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Dear Friends,

Here's the next installment in our Pastoral Transition Update series!

August Session Meeting – Transitional Pastor Discussion

Rev. Cindy Kohlmann (Connectional Presbyter) and Rev. Miriam Foltz (Hanover's liaison with the Presbytery's Committee on Ministers & Congregations) participated in Session's August 16th meeting: Miriam as Moderator and Cindy as discussion facilitator for a major part of the meeting. Discussion focused on questions the Presbytery offered for consideration as well as Elders' answers to questions they had received in June re: what Hanover is looking for in a transitional pastor (qualities, characteristics, full-time, part-time, etc.)

After an extended sharing of ideas, Session approved the next steps in the process:

- ~ A full-time transitional pastor – Session recognizes the importance of a pastor's full-time presence to get to know the congregation, address its needs, and foster its growth.
- ~ Adopt New Castle Presbytery's recommended minimum salary/benefits.
- ~ Our Session will be the Transitional Pastor Search Team.

Transitional Pastor Candidates

Rev. Kohlmann noted that there are several candidates possible for Hanover.

Session's next step is to create a "Transitional Pastor's Position Description." When drafted, Session will consult with Cindy and Miriam who will then review possible candidates' position descriptions and then suggest possible candidates to Session.

Transitional Pastor Timeline

It is too early in the process to pinpoint when a transitional pastor might arrive at Hanover. However, our Presbytery liaisons, Miriam & Cindy, understand that we are eager to work on and complete this process for the good of our Hanover family!

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