
Weekly Advisory Team Update

The inevitable summer road trip question every parent anticipates: “Are we there yet?” Everyone has piled into the car, the trip is well underway, and there are many miles to go. A good metaphor for your Advisory Team’s update. You may recall that in our very first communication, we shared our commitment to you to *go slow to go fast*.

After weeks of sharing news and developments, there is little in the way of substantial news to share this weekend. Nevertheless, trust that teams are at work in ways that matter. Currently in flight:

- **Senior Interim/Lead Pastor.** As a reminder, this is an individual sourced through the Greater Milwaukee Synod with specific experience and training to accompany congregations and their Call Team in times of transition. We met twice with an initial candidate. It’s early in the process, so please stay tuned for updates.
- **Update on open Staff roles:** We’re pleased that our postings for Director of Music Ministry and Director of Christian Education are attracting interest. Conversations with candidates are getting underway for these two vital ministry roles.
- **Council:** Our Council’s next regular meeting is Thursday, Aug. 13, and we look forward to our discussions. We’re blessed to have a faithful and committed team who is “all in”. We plan to share insights gained from discussions with Property, Finance, Stewardship and Servant Ministries leaders. Following this meeting, we anticipate announcing the dates of Listening Sessions to take place at both campuses in late August.
- **El Salvador Partnership:** Pastor Eric, Pastor Justin, Nancy Oberhauser, Bill Rooney, and the Advisory Team met with Jim Baumgartner to discuss the history of UNITY’s relationship with El Salvador. We plan to reaffirm our commitment to this partnership in the coming weeks through Zoom calls with leaders in Cordero de Dios and Rutilio Grande. Thank you to Jim, Nicole Krause, Madison Arredondo, and Michael Horner-Ibler for sharing their knowledge and documentation of this important relationship.

If you are looking for all the communications from the Advisory Team, please go to the UNITY website to read the July and August newsletter articles and weekly bulletin announcements. We understand it has been a lot of information to date, especially during a summer filled with many activities.

If you have questions or thoughts to share, please reach out to a member of the Advisory Team:

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