



September 6, 2022

Dear Paoli Presbyterian Church,

At our August meeting, Session heard a report from the Pastoral Transition Task Force and identified next steps. This letter will outline details of that conversation and share how we believe God is guiding us as a church.

The Pastoral Transition Task Force discussed three potential pastoral models and their relationship to Pastor Jonathan Mikesell:

1. Lead pastor model recommending Jonathan Mikesell as head of staff and hiring a new associate pastor
2. Co-pastor model recommending Jonathan Mikesell remain as one co-pastor and hiring a second co-pastor
3. Lead pastor model recommending the hiring of a new lead pastor with Jonathan Mikesell shifting to the role of Executive Associate Pastor.

(This is Jonathan's preferred option.)

After deliberation and discussion with Jonathan, Session approved moving forward with the third option (lead pastor model recommending hiring a new lead pastor with Jonathan Mikesell shifting to the role of Executive Associate Pastor). Session believes this will best serve the current and emerging trends of the church and its mission.

As a next step, Session has called a Meeting of the Congregation on September 18<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 worship service to answer questions related to this process, to define the role of Executive Associate Pastor, and to approve a temporary compensation adjustment for Jonathan Mikesell during the interim transition period, when he will serve as the sole Pastor.

A second Meeting of the Congregation is called for Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 am worship service to finalize the pastoral model and elect a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC), inclusive of a PNC Chairman, for the pastoral search. The Nominating Committee (chaired by Tracy Lopez) will present to the congregation in advance of that meeting a slate of 7-9 individuals from a cross section of the PPC membership as the proposed PNC. (If you feel a calling to participate on the PNC please contact Tracy Lopez of the PPC Nominating Committee).

Please mark your calendars for these important dates. Please also continue to pray for God's guidance for our pastor, our congregation, our elders, the nominating committee, and the future PNC representative members.

In Christ,  
The Session of Paoli Presbyterian Church

(Kim Beggs, Jim Burke, Kelly Farrell, Maribeth Hacker, Scott Hatherill, Tracy Lopez, Donna MacKinley, Robin McConnell, Jeff Rocke, Betsy Sautter, Curt Siverling, Caroline Warfel, Barry Webster)