



Pastoral Transition Team

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- Transition Team Purpose: to strengthen the pastoral transition by providing insight, advice, and support to the pastor through the first year of ministry in a new congregation.
 - The Transition Team will meet at least monthly for six to nine months and will serve as a focus group for the pastor to review plans, share ideas, and test changes before they are implemented.
- Watch Video:
 - <https://vimeo.com/132939820> (almost 17 minutes long)
- Identify First Meeting with Incoming Pastor
- Determine if there are some acts of hospitality that could be shown (may be done in conjunction with the SPRC)
 - Potentially host a welcome reception after worship on your pastor's first Sunday
- Discuss Home Gatherings:
 - What are some dates that would be optimal for scheduling Home Gatherings?
 - Consider starting as quickly as possible so that your new pastor can begin to get to know your community soon.
 - Recognize the activity level in your church during the summer. The Home Gatherings may need to extend into August if attendance is lower in the summer.
 - How can you invite a broad number of people to attend the various gatherings?
 - Consider having signup sheets at church or online (<http://www.signupgenius.com/> is a great way to manage this information) over the span of a number of weeks.
 - Ask a "co-host" for the Home Gathering (a second person who can work with the host of the event) to make calls to invite church members or even regular visitors to attend.
 - Home Gatherings can be an invitation for people to "return" to church after less than regular attendance in a hospitable way. Additionally, the gatherings themselves can build community in a new way among church members. Enjoy them!