #6  
January 12, 2023  
Note on Search Process

### **Why the Transitional Pastor Search Team Departed From our Plan to Bring Two Candidates**

As we started into the process of seeking the Lord's guidance for the person who would be called to be our Transitional Pastor, the Session felt it important to have two candidates from which to choose. This was the intention of the Transitional Pastor Search Team from the beginning. We received resumes and interest from four qualified candidates. We held two in-depth interviews with three of these four candidates. The first interview was followed by reference checking so that in the second interview we could ask more targeted questions. In the process it became clear to the three of us on the search team that that the Holy Spirit had set apart one candidate who emerged as both exceptional in our eyes, and also an exceptional fit for CPC. We considered bringing a second candidate to fulfill our prior agreement, but felt it would be disingenuous to put another candidate through the process when we had such a clear favorite. Were we to do so, we would simply be fulfilling an obligation without any strong conviction about one of the other three candidates.

Therefore, because of our sense of the Lord's guidance, we asked the Session to release us from this obligation and bring a single candidate for approval. Session granted this request.