

To: L.I.F.T. Congregations of Fremont, Ohio area
From: The Transition Team (A subcommittee of the "Call Process")
Subject: Status update regarding the Call of a new Pastor for L.I.F.T.
Date: August 7, 2020

I would like to provide an update on the status of the Transition Team's progress toward the call of a new Pastor for the LIFT Parish.

To recap, the LIFT Board followed the Call Process guidelines set down from our Synod. The call process provides detailed guidance for the process to call a new pastor. A major step was to appoint a "Transition Team" to prepare the congregation, examine Leadership and organizational needs, rethink Parish connections, examine identity and vision and support the new ministry. Through these activities this team completes their portion of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) that will be used to call a new pastor. (The Call Committee then completes the MSP).

An important step to this end was to examine identity and vision of LIFT through input from member churches. The Transition Team, made up of members from each of the LIFT congregations along with Pastors, conducted numerous group discussions with church members and councils. The Team also enlisted an on-line Survey through "Survey Monkey". The Transition Team then used this information to complete their portion of the MSP.

Two recommendations have resulted from the Transition Team's efforts. The first is to have the LIFT Board appoint the Call Committee and secondly to form a Mutual Ministry Committee to continue to examine identity and vision of LIFT and to improve communications to it's members.

As of recent the Call Committee has been formed and are beginning their efforts. The following folks have graciously volunteered to fulfill the responsibilities of the Call Committee:

Dave Goodman
Jan Harris
Kristen Lindsay
Sue Peck
Maureen Pump/Pastor Jody Rice
Pastor Dennis Wansitler
Alan Weickert
Pastor Matt Wheeler

With thanks,
Steve Hottinger