

Change is a constant and a given. It is important for congregations to pause and reflect from time to time on who they are. The process to prepare this mission study invited Central to look honestly at how change has impacted us and be open to what God is preparing us to do.

The insights we have gained from the discovery process are compiled in this report. Our goal was to paint a clear picture of where we have been, where we are today, and where we feel God is leading us into the future. We believe this mission study will help you gain clarity about Central's values; our ministry priorities, and future possibilities for growth. We believe we have a strong community of faith at Central Presbyterian Church, a willingness to grow in our service to the community, and a desire to continue our journey of faith. This mission study will serve as an introduction to candidates who feel called to serve as our next pastor and as guide for our Pastor Nominating Committee in their work.

We would like to thank the many congregants and regular visitors who attended group meetings, answered question cards, and participated in our congregational discussion. The thoughtful, honest responses you provided allowed this study to be informative, enlightening, and will provide a strong foundation for the ensuing pastoral search.

Through many difficult and unexpected changes, Central has continued to be the church together, traveling this interim season in hope, holding fast to God who always holds fast to us. During this season, our mission study process has provided space and time for us to process our feelings, to adjust, to consider who we are, and who God is calling us to be.

We look forward to building on these conversations with our new permanent pastor.

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