

## “SEARCHING FOR A PASTOR” – PART TWO

### A Report from the Northridge Pastor Nominating Committee

October 21, 2019

<p><b>How many pastors has the PNC evaluated so far?</b></p>	<p>The number is right around 75.</p>
<p><b>What is the geographic scope of the pastor search?</b></p>	<p>We have been brushing up on our geography. We have been engaged in a national search that obviously includes gifted pastors already home-based in Texas.</p> <p>To give you a sampling, we’ve evaluated pastors from the following States: Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington</p>
<p><b>What is the status of the search?</b></p>	<p>After doing a lot of homework, we are extending invitations to pastors to enter into conversation.</p>
<p><b>What do you anticipate will be the focus of your work for the foreseeable future?</b></p>	<p>Unfortunately, there is no Match.com app that matches pastor to congregation.</p> <p>The next step is telephone interviews. If the conversations deepen, we visit with pastors in person, engage in “pulpit visits” to personally witness and experience sermons, and conduct deeper reference checks.</p>
<p><b>Will Northridge’s next Senior Pastor come from the interviews?</b></p>	<p>Presbyterians believe that God participates in the “call” process that brings pastor and congregation together. We are excited to be entering into this next phase of our duties. But ... please tap the brakes on predicting who our next pastor may be or when the PNC will announce a nominee to the congregation.</p>
<p><b>What can we do to help?</b></p>	<p>Be faithful.</p> <p>As we said in our last report, “Come early. Stay late. Have fun.”</p> <p>As we continue to evaluate pastors, pastors evaluate Northridge – sometimes by attending a Northridge service in person. Your presence will permit the Northridge light to shine brightly.</p>
<p><b>Are you guys tired?</b></p>	<p>Heck no!</p> <p>This process has been joyful and exciting.</p> <p>We have had the blessing to learn about some incredibly gifted pastors while at the same time sharing the wonderful Northridge story.</p> <p>Keep the faith! Good things are happening.</p>