

WEST DISTRICT OFFICE RIO TEXAS CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 15, 2021

Dear SPRC chair and committee members,

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Enclosed you will find the 2021-2022 Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Consultation Form for our consideration of pastoral appointments for the upcoming Rio Texas Annual Conference year. This is the primary means by which you give valuable counsel to the Bishop and Cabinet. The form is also available on the district website. Please meet as a committee, complete the form, and return it to me **no later than Wednesday, December 1, 2021. This is a firm deadline.**

Please notice question #2 and give any information you think the Cabinet should have. Although you may not want or ask for a change, your pastor could still be moved in 2022 as we deploy our pastors throughout the conference to best use their gifts for reaching particular mission fields. Do not neglect to give real consideration to this question (regardless of your recommendation in question #1) as that may be the main information I have with which to represent you. I cannot represent you effectively unless I am well-informed. We will do our best to be responsive to your concerns regarding your pastor's current appointment.

If you decide to meet without the pastor(s) present, he or she must be informed (prior to the meeting) of the content to be discussed, and the date and time of your meeting. Should you meet without the pastor, you, as the Chairperson of the committee, are required to inform the pastor immediately of the decisions of the committee. The Cabinet asks that a copy of your work be given to the pastor and that the pastor sign the copy of the form you submit. You are also asked to sign your pastor's form.

Remember, it is the committee in place now whose recommendations will be considered by the Cabinet. If you are no longer the Chairperson of the SPRC, please pass this form along to the current Chairperson and call the District Office with his/her name and contact information. If your committee needs to meet with me (full-time appointments only), please email me at asmith@riotexas.org, or call me at (512)921-2529.

May God bless the relationship you have together in Christ Jesus.

Peace,



Rev. Andy Smith