

From Our President...

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm writing to give you an update on our efforts to call a new pastor to Grace Church. The work of the Discernment Task Force, while not completely finished, is coming to a close. At our last Council meeting, in preparation for the next phase of the call process, we selected (7) members of our congregation for the Call Committee. All have agreed to serve in that capacity. The members of the Call Committee are:

Carl Keaser
Kate Simmons
Dennis DeRolph
Diane Christensen
Nick Lofton
Sally Wilke
Linda Keaser (representative from Council)



To begin the active phase of the calling process, Council has planned a Grace Leadership Retreat for the 23rd and 24th of March at the St. Therese Retreat Center on the east side of Columbus. The retreat will include approximately 25 people, including Pastor Jackson, the Call Committee, Council, and other Grace Church leadership. The NALC will be represented by Pastor Powell (Dean of the Ohio Mission District) and Pastor Wendel (the NALC Ministry Coordinator).

Our goals for the retreat include reviewing the Discernment Task Force work and congregational findings to assist the Call

Committee in the pastoral leadership search. We will learn from the NALC what the next steps are we need to take to begin the candidate review and interview process.

Please keep the Discernment Task Force, the Call Committee, and Council in your prayers as we navigate through this process. As with all things, may His will be done.

Sharing in His Service,

Richard Rockwell

Grace Congregation Council President



Discernment Task Force (DTF)

- ◆ The DTF continues to meet weekly in order to surmise the survey results.
- ◆ Information gathered from the Soup Supper and Small Group Sessions are being written into preliminary goals.
- ◆ DTF will continue working on goals from the congregation surveys.
- ◆ All of these goals will be written into category goals, giving the team a big picture for goal writing.



Average Attendance for January:

Worship - 164 (8:00 -48; 10:30 - 116)

Adventures In Faith - 64