



June 5, 2019

Dear Arizona Disciples Congregations,

The Search Team has selected a pastor to recommend to the Assembly for the position of Regional Minister and President. As you are aware, the search was conducted in accordance with the process provided by the General Church. We were guided by the following passage from Acts:

Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Like the apostles, we prayed and studied in and around doing our work. Rather than casting lots, however, our process involved over a year of developing a regional profile, describing the position being sought, screening applications, checking references, conducting on-line and in-person interviews, and finally selecting the person we discerned to be called to be our new Regional Minister and President.

The nominee is in the process of notifying the church the nominee currently serves. As such, we will hold off until Monday, July 8, 2019, to release the identity and background of the individual the Search Team is submitting to the Assembly for approval.

The Administrative Council has voted to hold an Emergency Assembly for the purpose of calling this nominee on July 13, 2019, beginning at 3:30 p.m. We will gather with the candidate at Community Christian Church, Tempe and will broadcast the meeting to First Christian Church, Tucson for those in Tucson who may be unable to travel to Phoenix. Voting delegates will be able to vote at both locations.

Included in this letter is a voting delegates worksheet with your congregation's number of allowed delegates. Names of voting delegates must be submitted to the Regional Office no later than July 1, 2019.

We are all excited about what God has in store for the Christian Church in Arizona and look forward to this new and exciting chapter. On behalf of the Search Team, I hope that you can join us--live or remotely--on July 13th.

Yours,


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