

Search Committee Communication eNews Update – May 2026

Mission Hill Church Pastor Search Update

As we step into this season of transition, we want to share an update on both our short-term plan and the ongoing search for our next lead pastor. For the months of May and June, a short-term preaching and pastoral support plan is in place. Several trusted voices will help guide and support our church during this time while we work to establish an Interim Pastor. Our goal is to have an Interim Pastor identified and in place by July. This interim season is intentional, allowing us the time and space to move thoughtfully through the search process rather than feeling rushed as we seek the right permanent pastor for Mission Hill.

Our search committee has officially begun its work, made up of members with a variety of backgrounds and gifts, united by a shared commitment to seek a lead pastor who loves Jesus Christ and will faithfully shepherd our church. We are approaching this process prayerfully and intentionally, asking for God's direction every step of the way and encouraging the congregation to do the same. The team is actively preparing candidate materials, defining key characteristics for our next pastor, and building a thoughtful, multi-step interview and selection process to ensure strong alignment and discernment.

Our search committee members are Rene Jacobson, Jaema Stilley, Joni Griner, Kara Eskeli, Henry Holland, Al Jordan, Peg Jonkhoff, Alex Wood, and Bob Simpson. Please feel free to reach out to any of them with questions or to share your thoughts.

In the meantime, we are creating ways for the congregation to stay connected and involved. Beginning May 17, we will host "New Pastor Prayer" sessions each Sunday at 9:30am in the Chapel, led by Al Jordan and Jaema Stilley. We will continue to provide regular updates during services. We are grateful to walk through this journey together as a church family.