

October 19, 2026

Good morning,

On behalf of the Succession Task Force Team, appointed by the Governing Board to research and make recommendations to the North Georgia Conference about the appointment of a new Lead Pastor, we wanted to bring you an update of our progress to date. Please refer to our church website if you have questions about the previous congregation meetings and email communications (posted on the site under [About > Lead Pastor News](#)),

First and foremost, we ask that you continue to lift the entire process in prayer. We truly believe that God's hand is working in all of this, and we continue to pray for our Church, for the candidates who have applied for the position, and for wisdom and discernment for the Team. We ask that you join us in these prayers!

We completed the first round of applicants in September, and we are moving to a second round of interviews now in October. God has sent us some mighty servants to be considered for our new pastor, and we continue to be amazed and humbled with the applications we have received. We are impressed with the depth and breadth of the witness, experience, education, and love for Christ that we are witnessing in these individuals!

In the next few months, the Team will prayerfully decide on its recommendation to the Governing Board and to the North Georgia Conference of the Global Methodist Church. The next step after that will be for the Conference to formally announce an appointment of the new Lead Pastor at Canton First. The Conference will determine the starting date, with input from us and from the new Lead Pastor, based on our needs and to give the new pastor an appropriate amount of time to transition from the current appointment. In the meantime, please let us know if you have any questions.

With Hope and Trust in Christ,

Gini Mizelle
Governing Board Chair

Susan Dreschel, Lay Leader &
Succession Task Force Team Chair

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6