



**Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC)**  
**PPRC Summary from a Joint Meeting with the Governance Board**  
**Saturday, November 18, 2023**

**PPRC Attendees:** Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady, Frances Dearing, Alex Hunt, , Helen Johnson, Christy Leshner, Jonathan Carroll-Nellenback, John Nutter, Jim Quinn

Bishop Héctor Antonio Burgos-Núñez and District Superintendent Suzanne Block attended the meeting.

Bishop Burgos announced that Rev. Dr. Cady has accepted a position as President of Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas. The exact timing of his Spring departure will be determined at a later time. Pursuant to the Discipline, the Bishop will make the appointment of a new senior minister for Asbury and the PPRC is the primary contact. Additionally, the Bishop will appoint an interim senior minister to serve until the permanent appointment is made. He described the process to be followed, first to include an update to the Church Profile submitted by the PPRC. The Conference cabinet functions as the Bishop's screening committee, and the Bishop stated that he was more than willing to consider proposals from the Church as to possible candidates for the interim and permanent positions. The Bishop will present a single candidate to Asbury for the permanent position. The Bishop noted, however, that if, after investigation, Asbury does not believe the candidate is the right fit for Asbury, he will seek additional candidates. The Bishop will provide a video announcement of Rev. Cady's departure to share with the congregation at the end of the November 26 11am Sunday service. Beth Wilkens, chair of the Governance Board and Jim Quinn, chair of the PPRC, and Rev. Cady will participate in the announcement. It was agreed that Beth and Jim will draft a letter to the congregation to be emailed immediately after the November 26 service, and mailed for arrival within the next day or two. The PPRC and Governance Board will hold a joint meeting early in December to work out details of the path forward.

Dr. Cady shared his sadness at leaving Asbury but the opportunity to expand the work being done at Asbury in another part of the country by helping train ministers to

continue similar work. The Governance Board and PPRC also shared their sadness but support for his decision.