

Transition Update #1 - April 18, 2007

On April 3, the UTS community held a town meeting to try to address questions about Ed Zeiders' resignation and the transition. We plan to continue these meetings during the process to answer questions and keep people informed as pertinent information becomes available. We will also be posting information on this Sharepoint site each Wednesday.

At this point, we are making plans to form two specialized teams. One team will be handling the transitional items as Ed moves from his role as President of UTS and into the leadership role at St. Paul UMC.

The other team is a Presidential Search Team and will be comprised of Trustees, Faculty, Staff, Students (D.Min. and masters), D.Min. mentors, alumni/ae and community representatives. Pending approval by the board, the names will be posted for you. These people will be representing their respective groups as we:

- Finalize the job description for the next president
- Conduct the search and interview process
- Make a recommendation of the final 2 or 3 candidates to the Board of Trustees.

The timeline could move very quickly, or take up to 18 months. Please rest assured that we have the best interests of UTS in mind and will not compromise on what we have built here over the last many years. The quality of the education here at UTS is very important to us. We know that God is with us in this journey.

Marge Putman, Chair
UTS Board of Trustees