

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why don't we get an intern instead of a Second Pastor?

We explored this option last year with no interns available. There is no longer a stream of non-geographically restricted seminary students.

What will the Second Pastor do?

A Second Pastor would provide ongoing support to sustain a high level of pastoral programming, including teaching, preaching, and pastoral visitation.

Will the Second Pastor be a Mission Developer?

No. From our congregational discernment (40 Days of Prayerful Discernment) last Fall, we determined that we as a congregation have a greater need for a Second Pastor to help sustain pastoral ministry and grow from the inside out.

Will the Second Pastor be a permanent position?

It will be a regular call. There are no stated end dates on regular calls.

What effect will the Second Pastor have on our 2024 budget?

The Second Pastor will be funded outside our annual budgeting process for the first three years of the call.

How will we fund the fourth year of a Second Pastor?

Funds to cover the Second Pastor would be included in the annual budget process after the third year.

What about our cash reserves? How much is available to help with funding?

We have unrestricted cash that would allow us to fund a Second Pastor for one year without putting us in financial jeopardy.

Can I make a one-time gift instead of a three-year pledge commitment?

Yes. Gifts of any size and frequency (including one-time) will be accepted. All gifts will be double-matched up to \$150,000.

When will the Call Process start? And what's the expected timeline?

Our funding effort will run alongside the start of a Call Process. The Council initiated the Call Process with the Florida Bahamas Synod Office to identify potential candidates. Call Processes can vary in length.