

08/21/2022 Call Committee Update

The Call Committee is excited to announce that we have unanimously selected a preferred candidate for pastor of our congregation, and our preferred candidate has selected St James as the preferred congregation. The decision was reached after conducting an extended second-round interview, including dinner with the candidate and spouse, a three-hour breakfast interview, a tour of the Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, and Libertyville communities, and a tour of the church.

After the second interview, the candidate's references were checked. The candidate then met with the Executive Committee to negotiate a compensation package.

For just a bit longer, we must not publicly identify the candidate's name or gender.

The next step in the process will be a third interview, this time with the full Council. **Upon Council's endorsement, notice of a special congregation meeting will be given as required by the Constitution, and the congregation will have an opportunity to greet and meet the candidate.** At the special congregation meeting, the congregation will vote on whether to call the candidate as pastor of our congregation and if called, the candidate will decide whether to accept the call.