



## An Interim Journey: Mission renewal during a pastoral transition

*Deciding our church's leadership needs is our response to God's calling  
to take part in God's mission.*

### **What is it?**

*An Interim Journey* is a set of dynamic resources with coaching support for discerning a shared sense of God's call as a congregation prepares for new pastoral leadership.

### **What does it do?**

Provides practical supports, resources, and coaching for these objectives:

1. Affirming our heritage (embracing the gifts God gives to our community of faith through our history and present ministry)
2. Clarifying our congregation identity (naming and claiming what our church is called by God to be and do)
3. Strengthening the leadership team (practices of prayer, analysis, and priority-setting)
4. Preparing for our next pastor (clarifying the challenges and opportunities that lie before us and that with new leadership we will need to address.)

### **What is included?**

**All resources to introduce and facilitate FIVE EVENTS (2 for the leadership council and 3 for the congregation):**

- **Event 1 – Congregation-wide Heritage Celebration** for developing common ground among the congregation.
- **Event 2 - Leadership Council** completes online survey and holds council conversation to assess the now and identify key challenges and opportunities facing us.
- **Event 3 - Congregation Bible Study Formation Process** to prepare hearts and minds open to the Spirit and to each other for visioning our ministry priorities.

- **Event 4 - Congregation Vision Event** involving worship, conversation groups sharing hopes and dreams, and fellowship meal.
- **Event 5 - Leadership Council** meets to capture insights and energy, needs and challenges, and identify ministry priorities to assist in the pastoral search. Coaching support

## Coaching Support

- Initial consultation to design and integrate with local needs and timeframe
- As needed, conference calls and follow up supports (for orienting and equipping in advance of each step)
- Availability throughout to interpret, advise, adapt
- Wrap-up consultation to evaluate, consider priorities, point to next steps

## Benefits you can expect:

- Discover vision for our church's future ministry.
- More inclusivity in decision-making and ministries.
- More committed community of Christ-followers, open to God's call and leading.
- Develop greater unity.
- Have a clear sense of our leadership needs.
- Experiencing the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control.

## Want more information?

Call and get access to an overview narrative. We will respond to your questions and illustrate how *An Interim Journey* could work in your setting.

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