

## **PSC Family Survey is Complete**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the Pastoral Search Committee's Family Questionnaire survey! Important information was collected and will be included in the church profile the committee is putting together. Work continues to be needed in a few areas of the profile, but the vast majority is complete. The PSC hopes to have a complete first draft ready for review by our UCC Conference representative by the end of October.

Below are results from the survey for three of the opinion questions about our community. We will continue to share information from both the survey and the profile in upcoming TAB issues so you too can get a clearer picture of "who we are and who we hope to become."

### **Describe three distinctive attributes of your community:**

- The population of the community is diverse with a large Somali population.
- The neighborhood is walkable, with many parks and opportunities to be active outdoors. It also has two shopping centers in the nearby city of Roseville. Nearby schools are rated some of the highest in the state.
- The neighborhood is also a convenient location with access to both large metropolitan cities, Minneapolis and Saint Paul, hubs for a variety of culture, arts, and theater.

### **Identify major trends you envision in your community during the next five years:**

We envision the population will continue to change with more people of varying ethnicities, older generations leaving their homes, moving into supported living centers and requiring more social support but also younger families moving into the neighborhood as well. As this community experienced firsthand events involving racial tension we anticipate this issue will be a leading factor in community discussions around social justice and policing.

### **List problem areas confronting your community that members feel your church should address:**

- Members anticipate financial and racial disparities contributing to poverty and feel the church should support others who have food and material needs, including affordable housing and child care.
- Members feel the church could be a leader and help to heal discrimination in the community between police and the public, of those individuals who identify as LGBTQ as well as between Christians and Muslims.