

**PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**  
**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Minutes of meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2010

Present: Michael Bower, Louise Butts, Neal Cox, Sarah DiGiovanni, Gail Hall, Bill Hoffman, Pat Howland, Laura Pawlich, Lynn Webster, and Barry Wilcock

We opened the meeting in Lynn's home with a prayer led by Barry. Next we accepted the minutes of our previous meeting.

We discussed our progress on the church profile. Louise has made progress on the 11 year profile. Sarah is working on references. Gail is working on the dates for the previous pastor. She will check in with Carol Harvey for help. Pat discussed how worship is planned. The committee discussed the role of the Senior Pastor in worship.

Discussed the Google online group. Most had access, but some were struggling. Made plans to assist after the meeting.

The letter to the congregation, prepared by Val, is ready to go. Multiple committee members volunteered to help fold letters and stuff envelopes. The email address, [seniorpastorsearch@rhccucc.org](mailto:seniorpastorsearch@rhccucc.org) is up and running.

Regarding "How will we involve the congregation in the Search process?":

Laura proposed using the Social Gathering Questions from the UCC resources. We could hand them out to people on the way in or out of church events. They could also be included as an insert in the Church Mouse. Schedule a Search Q & A session and distribute them there.

Send the "Leadership Expectations" to boards and committees. Barry will scan the form as a PDF and to chairs of boards and committees. (Barry was to do this before the March meetings. Barry apologizes.)

There was more discussion on the Social Gathering Questions. Decided to pick a couple or a few of the questions and ask Sunday school students. Sarah will make them age-appropriate and prepare for Sunday school.

Louise will meet with Carol and use the Church Windows program to identify post-confirmation youth. A letter and return post card was recently sent from the office requesting contact information. We discussed post-confirmation youth and young adults.

We discussed the Family Questionnaire.

These discussions lead to the questions, "When we receive this data, how will we use it?" and "How does it relate to the profile?" We are still working on a comprehensive data plan.

We went back to the Social Gathering Questions: Should we edit them? How do we distribute them?

We recommended adding the following questions:

8. Do you have children?

9. What are their ages?

10. What are your expectations for Christian Education at RHCC?

We discussed hosting a second hour session after Easter. Call it "Let Your Voice Be Heard". We will see if April 18<sup>th</sup> is available.

We proposed removing the scripture references from the survey.

Our meeting was closed with a prayer led by Barry Wilcock.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barry Wilcock  
Substitute Secretary