

## News from Pastor of Congregational Life Search Committee

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The Pastor of Congregational Life Search Committee met on June 8, 2026. Heather Buys led opening devotions about discernment. We continue to pray for discernment as God leads us in the search for a Pastor of Congregational Life.

**Phase I - Preparation** - complete

**Phase II - Reflection** - complete

**Phase III - Nomination** - in process

- Names have been submitted for review from CRCNA profiles.
- We have been contacting Pastors within that list of names and seeking their initial response to our position and ministry opportunities at First CRC.
- The committee discussed updates on potential candidates, those nominated and those that have formally applied.
- Church members are encouraged to continue to submit names for nominations through the church website.

**Phase IV - Evaluation** - in process

- The committee reviewed the interview process for candidates. Interviews will be 60-75 minutes.
- After each interview Mark and Dave will be in contact with committee members to discuss next steps.

### Next Meeting

- June 29

### Pastor of Congregational Life Search Committee

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