

Associate Pastor Search Committee Pulpit Announcement

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The Evangelical Presbyterian Church denomination provides each Search Committee a direct liaison and we have been working closely with Kent Matthews of the Great Plains Ministerial Committee. We have read several books and EPC materials and established a great deal of processes. We are currently establishing our Sermon review process and compiling Interview Questions.

Some of you may be asking why we are seeking an Associate Pastor of Discipleship. Discipleship is a Core Distinction of our church and one that merits a sole point person who will oversee discipleship from Youth to Adulthood of all ages, for the purpose of evangelism and equipping the body of the church. We are prayerfully seeking an ordained EPC pastor whose faith is contagious, whose knowledge of the scriptures is rich, and whose desire for equipping and connecting people is natural.

We have sought the scriptures and identified 5 key gifts, skills and abilities as well as character strengths revealed in the scriptures. You may find these on the church website www.eastminster.org/employment.

One of these character strengths we seek is an “Encourager, one filled with Enthusiasm”, as Peter exhorted in 1 Peter 5:2-3:

“Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly, not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.”

And Paul exhorted the Thessalonians in I Thess 5:11: *“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”*

Finding a person for this role is a daunting task and we are dependent on your prayerful support and the Lord’s provision.

We would like to keep you informed in the process. Along with these monthly pulpit updates, we will be adding Q & A’s on Website. If you have a question to ask, you will find the email addresses of each Associate Pastor Search Committee member on the website.

We also seek your help seeking applicants! If you have a potential candidate you think could be a good fit, please send them a link to our website. There they will find our **Church Information Form** describing Eastminster Church as well as the **Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Evangelism Job Description** and how to apply.