

Search & Call Status

Our congregation has been talking, and writing, and discussing, and thinking about our future. Small working groups and whole congregational meetings have been going on since January, and we just completed an online survey in which 43% of the congregation participated. We've been focusing on these (and other) questions: "Who are we now?", "Who is our neighbor?", "What is God calling us to become?", and "What qualities do we want in a settled pastor?"

Next steps? Following the United Church of Christ's guidelines, we will write a profile of our church that will become our official job posting. On June 10, five individuals were chosen as members of the **Profile Committee**: The committee will work through the summer, and after a number of drafts to be shared with the congregation, they hope to submit the final profile to the congregation on September 10. We hope that the UCC will post our job opening within a few weeks of that date.

A **Search Committee** will review resumes and interview possible candidates. Their work will begin in earnest in September once the Profile is posted. The people who will serve on this committee are being nominated in June and will be elected **on July 29** at a **Special Congregational Meeting**.

A **Search and Call Coordinating Committee** will coordinate the work of these two committees and will communicate regularly with the congregation about their progress so that additional conversations can take place.

Our next Envisioning session will take place following church services on Sunday, **July 8**. We will discuss our church's **Vision and Direction** to further define our church and its future as we prepare to search for a new settled pastor.

Search & Call Coordinating Committee