

Pastor Search Committee (PSC) Update 7-19-26

Good Morning,

My name is Karen Collins and I am one of 9 members of the Pastor Search Committee, serving this congregation. We, like you, sense a beautiful, yet not fully knowing season among us, as we wait in wonder and anticipation of what the Lord will do. In the depth of our heart we long to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and follow his direction. We are confident that God is present in this journey. Our desire is to keep the congregation updated as much as we can with the process and progress of our weekly meetings.

If you aren't aware or haven't checked-out the church's new web site, please do. There is much there to glean from, with one of those being a tab in the upper right corner, that says, "PASTOR SEARCH." As you click on this tab you will discover: The process and timeline of the Pastor Search Committee, Frequently Asked Questions, a place to submit your own questions, and the starting point for pastors interested in the Senior Pastor Position.

At this link those applying will read "What Our Church Believes," see the Job Description, notice Christ Community Church's "Church Information Form," peruse our Strategic Vision, and engage in the Application Form.

We continue to receive applications and spend many hours reading cover letters, Personal Information Forms, and resumes, as well as listening to sermons and podcasts. Sometimes there are books and articles written by candidates that we also delve into. We have begun to interview applicants that appear to have qualities and attributes that are essential for our Senior Pastor and to vet references. Strengths and giftings that we keep in view, that our next Senior Pastor will need to oversee include:

1. Teaching/Preaching/Exhorting the congregation through the ministry of the Word from the pulpit
2. Shepherding/Discipling/Mentoring groups and individuals in the Gospel and leadership of the church
3. Prayer Ministry- both personal, corporate, and cultivating it among small groups/ all groups within the body
4. Staff & Session Leadership & Administration
5. Pastoral Care: home visits, counseling, hospital visits, memorial services, etc.
6. Vision Casting: moving the church forward in specific ways in step with the movement of the Holy Spirit in our particular church
7. Director of Worship: cultivating a liturgy and a culture of worship for Sunday morning and beyond.

Here are "a few of our favorite things" we long for: Holy Spirit driven, a deep devotional life, a love for the Word of God, a grateful and obedient servant, to name a few.

As we gather each week to discuss and discern as a committee, there is time of prayer, devotion, listening and seeking, that we might glean understanding and gain wisdom. The gift you give to us and Christ Community is your continued prayers, support, and encouragement. Thank you for the integral part you play. Your's and our prayers are crucial and are of utmost importance.

Would you pray with me now?

Father, May we each walk in a manner worthy of the Lord. Bless us with practicing your presence, that your mighty work would come forth and your guidance would resonate in our ears. Equip your saints, as they work heartily for you. Give the increase gracious Master. Cover this work with the blood of Christ and saturate it with your Holy Spirit. To the glory and praise of our God and King.