

Thank you for your patience and support for our Transition Team over the past few months. Most of all, thank you for your prayers and well wishes. After much effort and diligent prayer, our Transition Team brings this exciting update before the Woodland Church family.

On November 8, Dr. Steve McKinion joined us as a guest speaker. At that time, our team was prayerfully discerning the possibility of presenting Dr. McKinion as candidate to serve as Woodland's Intentional Interim Pastor.

Since that Sunday, our Transition Team has had follow up conversations with Dr. McKinion. Woodland's church staff, deacons and members of the personnel committee have also participated in those conversations with Dr. McKinion. After much prayer and mutual discernment, our Transition Team, along with Woodland's deacons and personnel committee jointly recommend Dr. Steve McKinion as candidate for Intentional Interim Pastor.

Dr. McKinion and his wife, Ginger have 3 college-age children. He has served as professor of Theology and Patristic Studies at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest since 2005. Dr. McKinion has served as an Intentional Interim Pastor at previous churches and has a passion for leading churches through transition periods.

As Intentional Interim Pastor, Dr. Steve McKinion will be offered an annual salary of \$59,000 per year for 35 hours per week of work. He will assume all responsibilities of the Senior Pastor position as well as lead Woodland through the remaining transition period. During the remaining transition time, Dr. McKinion will guide Woodland in developing an updated church profile of who we are and where we believe God is leading our church family in the future. He will also aid in preparing Woodland, at the right time, to establish a Pastor Search committee. Once this committee is established, he will provide continual aid and support.

A full explanation of the role and responsibilities of the Intentional Interim Pastor can be found by clicking [here](#).

As we move forward, here are important dates and times for the next steps in this process.

### **Sunday, December 6**

- Dr. McKinion will join us during the morning worship to preach and share more of his vision of being an Intentional Interim Pastor at Woodland.
- **At 3:00 PM**, there will be a "Meet & Greet/Q&A" time with Dr. McKinion in the sanctuary.
- **At 4:00 PM**, there will be a virtual "Meet & Greet/Q&A" via Zoom with Dr. McKinion for any who may not be comfortable attending an in-person event.

### **Wednesday, December 9**

- **At 7:00 PM**, Woodland will conduct a business meeting. This meeting will be both in-person and livestreamed. During this meeting, we will answer any questions that congregants may have about Dr. McKinion or him serving as Intentional Interim Pastor at Woodland. We will also have discussion on our proposed 2021 church budget.

- At the conclusion of this meeting, voting will begin and will continue until 8:00 PM on the following Wednesday, December 16. More specifics about voting will be sent out prior to the business meeting.

**Sunday, December 20**

- Voting results will be announced during the morning worship service and will be communicated with the Woodland Church family.

If Dr. McKinion receives an 85% or more “yes” vote from all of the ballots cast, he will begin serving as Woodland’s Intentional Interim Pastor on **Sunday, January 3, 2021.**

If you have any questions about this recommendation or about the next steps in this process, please contact any member of the Transition Team or Pastor Chris.

Thank you for your continual prayers and support during this time of transition at Woodland!

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