Pastor Search Committee Monthly Update: October 2026

Dear True North Family,

This past month, we embarked on Phase 1 of our pastor search and distributed the job listing to various job boards and seminaries. We have received several applications for the position each week. After reviewing resumes, cover letters, and sermon samples, the committee has moved a smaller number of the candidates on to the next phase of our process- sending them an extensive questionnaire to find out more about their personality, family, ministry philosophy, and theology.

The next month will consist of much of the same- reviewing new applicants, researching, and sending and receiving back questionnaires. As we receive back these phase 2 questionnaires, we hope to narrow down the pool and begin to offer some candidates virtual interviews in the next month as well. We plan to leave the job listing active until we identify the pastor we want to present to the elders and the congregation, so candidates will flow through the phases as they are received.

There is still much work for us to do to identify who God has for our next pastor, but we are hopeful and encouraged! The biggest way you can help us in this process is to pray.

Some specific ways you can pray:

1. Clarity: both for us while we review candidates and for these men to discern a clear call to True North Church and Alaska
2. Energy and Stamina: for juggling the time demands of jobs, family, and daily life with the privilege of serving you on this committee
3. That God would be glorified in everything!

In Christ,

Your Pastor Search Committee