

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte*

March 29, 2011

Dear Friends,

The purpose of this letter is to bring you up to speed with the PNC's activities and to share our ideas for congregational outreach in order to allow input from the congregation. Our intent during this entire process is to be as transparent as possible in our communication. We will seek to update you on a monthly basis through various methods.

As a reminder from our 2/14 letter to the congregation, our work will comprise of the following key steps: 1) community building, 2) congregational self study, 3) conduct search, 4) review candidates, 5) interview candidates, 6) nominate a final candidate, and 7) install and celebrate our new Senior Minister.

Since our election last month, we attended orientation sessions with both the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry liaison as well as an orientation with Interim Senior Minister Roland Perdue. The purpose of these sessions was to provide a foundation with which we could then structure our ongoing meetings and activities.

We also participated in a retreat in the NC mountains in order to build community among our 7 members, to share devotions and prayer, to begin planning our work at a macro level, and to plan for specific outreach to you, the congregation, in seeking your input. This time away from Charlotte allowed us to concentrate on these items, and we returned inspired and united in our focus...and grateful for the fellowship and fun we enjoyed! We will continue our weekly meeting schedule each Monday evening at 7pm and will begin with devotion and prayer.

As we move into the second stage of our work, the congregational self-study, we are reminded of the following question and response from Micah 6:8 "...and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." The goal of our congregational self-study is to listen and then articulate who we are as a church: our identity, culture, mission, and our hopes and dreams.

In order to listen to the congregation, we will engage various small group forums and utilize a congregational survey. During this time of input, we will invite your ideas, welcome your invitations, and seek your prayers. After completing both phases of the congregational self-study, we will complete our Church Information Form (CIF), which is the primary document churches use to articulate the key components of who we are to prospective pastors. The CIF will also summarize our church history, mission, specifications of the Senior Minister job, and qualifications of an ideal candidate. Our goal is to complete the CIF by the end of the summer.

We will continue to update the church website under the "Transition" heading and invite you to direct your questions or comments to [pnc@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:pnc@firstpres-charlotte.org) or contact any of us directly. We are humbled by this work you have entrusted to us, and we are indeed grateful for your prayers and support.

In Christ,



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