

Christ the King Sunday  
November 23, 2008

*“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. **And I will show you a still more excellent way.**”*

*~ Paul’s Letter to the Church in Corinth, Chapter 12, verses 27-31.*

To our Beloved Hope Church,

Earlier this year, you charged us the Nominating Committee, with the task of praying and discerning and interviewing Hope Church Covenant Partners for leadership responsibilities in our congregation. We thank you for entrusting this ministry to us on your behalf. We have strived to be transparent in this process and faithful to this charge. We created job descriptions for the Leadership Circle and the Search Committee, which were released to the congregation on September 21, 2008 and October 26, 2008 respectively. You received these job descriptions by email, in worship and through the Hope Church website. Each time, nominations were open for a three-week window to ensure that all Covenant Partners who wished to do so could put their name forward for consideration. Nominating Committee members then had ‘intentional conversations’ with each of these people. As a committee, we spent much time discerning how the many gifts of our community could best be used in these days and which Covenant Partners could help lead us. To the best of our ability, we sought to balance the committees with the many demographics represented in our congregation.

During this time, the Nominating Committee have grown closer to one another and deepened our love of this church. We have prayed for the leadership of our church, the ministry of the Search Committee, and the settled pastor who the Spirit is preparing and will send to us. We have had the joy of talking with many of you about how we move forward together. After many meetings, thoughtful emails, longing prayers, deep pauses, sacred conversations and abundant graces, we are prepared to put forward two slates of nominees for the Leadership Circle and Search Committee to be considered at the all-church meeting on Sunday December 7, 2008. We put these slates before you now, so that you may consider these brothers and sisters in advance of our meeting on December 7, 2008. Please know that these slates come before you with the full support and endorsement of the Nominating Committee, who you empowered and entrusted to do this work on your behalf. We can witness to the power of our Abundant God, blessing us with a great many gifts and talents in this place. We are convinced that our church together will find a way to be faithful to the Spirit’s still more excellent way.

In Peace,

## The 2008-2009 Nominating Committee of Hope Church

Laura Everett, Chair; Bruce Baker; Kate Dare-Winters; Melissa Kreider; Beverly Pacheco;  
J. Conlon, Hope Church Moderator (ex-officio)

### **The Slate of Nominees for the Leadership Circle includes:**

**Class of 2011:** Bob Drake, Christie Dustman, Judy Wagoner

**Class of 2010:** Stacey Chamber, J. Conlon (Moderator), John Brock

**Class of 2009:** Frank Stevens, Kevin Tucker, Kathie Mainzer

Please note that Stacey Chamber, J. Conlon, Frank Stevens, Kevin Tucker, and Kathie Mainzer have served as members of the Leadership Circle since it was created.

### **Responsibilities of the Congregation:**

In empowering the Leadership Circle to be responsible for the administration, care and stewardship of Hope Church, the congregation also has responsibilities. Covenant Partners and other parishioners commit to:

- Pray for the Leadership Circle and the whole church
  - Attend all-church meetings when called by the Leadership Circle
  - Give faithfully of our time, talent and treasure to the building up of the body of Christ
  - Communicate joys and concerns directly to the Leadership Circle
  - Participate in small groups and ministries as able
  - Listen to the joys and concerns of the congregation for whispers of where God might be calling us
  - Keep confidences as appropriate
  - Facilitate open communication with leadership, pastor(s) and congregants, building up the body by speaking the truth in love
  - Prayerfully consider what individual gifts and talents God may be calling you to share for the good of our community

### **The Slate of Nominees for the Search Committee includes:**

1. Beth Chandler, Chair
2. Nancy Azar, Recording Secretary
3. Robin Joyce, Chaplain
4. Bob Brown

5. LK Case
6. Kate Covintree
7. Deborah Malone
8. Chad Smith
9. Ex-Officio Liaison from the Leadership Circle: to be designated by the Leadership Circle

**Responsibilities of the Congregation:** In empowering the Search Committee to follow where the Spirit is leading and to act on our behalf, the entire congregation also has responsibilities. Covenant Partners and other parishioners commit to:

- Pray for the Search Committee and their holy work
  - Attend all-church meetings or other gatherings as called by the Search Committee
  - Stay up to date with the developments of the search process
  - Communicate joys and concerns directly to the Search Committee in a timely manner
  - Respect the confidentiality of the search process
  - Tend to the building up of our Church community in this transitional time
  - Pray for the new pastor who will be sent to lead us
  - Prepare a space in our hearts and our common life for our new pastor