

Are We There Yet?
February 1, 2009

The search for a new senior pastor is a long journey, and no, we are not there yet. But we are making good progress.

Our by-laws charge the council with appointing a search committee. The search committee will embark on a journey to understand our congregation's present needs and develop an understanding of the needs for future congregations. This journey will include understanding what God has in store for our congregation. The end result of this portion of the process will be a church profile used to call the optimal senior pastor to meet our needs. You can expect to be asked to complete a survey that will be used by the search committee to develop this profile and guide the search committee.

On January 21st your council held a special meeting where the entire congregation was invited. The council met with approximately forty members. The members provided their input regarding the search, search committee members, senior pastor qualifications and the search process. The council deliberated and agreed that each council member would submit five search committee candidates for consideration. The agreed goal is to appoint a search committee that represents the interests, backgrounds and experiences of the congregation, by our next council meeting in February.

Thank you for all your encouragement and positive participation during this transition period.

Mike Vargo
Moderator