

Creator Lutheran Church
Special Council Meeting
June 29, 2014

Council Present: Rexanne Graham, Ruth Perkins, Dave Anderson, Katrina Minton-Davis, Tom Barr, Dean Ramberg, Marcie Reid. Newly elected council present: Nicole Spenny

Call Committee Members Present: Judi Richardson, Andrew Allen, Tony Winn, Rich Heineman, Mike Rutkosky, Rich Hurley, Laurie Bruckbauer

Meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Rexanne opened the meeting in prayer inviting the Holy Spirit and asking for discernment and wisdom as we listened to the Call Team's proposal recommending a Pastor to Creator to present to the congregation for a call.

Judi shared the Call Committee's unanimous decision to present Pastor Heidi Calhoun as the Pastor of Creator Lutheran Church. She shared some background on the call process and gave everyone a brief summary of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which highlights the main skills, traits that we as a congregation had identified as important to us. She shared a statement of faith written by Pastor Calhoun. She shared the following brief history, "Pastor Calhoun is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University and has earned a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary and a Master of Education from Western Washington University. She has served as a Director of Youth and Family Ministry for six years in a parish setting and served ten years as an ordained Associate Pastor at Newport Presbyterian Church in Bellevue. She served as the Chief Mission Officer for Associated Ministries in Tacoma for three years and currently serves as the Interim Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Federal Way. Heidi has studied the writings of Martin Luther and Lutheran theology extensively and began a deliberate and intentional transition to becoming a rostered pastor in the ELCA in 2013. She completed that process in 2014."

"The call committee believes Heidi is a genuinely warm and positive person, energetic and possessing great "people skills" that come easily and naturally. She is uniquely gifted with a skill set that fits the needs of Creator: a great administrator, solid teacher and preacher, and adept at organization and community building. Pastor Calhoun possesses a strong foundation in family and youth ministry. She is very perceptive and has demonstrated skill and willingness to address conflicts. Pastor Calhoun is passionate about serving God as a parish pastor and is eager to help her next church family identify its own sense of mission. Because of her own faith journey and past experiences, Pastor Calhoun is in a unique position to help members of Creator with their own faith journey and strengthen ecumenical ties with other faith communities. There were extensive calls made to references and all corroborated with enthusiasm the skills and qualities that Heidi shared and demonstrated in the interview process."

Judi then shared the salary recommendation of the Call Committee. We had an extensive question and answer period and discussion. The Call Committee was very enthusiastic about this choice and felt that God had led them in this process of discernment.

Ruth made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Call Committee to present Pastor Heidi Calhoun to the congregation at the salary recommended for consideration of call to be our next Pastor. Tom seconded. The motion carried.

The Call Committee outlined some proposed next steps, including several meet and greet opportunities for church leadership as well as meet and greet for the entire congregation (tentatively July 20th) and congregational meeting to vote on extending the call (tentatively July 27th).

Council thanked the Call Committee for their work and commitment to this process.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:25 a.m.

In His Service,

Ruth Perkins

Council Secretary