

**JOINT SEARCH COMMITTEE (JSC) REPORT
TO THE CONGREGATION OF
ST. JAMES'-ROSEMOUNT UNITED CHURCH (SJRUC)**

Members of the JSC:

Grace Alton (Chair), Dana Moore, Don Willcox, Freddi McLarnon, Christine Wardell, Kevin Curtis, Teresa Carse and Marilyn Shaw (Presbytery Rep)

Summary of Activities:

We have held 20 meetings since October 22nd 2009. We received and reviewed a total of 26 applications, 20 applications for the full-time position and 6 applications for the half-time position. We held 12 interviews with 10 applicants, 9 applicants for the full-time position and 1 applicant for the half-time position. We sent out 28 invitations to ministers with a copy of our JNAC report inviting them to apply for our positions.

Minister of Worship and Outreach applicant:

Our recommended applicant is an Ordained Minister with outstanding qualities that caught the attention of all of the members of your JSC. The applicant is an enthusiastic, God-centered person with experience in ministering in a program size church and small churches to people of all age groups. We were very impressed with the applicant's knowledge of and interest in exploring the key elements of ministry at SJRUC. The applicant has a passion for preaching, outreach, and encouraging lay ministry. The applicant impressed us as a very sincere, self-less, compassionate person with the ability to lead and adapt to change and the willingness to work with others. The applicant embraces laughter and music as elements of self-care and ministry. The applicant genuinely recognizes that ministry at SJRUC is a partnership with the congregation and staff.

Minister of Pastoral Care and Christian Development applicant:

Our recommended applicant is a Diaconal Minister who exceeded our expectations as we looked to fill this position. The applicant has a natural gift to engage people of all ages and abilities. The applicant has extensive experience in developing, supporting and providing pastoral care and outreach into the community. Working for peace and justice throughout the world is an essential part of ministry for this applicant. The applicant has considerable experience in planning and developing programs for young people. The applicant earned the respect of colleagues in the current presbytery and was asked to lead Christian Development workshops. This applicant also genuinely recognizes that ministry at SJRUC is a partnership with the congregation and staff.

The consensus of your JSC is that these applicants will create a dynamic new team ministry at SJRUC. The applicants feel blessed to have experienced a call to this congregation and we know that we would be blessed by their ministry.