

Your Search Committee: Crunch Time!

September 2020 Report to the Congregation

Much has been accomplished since our last report. We want to acknowledge and express appreciation for the tremendous positive response we have had each step of the way. Here are the highlights of September and a Sneak Preview for October.

But first – Timeline

Our materials to be presented to prospective ministerial candidates, commonly referred to as our Congregational Record, must be complete and submitted to the UUA by November 15. Hence the Crunch Time header for this report.

September Highlights

- **Cottage Meetings**, in person and virtual, have been ongoing throughout the month. Many, many thanks to the hosts, facilitators, recorders, and participants for making these such enriching experiences. A member of the Search Committee was present at each one. The information, ideas, suggestions and counsel offered by participants in each one have already given us a broader perspective on our search as well as some concrete ideas for engaging our candidates and presenting an honest, accurate picture of our South Church community. Special thanks to Jesse Lore for his leadership. He now is charged with doing a compilation of the reports which will be incorporated into various sections of the Congregational Record.
- **Congregation Survey highlights** have been discussed in the Cottage Meetings. At our September meeting (9/29) we reviewed ideas for the content and format of the presentation of the results to the congregation. Special thanks to Jennifer Wilhelm who continues to serve as lead on completing that next stage.
- For the month of October and into November the Search Committee will be meeting frequently as a whole or in subgroups to complete the many sections of the Congregational Record.

Coming in October

A set of focus groups will be conducted in the early part of the month to ensure that we hear from particular groups, for example the staff and younger members.

Throughout this process we invite and strongly encourage members and friends to be in touch with us: searchcommittee@southchurch-uu.org. Let us know your thoughts, give us your suggestions, share your hopes and apprehensions. And when we ask for specific help, please make every effort to engage.

We are building our future – all hands on deck!

Thank you!