

September 30, 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace be with you!

On Monday, September 23, the Leadership Council met with Deacon Connie Schmucker, Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership and Pr. Gary LaCroix, Dean, Caloosa Conference. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the retirement of Pr. Walter and the succession planning to call a new shepherd to Peace. At that meeting for the transition process, several congregational events and a meeting were developed. This letter shares the beginning steps in the transition process so that you can attend or view from LiveStream.

- October 6, 2019: We will welcome Deacon Connie Schmucker, Assistant to Bishop for Leadership, of the Florida Bahamas Synod. Following worship, she will lead a forum "Walking Together through the Transition Process." One important element of the forum will deal with how a Call Committee will be formed at Peace. Following the forum, and until October 15th, you will have the opportunity to nominate voting members to be considered for the Call Committee. The Eucharist and the forum may be viewed from LiveStream.
- October 17, from 10AM to Noon: Walking with Jesus to Emmaus: A Look at our History. We will recall the history of Peace so that we may discern what path God is lighting for the new shepherd to lead the congregation into the future. Your participation at the retreat is important as the findings will provide insights that will be utilized in the calling of a new pastor.
- October 24, from 10 AM to 2 PM: Retreat with Sr. Michelle Collins. Our day will begin with a quick snapshot of the demographics and ministry interests of this area. Sr. Michelle will review the Vision, Mission and Values workshop she led in August and assist in articulating those characteristics of Peace. We will conclude with a discussion of what path God is lighting for the role of the new shepherd to lead the congregation into the future. Your participation at the retreat is important as the findings will provide insights that will be utilized in the calling of a new pastor.
- Reformation Sunday, October 27, Congregational meeting following the 10AM Eucharist to elect the Call Committee. The process for developing the Call Committee will be presented at the forum by Deacon Connie Schmucker on October 6.
- Festival of All Saints November 3 at the 8 and 10 AM Eucharists: Pr Gary LaCroix, Dean of the Caloosa Conference will commission the Call Committee.

Material and videos related to the transition process and these events will be posted on our website www.peaceftmyers.com and click on the "Walking Together" box. We hope that the posting on the website of the materials and reports with updates in the Dove Tales and weekly announcements will provide a means for everyone, including our many seasonal members and guests, to participate in the transition process.

Sincerely,

Jim Krueger

Jim Krueger, Chair
Leadership Council

Pr. Walter

Walter Still,
Pastor