

## **News from the Moderator**

It was with regret that the Prudential Board accepted the resignation of Pastor Rob Brink at their regular meeting on August 20, 2014. I know I share the congregation's sadness in seeing Rob, Jess, Aiden, Eli, and Emma, go back to Wisconsin, but we wish them the best of luck in the future.

In a Congregational Church, life goes on. Sunday, August 17th, in a church meeting, the congregation voted to approve a pastoral search committee comprised of myself, Cathy Brockington, Dave Edwards, Jane Mayer, Kristyn Boyce, Dale Winter, Cindy Raue, Linda Escott and Jack Nyland. After the committee chooses a chairperson, the next step of the process will be inviting guest speakers to the pulpit, while the search committee looks for an Interim Pastor.

This is also a time our National Association helps the local church in this process. The NACCC has several handbooks and guides to Pastoral searches. I would encourage everyone to check out the NACCC.org website to get familiarized with the process, during this time the search committee will do their best to keep the congregation informed about the process.

I jokingly said to the committee, "we don't have a 160 year old Pastor", there is a line of pictures upstairs of the previous Pastors of this church. The pulpit has changed before and it will change again. What is unique about the process is that we all will eventually have a say in the selection of the Pastor. This is how the Congregational Church system works. We learned a lot from Pastor Rob, and I'm sure we will learn a lot from our next Pastor.

If anyone has any questions about the search or the process, please feel free to e-mail me at [bradleyrudich@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyrudich@gmail.com).

Sincerely, Brad Rudich  
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