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Rector Search Committee (RSC) Update

The RSC has advanced from the Accepting Applications stage to the Interviewing Candidates stage of the Rector Search. After thoughtful consideration and, with guidance from the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) the committee chose to extend the deadline for accepting applications from February 28 to March 21. This offered interested candidates more time to consider St. Timothy's. The RSC is satisfied the applicants that have applied offer the gifts and skills we hope to find in our new Rector.

Preliminary interviews started in late March and will continue as long as necessary. The interview period particularly requires a need for confidentiality. The RSC is sensitive to preserving each candidate's current position and avoiding any conflict in his or her current job.

While the RSC is in this stage of interviewing candidates and evaluating their gifts as suitable for the needs of St. Timothy's we ask that you pray for us to be inspired in our decisions. This work is especially demanding, as it requires not only discerning who will serve as rector but also, mindfulness of our impact on those who offered their service to us. The RSC has accomplished much over the past year, far more than we could have anticipated last year as newly designated members of the search committee. This would not have been possible without your ongoing support, many prayers and, encouragement. We are especially grateful to the congregation for putting your faith in our work and supporting the committee. While we continue the work with which you have charged us, our ongoing prayer is --

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do . . . (Prayer for Guidance, BCP).