



The Word

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Rector Search Committee (RSC) Update

Dear Heavenly Father, we ask that you be present with us and guide us all as we strive to discern your will for [candidate's name] and for St. Timothy's. . .

These are the words we pray as we begin each candidate interview, that God will guide us to His will and lead us to the new rector He has chosen for St. Timothy's. God has been faithful in leading us through the first round of interviews, which are complete. The search committee is currently conducting second round interviews with the most promising candidates.

The journey to this place has been one of growth and spiritual enlightenment for all of us. We're fortunate that each member of our team has strengths and gifts that compliment the talents of others on the committee. As a group, we have succeeded in accomplishing tasks that often were daunting. As we get closer to the end of our work, we are blessed to have confidence and trust in one another. This faith in each other has made the current phase of our work, candidate interviews, move quickly. It has also helped prepare us for the upcoming on-site visits of the final candidates, which we expect to begin in the near future. As a reminder, once the RSC recommends a candidate there will be a waiting period while the diocese reviews our choice and, the vestry approves the candidate and negotiates salary and benefits. The work of the RSC and the vestry is complete when the candidate accepts the position with the approval of the Bishop.

While we have learned to count on our fellow committee members, none of our work could have succeeded without the continued support of the congregation. Your prayers and encouragement have been the steadfast support we have relied on throughout the interim period. Thank you for your patience and prayers as we continue to work on behalf of the parish. The RSC is excited about the candidates we are considering and, look forward to knowing them better to discern the ideal match for St. Timothy's. We ask that you pray for our timely success and inspiration in discerning God's will for our church family. As always, we welcome your questions and comments to any of us directly or, by email to RSC@saint-timothys.org.

Lord Jesus, thank you for keeping us united in your grace, hope and love as we minister to each other during our time of transition. Grant us faith to appreciate one another and shepherd us toward your will in selecting a new Rector.