

## ***Pray for Holy Spirit's guidance as call process moves forward with optimism***

During September, your Call Committee completed on-site interviews with two pastoral candidates. Although both were impressive in many ways, neither ultimately proved to be the right fit for Immanuel. The committee members had been hopeful and felt some initial disappointment, but quickly regrouped with added resolve to identify a pastor who is the best possible fit for our congregation.

Obviously, the call process is not moving as quickly as any of us would wish. But there is no doubt that the process is working as it should.

As of this writing, your Call Committee is eagerly waiting to receive another slate of candidates from the synod office. In the meantime, the committee members again reviewed Immanuel's Ministry Site Profile and made minor changes to ensure that document continues to speak clearly about who we are as the people of God in this place.

The committee also is being appropriately proactive about researching potential candidates for synod consideration. The committee members aren't looking for a "perfect" pastor – there is no such thing – but are determined to find the pastor that meets as many of Immanuel's needs as any one individual can. Our next pastor is out there!

Please take a moment – right now and in the days ahead – to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as the call process moves forward. Be optimistic! Be joyful! Be Immanuel, God With Us!

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