

September 25, 2020

The Call

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion

—Philippians 1:6a

For every clergy person, the concept of *the call* is deeply significant. For some clergy, this call happens in the context of one's home congregation. By giving guidance and support, the local church helps a person discern a call and identifies skills and gifts for ministry. This was my experience as a young person, even though I could not see it. For others, it can take the form of a more dramatic spiritual experience. But no matter how a person experiences the call, it is always in the context of a congregational relationship.

God moves in the lives of persons and in the community of faith to *call* individuals to ministry. In the Congregational tradition, when a local church is seeking a minister, it examines the claim to a call from God and validates the candidate's fitness for ordained ministry. This is what the Lead Minister Search Committee has been doing over the last year.

God moves in and through the life of this congregation. God called Plymouth Congregational Church into being and over the years has provided the church with many active members and vibrant ministers. This Sunday, you will be voting to add one more minister, Rev. Dr. DeWayne Davis, to the long list of called Plymouth clergy. To call a minister is important, sacred work!

Blessings this weekend!

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