

Your Input for Pastoral Transition and Onboarding

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Thank you for taking time to give your perspective and recommendations as we transition to and onboard a new pastor. The sooner we get your feedback, the sooner it can influence us.

As you consider your comments, please draw from the experience of our past pastors and from the vision for the future of the church. (You can find our vision plan on www.firstchurchseattle.org.)

As a reminder, here is our mission statement:

First United Methodist Church of Seattle is a progressive faith community offering a place to grow spiritually and a refuge of inclusive Christianity.

We use our voices and energy to advocate for persons on society's margins and for all God's creation.

And our 4 Areas of Focus:

- Seeking intercultural fluency and Committing to anti-racism.
- Seeking to take action for Climate Justice.
- Seeking to act in solidarity with the Hungry and Homeless.
- Seeking to rebuild Community Connections and Collaborations.

The comments gathered here will be condensed into themes and shared with the congregation and the new pastor.

Thank you,

-The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

1. Why did you first come to First Church and why do you stay?

2. What are your most important expectations of our new pastor?

3. What do you think our new pastor's top 3 priorities should be in their first year with us?

4. What specific skills and abilities do you hope the new pastor has?

5. What is one thing you think that is important for the new pastor to know about First Church?

6. Anything else you want to tell us?