

September 1, 2021

Greetings, New Hope family!

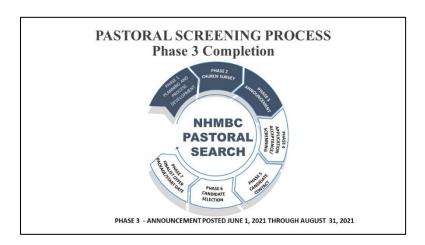
THE PASTORAL APPLICATION RECEIPT PERIOD ENDED ON AUGUST 31, 2021

The New Hope MBC Pastoral Position Announcement was posted on June 1, 2021. It remained posted through August 31, 2021. As reported last month, we experienced a steady flow of applications each week throughout the application acceptance period. To make the most efficient use of our time, the Pastoral

Screening Committee reviewed and screened the applications as they arrived. This will help move us closer to Phase 5 – Candidate Contact. We reported on our progress at the July 31, 2021 New Hope MBC Quarterly Church Meeting.

The PSC members continue to be prayerful as we carefully review and screen each application. We solicit the prayers of the New Hope MBC family as well to remain open to seeing who God will reveal as our next Pastor.

The Pastoral Screening progress to-date is shown on the process wheel below.



Phase 1 - Planning and Process Development

Phase 2 – Church Survey

Phase 3 – Announcement

Phase 4 – Application Acceptance/Screening

Phase 5 – Candidate Contact

Phase 6 – Candidate Selection

Phase 7 – Finalist Offer/Start Date

The Pastoral Screening Committee

PASTORAL SCREENING **COMMITTEE NEWS**

⁵ I [Paul] left you [Titus] in Crete to do what had been left undone and to appoint leaders for the churches in each town. As I told you, ⁶ they must have a good reputation and be faithful in marriage. Their children must be followers of the Lord and not have a reputation for being wild and disobedient. ⁷ Church officials are in charge of God's work, and so they must also have a good reputation. They must not be bossy, quicktempered, heavy drinkers, bullies, or dishonest in business. 8 Instead, they must be friendly to strangers and enjoy doing good things. They must also be sensible, fair, pure, and self-controlled. ⁹ They must stick to the true message they were taught, so that their good teaching can help others and correct everyone who opposes it. [Titus 1:5-9 Contemporary English Version (CEV)]

Pastoral Screening Committee Members

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NEXT STEP: The Acceptance module of **Phase**

4 was completed on August 31, 2021. The Screening module of Phase 4 will continue through September 30, 2021. During this period, the Pastoral Screening Committee continues to utilize the established and approved screening criteria to determine which applicants meet or exceed the minimum qualifications. We are also prayerfully continuing a qualitative review of those applicants' experience and credentials for further consideration in **Phase 5** of the screening process. Questions regarding the screening process may be submitted to the Pastoral Screening Committee email via nhmbcpsc@newhope-mbc.org only. No phone calls please.