

28 July 2024

Dear members and friends of Embrace UCC,

As Embrace UCC prepares to call a Designated Minister to lead Embrace UCC, we must first complete a Local Church Profile. The Church Profile serves to advertise the Designated Minister opportunity, as well as to assist a Search Committee to screen and interview candidates who will best meet our church's needs.

Though there are different ways to complete and validate a Church Profile, we propose to host a series of four interactive Listening Sessions during Saturday evenings in August 2024. During these meetings, we will collect members' views, review responses to questions in the Church Profile, and validate the final Church Profile. We believe this approach will maximize participation and simultaneously generate a high-quality Church Profile in an expedited manner.

To promote maximum participation, the Listening Sessions will be held in person and simultaneously via Zoom. In addition, we will communicate questions being reviewed one week ahead of each session. Our hope is that this will allow in-person participants to come well prepared, and allow persons unable to attend to send their responses to the organizers or a trusted friend for inclusion in the discussions.

The schedule of Listening Sessions is as follows:

Date	Time	Location	Suggested Theme
Sat, 03 August 2024	6:00 PM	St Paul Fellowship Hall 4517 Rufe Snow Drive N. Richland Hills, TX 76180	"Who are We Today"
Sat, 10 August 2024			"Who is Our Neighbor"
Sat, 17 August 2024			"Who is God Calling Us to Become"
Sat, 31 August 2024			Review Church Profile responses

Dinner will be provided for each of the Listening Sessions. If you require child care, please contact Therese Adamiec or Eric Gachelin.

Guide Questions for the first Listening Session are attached. For anyone unable to attend who wishes to submit response for inclusion in the discussions, please send to Therese Adamiec at thereseadamiec@gmail.com or Eric Gachelin at ejg00@outlook.com.

We look forward to hearing from you as we complete a vibrant Church Profile!

Sincerely,

Your Transition Team (Therese Adamiec, Eric Gachelin, Scott Maddux, Sean Stallings, Nick Rashad)

Who Are We Today – Guide Questions for Listening Session No. 1 (3 August 2024)

1. Some of the key strengths and positive qualities of Embrace UCC include ...

2. The most significant events that have shaped our identity as a church include ... because ...

3. When we've experienced conflict in our church, what has mattered most in *how* we handled conflict was ...

4. Aspects of Worship I find most fulfilling include ...

5. Educational and faith-formation experiences I have found most beneficial include ... because ...