

Dear NPRC Members,

After a very productive search process, we're happy to announce that our congregation will be welcoming a new Interim Pastor on August 23, 2009. The Presbytery Committee on Ministry and the NPRC Session have both approved Rev. Theodore E. Churn as our Interim Pastor.

Ted is currently completing an interim pastor position with First Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, a church of comparable size as NRPC. He completed the Interim Ministry Network Certification Course, and he has also held interim associate pastor positions with Hudson Memorial and White Memorial Presbyterian Churches here in Raleigh. During Ted's career he has also served as co-pastor, with his wife, of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Easton, Massachusetts, where they began as a new church. His career began in Virginia as pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsville.

Ted holds a bachelor of arts degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a doctor of ministry degree from Union Theological Seminary. He has also had special training in a range of ministry areas, including Stephen Ministry Leadership, Administering the Multi-Staff Church, Managing a Building Program, Hospice Care for Terminally Ill, Theological issues, Worship and News Ways of Being a Church.

In 1997, the Churns moved to Raleigh. Ted and his wife, Moffett, have two children: a daughter who works in youth ministries in Maryland and a son who attends college in Washington, D.C.

Your search team has spent many hours researching candidates, listening to sermons, interviewing candidates and deliberating over the best course for our congregation. We are very grateful that God has sent Ted to us during a very important transition in the life of NRPC. Please join us in celebrating this opportunity and making the Churns feel at home when Ted begins to lead our congregation in late August.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Madson, Chair

Margaret Cowan

Bob Lippard

Lee Mabry

Candy Tedrick

John Wright