

Pastor Call Team

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Dear Community of Christ at All Saints,

For people who embrace change, All Saints has been the place to be the last couple years. For all of us, it has been an opportunity to trust God and to find comfort in knowing He is in control and keeps His promises.

In John 14:16, Jesus tells us that He will speak to His Father to send His Holy Spirit and that He will never leave us. Living in this truth, we never have to worry.

As Pastor Dolby considers his call to serve us and we wait for God's will to be done for All Saints, let us continue to send prayers of praise and thanksgiving to our God for all He has done for us. Let us remember to keep Pastor Dolby and his family in our daily prayers.

Yours in Christ,

The Call Committee: Otto Keller, chair; Robert Burger, vice chair; Janice Miller, secretary; Dana Dickson; Ruth Poe; Shibu Samuel; Virginia Kelley, alternate

February 1, 2019

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:16-18

Dear God, You have made me Your temple, the temple of the living God! That is a powerful thing that I do not even pretend to understand. As I go about my day, as Your son or daughter, help me to turn to You amid my daily life. May Your Holy Spirit dwell within my heart all my days. Amen

February 2, 2019

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

Dear God, thank you for your faithfulness and leading us to call Pastor Dolby. As we await his decision, fill us with the desire to keep our dialog with You strong and a heart open to hearing Your voice. Amen

February 3, 2019

By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. 2 Timothy 1:14

Dear Lord, thank You for giving discernment, wisdom and both physical and spiritual stamina to our Call Committee members and especially to our leader, Otto. We have been blessed greatly through their servant leadership. Amen

February 4, 2019

“O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. Jeremiah 18:6

Lord, God just as in the days when you were with the people of Israel, we know you are with us today. Please be with the Dolby family as they seek your will for them. Continue to be with your people at All Saints as we look for you to form us in the palm of Your hand and prepare us to welcome a new pastor into our midst. Amen

February 5, 2019

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

Almighty God, we prayed that You would bring the right man to the attention of the Call Team. Thank You for making the Call team's job easier by continually putting Pastor Dolby's name in front of them. Thank You for the clarity the congregation received through the testimony of Your guidance. You are worthy of honor and praise. Amen

February 6, 2019

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Father, God, you have blessed our church as we put our trust in You throughout this call process. As we wait for Pastor Dolby's answer to our call, remind us that You hold us in the palm of your hand. Continue to use everyone at All Saints to further Your Kingdom. Amen.

February 7, 2019

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! Psalm 78:1

Dear Lord, help me to draw near to You in Word and study. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to You. Amen

February 8, 2019

And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. . . . “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” 1 Corinthians 2:12-13, 16a

Dear God, thank You for Your Spirit and Your Word and for listening to our prayers. Thank You for speaking to us through fellow believers and for the peace that You provide when we invest time to hear Your counsel. You comfort us and walk with us through all of life's challenges. You reach into our lives and long to help and care for all our needs. You are an awesome God. Amen

February 9, 2019

I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. Revelation 2:2-3

Dear God, thank You for the endurance You gave to our staff, leaders and members throughout this Call process. Thank You, Jesus, that You remain our first love. Bless us all with servant hearts. Amen

February 10, 2019

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! ... From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!
Psalm 113:1, 3

Dear Lord, stay close to our hearts so that as often as we have thoughts of anything worthy of praise, we remember that You are the author and source of all. All praise belongs to You. Let us praise You throughout each and every day. Amen

February 11, 2019

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4

Dear Father, thank You for providing Your guidance and wisdom in leading us to call Pastor Dolby. Thank you for his obedience to You in seeking Your will. Keep us and Pastor Dolby steadfast in our faith. Amen

February 12, 2019

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Dear Father, we are confident and joyful, thanking You for Your great faithfulness to All Saints during our pastoral search. We trust that You are in control. Thank You for blessing us with the clear choice to call Pastor Dolby. Continue to be with him and his family. We continue to put our trust in You as wait for your answer to our prayers. Amen

February 13, 2019

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
Colossians 2:6-7

Dear God, we give you thanks and praise! As we go about each day, help us to draw near to You. To seek Your Word and wisdom. To offer you praise and thanksgiving. Walk with us and help us to more closely follow You and Your will for our lives. Amen

February 14, 2019

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Lord in these dark days of winter and cold, let us be mindful that our hearts are full of light and joy as we trust in You and Your ways. Help us this Valentine's Day, show Your light and love to all we meet. Amen.

