

Date: May 30, 2023 for June 3, 2023 Board Meeting  
From: Rev. Sandy Berry, Moderator Elect  
Chair, Interim RM Search Committee  
Re: Report from the INTERIM Regional Minister Search Committee

### **Who is On the Interim Regional Minister Search Committee?**

Jani DeMond, Rev. Erin Curtis, Mary Anne Parrott, Pastor Jeff Clabaugh, Brenda Mikota and Pastor Anselmo Garcia

### **What is the Committee Up To? Good News!**

At our upcoming Board meeting, the Search Committee will bring forward our recommendation to call Rev. Karen Renee Johnson Bridwell as our Interim Regional Minister. The Committee's decision was unanimous and was made immediately after our second interview with Renee.

### **Who is Renee Bridwell?**

A lifelong Disciple of Christ, Renee retired after twelve years on the regional staff of the Christian Church in Kansas. Over her last few years of service to that Region, she worked in partnership with two colleagues who shared the role, responsibilities and title of Regional Minister in Kansas.

Currently, Renee and her husband Steve Bridwell, who is a retired Intentional Interim Minister, live in Escondido, which is in Southern California. With children and grandchildren nearby, Renee is also actively involved in their local churches and with the Pacific Southwest Region.

In her Ministerial Profile Renee spoke about her sense of covenantal call to lead, especially in times of rapid change. "God is at work in the world, in ways that we are only beginning to grasp. We are called to seek out those horizons and move toward them, helping the people in our care to see and to participate in God's unfolding creation."

I look forward to sharing more about Renee at the Regional Board meeting on June 3, 2023.

### **Regional Board Portal**

For more information on Renee's background and education, as well as her training and experience, please see the following documents posted on the Portal.

- **Biography**
- **Search Committee's Comments** - supporting the call of Rev. Renee Bridwell.

### **Letter of Call**

On the Board Portal, you will also find the Letter of Call for Renee which provides details on the salary and benefits offered. I am especially grateful for the expertise and support of Gary Smith, Finance and Administrative Chair as we negotiated this contract.

### **Confidentiality**

The information listed above and the documents shared, are confidential. This protects the privacy of our candidate, and also the integrity of the search and call process,

### **In Closing:**

I ask for your thoughtful consideration of this candidate, and for your continued prayers for our Regional Church. I pray that God will guide and strengthen us as we continue to move forward through this Interim season.