

By the time you read this announcement, the search committee will have reviewed more than 115 names. These names were submitted by our parishioners, our clergy, other clergy, our staff and Bishop Wimberly. We have diligently followed up on all submissions and selected thirty names of potential candidates we want to pursue. Some of our potential candidates are happy in their current positions and have graciously let us know. Some of our candidates are off on vacations or sabbaticals and are due to return to their respective offices by early to mid September. Much of the past few weeks has been spent following up on potential candidates to determine their interest in Good Shepherd. When we send out our parish profile, we also include a list of questions and a request for copies of several sermons, bulletins and church newsletters.

As these come in, we evaluate the information provided and determine, once again, whether to continue our efforts.

The next step for our committee will be to arrange telephone interviews. This will provide us with yet another tool for narrowing our selection process. We hope to begin visiting potential candidates in the coming fall.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance for the candidates, the search committee and the Vestry as we seek that special person to serve as our next rector.