

Discernment Update 12/21/22

Greetings friends,

I want to share a brief update and make you aware of 2 important upcoming dates regarding our process.

First, I'd like to thank everyone who participated in our discussion with our District Superintendent at our Charge Conference last week. This was the second time he has visited with us to address concerns and questions regarding the discernment process. We had very good participation and the session was informative.

In accordance with the discernment process, we will now move to a different type of meeting format. In order for our discernment team to represent our church, our team needs to hear from as many members of our congregation as possible, and members need opportunities to share with one another as well. The team will be hosting 2 sessions which might best be described as "discernment dialogues". During these sessions, members need to share openly what is on their heart and mind as they have continued to pray and discern during this time. The team needs to hear from as many people as possible, regardless of your position on the issue(s). The DS will not be present at this meeting. Members may also ask questions, as needed, in order to help the team determine what other information and resources we need to provide.

Please make plans to join us for at least one if not both sessions which will be held in the sanctuary. There will be no presentation by the team so that we reserve as much time as possible for the team to hear from members.

Session 1: Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 pm  
Session 2: Sunday, January 8 at 3:00 pm

You will receive a reminder email along with more information about the discernment process next week.

Blessings to you all during this special season,  
Pam Hand

Your Discernment Team includes:

Pam Hand - Lay Leader  
Henry Long - Church Council Chair (outgoing)  
Bruce Dooley - Church Council Chair (incoming)  
Marty Box - former SPRC Chair and current Vice-Chair  
Gifford Usher - Finance Chair  
Jared Cartee - Incoming Chair of Trustees  
Susan Little - Lay Delegate to Annual Conference  
Rusty Tate - Senior Pastor (non-voting advisory position)