

## PNC 2020

At the February, 2020 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation, a Pastoral Nominating Committee was elected to replace the previous Search Committee after approving the change of terms for a new pastor from a ¾ time designated position to a full time called position. This was at the recommendation of the search committee and the session from a session meeting in January, 2020.

The newly formed PNC then continued from where the former search committee left off, garnering new matches from the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) finally recommending the call of Summer Sattora to be called as our new pastor. With her acceptance, the session called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 10, 2021 following worship to act on her candidacy and terms of call.

During the search process that started in January 2019, we:

- Completed the Minister Information Form (MIF) in April, 2019 with session approval and forwarded it to the Committee on Ministry (COM) for their approval.
- Resubmitted the MIF to COM in July after making recommended changes from COM. MIF was approved July 25, 2019.
- Received our first batch of matches from CLC July 28, 2019 and began reading Pastor Information Forms (PIF) and starting the contact and interview process.
- After 5 months of struggling to find an individual who we felt fit our call, but not finding the candidate who felt the call to come to Sackets Harbor, we requested a change in the call terms and the formation of a PNC.
- In February the new PNC began its work.
- Overall, we:
  - Received 124 matches from CLC.
  - Emailed to 49 PIFs including information about our church and community.
  - Held 14 initial interviews either by SKYPE or ZOOM.
  - Held 7 second interviews.
  - Hosted 4 on-site events
  - Attended 2 “neutral pulpit” events.

With Summer Sattora:

- Our first contact was made October 27, 2020.
- First interview November 5 by ZOOM.
- November 17 we combined a 2<sup>nd</sup> interview with an on-site visit and, with permission of the COM and David Bennett, a “neutral pulpit” event.
- November 20, with Summer’s positive response, we requested the Presbytery complete their background check and the COM host a clearance interview.

- At the December 13 meeting, session approved the call and Summer accepted. A January 10 Candidating Sunday was set.
- At the Called Congregational meeting January 10, 2021, Summer's call was approved unanimously and the PNC was dismissed. She will be in our pulpit February 14, 2021.

From a frustrating fall, through what became the best Advent Season ever, after 26 months we can finally look forward to the future with the excitement of a new pastor for the united Presbyterian Church of Sackets Harbor!

Many thanks to the committee members: Bernie Brown, Rich Connell, Karen Fields, Judy Fiorentino, Melanie Geurtsen, Jan Maas, Ralph Marcellus, and Jane Wilcox for their time and talent, patience, and support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Stephens, PNC Chair