

Pastoral Search Update – Sunday, March 17

We're pleased to announce that, after much work, the Search Committee has recommended to the Elder Board, two talented and learned candidates for further consideration for the position of Lead Pastor of Village Church. The Elder Board members are in the process of reviewing each candidate's profile, resume, and listening to sermons submitted by the candidates. The next step is for the Elder Board members to interview and evaluate each candidate.

During this time of evaluating these candidates, the Search Committee will continue to work with Todd Clark, of the Slingshot Group, to seek out additional candidates to be vetted by the Search Committee and the Elder Board.

We're grateful for the progress God has granted us in this process and excited about what he's going to do next. We firmly believe that God has a plan for the future of this church that he is unfolding. Please continue to pray that God will grant wisdom and discernment to the Search Committee, Elder Board, and the candidates themselves.

As Pastor Brandon shared, Pastor Todd's last Sunday at Village Church will be Sunday, June 2nd. The Elder Board, after seeking the counsel from Ken Snyder, the Regional Director of the Missionary Church, has contracted with Interim Pastor Ministries (IPM). IPM hires and trains seasoned career lead pastors to shepherd congregations through times of transition. The interim pastor will work alongside Pastor Brandon and the church staff, until the next Lead Pastor of Village Church is brought on and ready to work.

The interim pastor will not be a candidate for the position of Lead Pastor, his role will be to provide good counsel, extra ministerial hands, and a bridge between Pastor Todd and the next Lead Pastor of Village Church. An interim pastor assures that Elders will have the time and opportunity to continue to proceed thoughtfully through the process of selecting a Lead Pastor candidate, and can support a new pastor during his onboarding.

As always, we welcome your input and questions as the process moves forward. Either send us a message at elders1@vcgurnee.org or simply seek an elder out in the lobby on Sunday mornings.