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Dear First Central Family,

The Pastoral Search Committee considers it a privilege to be a part of the search for a Senior Associate Pastor. As we continue on the search for the next pastor of our church, we are mindful of our call to discern the will of God as revealed by the Holy Spirit to ultimately arrive at God's choice.

We fully understand that our search must continue to be steeped in prayer and centered on God's Word. We recently updated our prayer card and continue to update our list of prayer items for various aspects of the search process.

To better describe our open position, we renamed it from Assistant Senior Pastor to Senior Associate Pastor. We also updated our job title at the seminaries and bible colleges where we posted our open position. To date, we have received more than 40 applications, listened to over 30 sermons, and requested a few Application Questionnaires be completed by interested applicants. While we have identified a few potential applicants, we have not yet selected a potential candidate for your consideration.

Please continue to help us spread the word and pray. The job description is posted online at [firstcentral.church](http://firstcentral.church) under the "Pastoral Search" tab. Applications can be sent to [pastorsearch@firstcentral.church](mailto:pastorsearch@firstcentral.church). An updated prayer card is also available to help guide your prayers.

As a committee, we are devoted to investigating the merits of each candidate under consideration regarding his personal character, education, ministerial record, and preaching ability in determining his fitness for this pastorate. When a suitable applicant is found, we will arrange to have him preach a Sunday service.

We desire to be transparent with you throughout this process. If you have questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact Ken Langevin, Karen Martin, Rose Eldridge, Sarah Bowers, Jessica Gray, Chet Galaska, Stan Kulig or Pastor Mark. Our next update is planned for the annual business meeting.

In Christ,  
The Pastoral Search Committee