



Pastoral Search Update

February 2019

The Pastoral Search Committee continues to meet weekly and evaluate candidates submitted by Slingshot. Committee members have also scoured their personal networks and encouraged qualified and recommended candidates to apply. Some of those contacted have done so.

We see great enthusiasm on the part of candidates with whom we have spoken. Village Church is proving to be an attractive destination for pastors who are seeking God's will for their next assignment.

Since the last update we have conducted more first interviews with great people. We have had second interviews with some of those as well. Furthermore, there are more candidates that we are excited about still in the pipeline. We are *cautiously optimistic* that recommendations to the Elders can be made in late winter or early spring.

It remains important that the Village Church family remain patient with the process. The ever-present threat to the integrity of the process is haste. We have been careful and methodical and your patience with the volunteers of the Pastoral Search Committee and Elders makes that easier.

Please continue to pray, and as the Lord leads, fast. The success of this endeavor is the purview of the Almighty. It is important that we continue to seek the Lord's providence as an act of worship. God will provide for his congregation as he always has. Patience with his timing and diligent worship are the most important parts of this transition.

Lastly, allow your faith to give you a positive outlook on the future of God's church and speak to others out of that faith.