

## **Report from the Pastoral Search Committee**

Since its formation in August 2020, the Pastoral Search Committee has completed a prayerful and methodical search for a summer minister for the 2023 season. We began by conducting a survey of the congregation that provided valuable insights into the needs, priorities and preferences of our chapel community. We thank everyone for providing such thoughtful responses to the survey. The input we received shaped the creation of the job description and guided each phase of the discernment process.

We also thank everyone for sharing the opportunity with their contacts, as we received a good number of applications from qualified applicants. The discernment process included review of detailed application packets, review of sermon recordings, a sequence of phone and Zoom interviews, reference checks, background checks, and finally, site visits by the finalists and their families. Each successive phase of narrowing the pool of candidates was difficult due to the high caliber of the applicants, and the unique qualifications and fit that each could bring to the Big Moose community.

Upon completion of this process, the Pastoral Search Committee recommends calling Weston Williams for the 2023 season.

Ordained in 2002, Weston Williams has over 20 years of church ministry experience, most recently serving at Bowling Green Christian Church for nearly 17 years. He holds a Master of Arts in Theology from Fuller Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He and his wife Jenny have been married for over 20 years and live in Bowling Green, KY with their three children. Jenny is a teacher by profession, so the Williams family looks forward to spending most of the summer at Big Moose. Their daughter Bailey is a senior, their son Caleb is a sophomore, and their younger son Miles is in seventh grade.

The members of the Search Committee were particularly struck by Weston's engaging preaching, his interpersonal sincerity, his extensive experience serving a non-denominational congregation, and his clear passion for sharing God's love with everyone. We recommend your approval of calling Weston Williams for the Summer 2023 season.

Respectfully submitted,

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