February 15, 2019

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:11-12

Dear Father, keep the leaders and members of All Saints safe from Satan's desire to influence or mislead us. Please protect all who minister at All Saints. Amen

February 16, 2019

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true. Revelation 21:3-5

Lord God, we praise and thank you for Your presence in our daily lives. As we look forward to the future at All Saints, we ask your blessing upon our community. Help us to continue to seek you and Your will as look forward to the time when all things are made new. Amen

February 17, 2019

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done. Psalm 78:4

Lord God, as we share our faith with the children in our lives, help us to show them Your everlasting love for them. To tell them stories of all of Your marvelous works. Together help us celebrate Your goodness and mercy all of our days. Amen

February 18, 2019

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:22b-24

Dear God, thank You for our seminaries which continue to teach life-giving faith. Thank You that Pastor Dolby is among those who are faithful guardians of these truths. Keep us steadfast in the good news that salvation is by faith and through grace and not by works, lest any man should boast. Bless Pastor Dolby as he considers his call to share Your gospel with the people at All Saints and in our community with us. Amen

February 19, 2019

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:8

Dear Lord, thank you for holding us close during this time of seeking a new Pastor. Prepare our hearts and minds for the changes that lay ahead. Lord, teach us to draw close to Jesus and trust in Him as the one true head of the Church.

February 20, 2019

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me and lead me in the way everlasting! Psalm 139:23-24

Dear God, thank You for healing, forgiveness, and unity in our church. Continue to teach us how to love each other as You love. Let those that come to visit sense a deep abiding love amongst us. Amen

February 21, 2019

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Joshua 1:8

Dear God, please protect Pastor Dolby's heart as he considers the call to All Saints. Prepare our hearts to receive the gifts a new pastor will bring. Draw us all near to you in our study of your Word, continually developing our personal relationships with You. Amen

February 22, 2019

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

Dear God, we look back on all the many times and different ways in which You have blessed us at All Saints. We look forward with eagerness to see how You will use us to bless others through the leadership of a new pastor. Lord, we thank You for Your faithfulness. Amen

February 23, 2019

I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Isaiah 42:8

Father God, I want to always place You in the center of my life. Your righteousness deserves nothing less. Thank You for Your grace and mercy for those times when I fail. May Your glory shine in my life today. Amen

February 24, 2019

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35

Dear Lord, help us to continue growing in our love for each other. Empower us with a patient, enduring love. Give us the kind of love for one another that is visible to others so they will know we follow You. Amen

February 25, 2019

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Dear Father, thank You for the generosity. Help us We pray that the use of our gifts of time and money furthers our mission statement: *To seek out and bring people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.* Amen

February 26, 2019

But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8

Father, thank you for molding us at All Saints to be more like you. Thank you for showing us your hand throughout the process of calling a new pastor. Continue to be with us as look forward to the days when a new pastor will guide and form us to be more like you. Amen.

February 27, 2019

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:19-20

Dear Heavenly Father, we know we can rely on You and that You take care of us in all circumstances. We thank You for being with us and uniting us in purpose through each step of the call period. We thank You for so many affirmations along the way that pointed us to call Pastor Dolby. We are excited to follow You where You are leading us in ministry. Amen

February 28, 2019

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-6

Lord God, there have been many changes that we have undergone in the past months. I believe that You have used these changes to prepare us to embrace a new day of ministry in grace and unity. Open our hearts and minds to the changes that will accompany the arrival of our next pastor. Amen