

Looking for the Best of the Past for the Future

SUMMARY OF THE QUESTIONS

In the interview process, your Transition Team is looking for your stories of the best of what happened in the past so that we can find what the most common best experiences are in the congregation. We can then plan to propose those things be emphasized in the future.

Here are the questions you will be asked, in their simplest form, available so you can look at them during the interview to help you think about what you would say. *Please leave this on the table when done, as we need them for future groups.*

These are not the full questions, but will give you a good idea of what we are looking into:

1. Reflecting on your entire experience in the church remember and be ready to describe a time **when you felt most engaged, alive, and motivated**. Think about what helped you feel that way.
- 2A. Think about some of the **most meaningful experiences you have had in times of worship**. What part of worship most helps you connect with God?
- 2B. Of all the **pastors** you have experienced, what **personal qualities** in them have most helped you in your faith walk and spiritual growth?
- 2C. Tell of a sermon that particularly worked for you. Of all the preaching you have heard in the church **what has made sermons most effective for you?** How did they become effective?
- 2D. Do you have an example of when have seen **leadership in action** in the church that impressed you and helped you?
- 2E. Describe a time in your life when the **fellowship** of other church members really helped your faith and spiritual growth.
- 2F. What are your most valued experiences out of all the ways we connect with the local community, the nation and the world in order to share the good news with them?
- 2G. You have permission to set humility aside for a moment; this is important information we need: What are the **most valuable ways you yourself contribute** or have contributed to our church's ministry?
- 3a. Share three positive **dreams** or wishes for the future of our church in three short phrases, starting with the words "I wish the Nobleford CRC _____" or "I dream of the Nobleford CRC _____"
- 3.b Describe more specifically what the church would look like if these wishes actually came true.

Thank you for your interest, participation, and contribution to this process.

Your Transition Team.