

First Christian Reformed Church

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The Lead Pastor Search Committee met on January 17, 2023.

Opening devotions and prayer were provided by Mike Davelaar –“There’s No Such Thing as a Perfect Decision.”

The following items were reviewed / discussed:

- Brad expressed thanks to the committee members for all their hard work!
 - Search Committee minutes have been shared by way of the congregational newsletter.
 - The committee has received many positive comments from the congregation that meeting minutes are being shared/published.
- Justin Snyder provided an update from the Council/Ad Board
 - Lead Pastor Job description has been finalized and provided to Search Committee
 - The Core Values Statement is on the agenda for the Ad Board meeting on 1/18/2023

Search committee continues to follow and review CRCNA document “More Than a Search Committee”

Phase I – Preparation –complete

Phase II – Reflection –in process

- Pastor Van provided update on potential Sunday ‘listening’ sessions
 - Council and Ad Board to finalize plans
 - Sessions are designed to provide opportunities for the congregation to be involved in the search process by sharing, etc.

Phase III – Nomination –in process

- Brad provided an overview of the First CRC website template for the Lead Pastor position
 - Highlighted the following tabs/buttons: Welcome Letter, Job Description, Application, Church Profile, Life in Sioux Falls, Church Life, and for the Congregation (timeline, minutes, nomination form, etc.)
- Reviewed the Timeline for the Committee for the next 30 days
 - Committee previewed the agenda for the February 2023 meeting

- Reviewed specific tasks to be addressed in preparation for our February meeting
- Discussed application process
 - Interview questions (pre-interview, initial, and follow-up)



Meeting concluded with the committee re-affirming the importance of confidentiality.

Next meeting is set for Thursday, **February 16, 2023**, 5:30-7:00 pm, with Josh Soodsma responsible for devotions/opening prayer.

LEAD PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Mike Davelaar	Justin Synder	Amber Vander Wal
Pam Koelewyn	Josh Soodsma	Caleb Veldhouse
Sara Koole	Lisa VandeKamp	Brad VanKalsbeek, Chair
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